

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DENTURISTS
ANNUAL MEETING
THE ORLEANS HOTEL, LAS VEGAS,
OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 2009**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Australia	Graham Key, Ian Rockman, John Taylor
Canada	David Hicks, Tony Sarrapuchiello, Michael Vout, Jamshid Zehtab-Jadid
Malta	John Salamone-Reynaud
The Netherlands	Eric Engelbrecht
Slovakia	Mario Wojcicki
United Kingdom	Chris Allen
United States	Tad Burzynski, Austin Carbone, Paul Levasseur, Leonard Deochand

ALSO PRESENT:

John Egan, New Zealand
 Ata Shir, Mills Grae
 Bob Storey, Mills Grae College
 Michael Vakalis, George Brown College, Toronto
 Mario Viveros, Spain
 Gerry Hansen, Chief Executive

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RESPONSIBILITY
	OCTOBER 13, 2009	
WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER	Paul Levasseur called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.	
REGRETS	Martin Dunn, Australia Juha-Pekka Marjoranta, Finland Illka Garaisi, Finland John Ioannou, Cyprus Attila Szep, Hungary Sigismundo Fusco, Italy Andrezj Dulian, Poland Stefan Masik, Slovakia Pavel Kotrik, Slovakia Alena Kunova, Slovakia Duffy Malherbe, South Africa Avon deCosta, St. Kitts Urban Christen-Mendez, Switzerland Denmark Denturist Association	
ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES	Malta – John Salamone-Reynaud Australia – John Taylor Slovak – Mario Wojcicki United Kingdom – Chris Allen Canada – Michael Vout	

	Netherlands – Eric Engelbrecht United States - Tad Burzynski	
APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF OBSERVERS	Motion: Graham Key; Second Michael Vout That observers be approved for attendance. CARRIED	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion: John Salamone-Reynaud; Second Eric Engelbrecht That the agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED	
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Motion: Mario Wojcicki; Second: John Salamone-Reyanud That the minutes of October 24-25, 2008 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	All action items tabled to this agenda.	
CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT	Report of Gerry Hansen, Chief Executive, attached to these minutes.	
FINANCIAL REPORT	Tabled to Wednesday morning	
SPONSORSHIP	Tony Sarrapuchiello reported that Ivoclar has committed to an annual \$5,000 sponsorship for the next three years. He is in discussion with Henry Schein/Zahn for a similar sponsorship. He noted that good relationships with industry have been established throughout the planning of the World Symposium. These companies need to be informed about the profession and the IFD – what is the vision? Where are we heading? How can they increase sales through IFD? Sponsorship should be open to all companies and there should be no exclusivity.	All countries – Send contact info for potential sponsors to Gerry Hansen.
	John Egan offered to coordinate a marketing survey to add evidence to the value of IFD and the profession to sponsoring companies. Tony suggested that this be accompanied by a portfolio of information as a marketing tool.	
	Motion: Tad Burzynski; Second: John Taylor That a marketing committee be appointed, comprised of Tony Sarrapuchiello as Chair; John Taylor, John Egan and Gerry Hansen CARRIED	
COUNTRY REPORTS		
Slovak Republic	Mario Wojcicki - The Slovakia Association has 23 members. The majority of members have fully equipped operative offices for a Denturist's practice. They provide services directly to the public, but are not officially recognized, although there are more and more patients who are seeking Denturist services.	
	There is still huge opposition from General Dentistry who still see Denturists as dental technicians with no education, experience to work in the oral cavity. In spite of all this, it is fact that Dentists know that Denturist who took the IFD competency exams are providing services directly to the public and are not opposing this.	
	There has been no success in obtaining meeting with Health authorities. Each year there are fewer Dentist graduates and more are moving abroad for better economical rewards. This is a favourable time for the Denturist profession and it is only a question of time when Denturism will be legalized in Slovakia.	
United Kingdom	Chris Allen – The association is still working on removing the restrictions on their ability to provide partial dentures (and other removable appliances) with little success. They are also working on gaining access to providing services under the National Health System. At present only Dentists can enter into public Dentistry contracts.	
	There is a new Association being launched later this month called the British Association of Clinical Dental Technology. Many in the Dental industry believe this is disruptive to the profession and will cause confusion	

	amongst stakeholders.	
	In May 2010, the present arrangements for delivering education via George Brown College (GBC) will end. The Royal College of Surgeons will no longer offer 'top up' courses for GBC students. The association will be talking to representatives of GBC to see if there are other ways of delivering a program.	
	Continuing professional development is being delivered. The most successful annual meeting was held in May at the Academy of Clinical Excellence. This venue is a new state of the art dental academy.	
	Congratulations extended to the Republic of Ireland the members of their association on achieving legislation. It is hoped that the Republic of Ireland will join IFD soon.	
Finland	Juha-Pekka Marjoranta – In 2009, 31 dental technicians were graduated as Denturists in Kuopio Polytechnic. Most joined the Finland Denturist Association. At the same time, several members retired. The total number of paying members is 202 and the number of honorary or retired members is 150.	
	The annual continuing educational weekend was held in February. Almost 100 Denturists and Dental Technicians gathered in Helsinki for 'Dental technology days.' The main event 'Dentology 2009' will gather thousands of Dentists, Denturists, technicians and nurses in Helsinki Fair Center in November.	
	The association is working to convince the government to give a new law that would make it possible for Denturists to treat partials patients directly. The association is also looking forward to receiving compensation from national health insurance to all patients when they are treated with dental prostheses. The national health insurance currently only affects war veterans.	
	Finland looks forwards to greeting IFD members in Helsinki in September 2010.	
South Africa	Duffy Malherbe – Since 2007, the Society has gained much status and increased support from dental technicians but they are still not recognized by Government. The Society is in the process of registration with the Department of Social Development as a non-profit organization. This will officially categorize us as a Non-Governmental Pressure Group and also provide some tax benefits to donators.	
	The introduction of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) has culminated in record numbers of dental technicians attending the DENTASA AGM to accumulate credits for this purpose. There is some doubt as to the value of these events with regard to furthering knowledge base. Education remains a cornerstone key to professional development.	
	The CPD magazine for the profession of Dental Technology is published quarterly online and can be accessed from the DENTASA website. The objective is to provide the profession with the opportunity to earn CPD credits through completion of the questionnaire, or writing articles. The Secretary of the Society has been asked to write a column on Denturism in every edition and has now also been approached to serve as Associate Editor of the magazine. This exposure will bring a renewed focus to our cause.	
	The counter on the website has recorded an excess of 10,000 visitors since activation of the website two years ago. During this period, 69 visitors posted their comments and 24 patients posted testimonials. The website was created as a comprehensive source of information and reference vehicle to guide the public, denture wearers, and policy-makers of Government to the needs and solutions of denture wearers in South Africa. International associates are challenged to add their voice of support on the website (or forward to Duffy Malherbe by email) so that the Government can share in your experience of the advantages of the profession.	
	Two years ago, Duffy Malherbe was nominated by the SACDT to represent the profession as part of a Task Team of the Department to 'restructure the Oral Health services in South Africa.' The consensus amongst the representatives from all oral health categories seemed to be in favour of statutory control centralized in a national Oral Health Authority (Dental Council). This means the repeal of the Dental Technicians Act of 1979 and the provisions thereof to be incorporated in the Health Service Professions Act of 1974. The SADTC tabled the introduction of Clinical Dental Technology already defined in the Dental Technicians Act. Before the Task Team document for perusal by Stakeholder Professions could be finalized, the Department withdrew the whole effort and the Society has since failed to get any response to enquiries about the future of	

	the Task Team. The continuous reshuffling of Ministers of Health has resulted in many changes to senior officials and different approaches to specific challenges. The Society continues to build relationships with other stakeholders in Oral Health and remain optimistic that some time or another the campaign will bear fruit and motivations will be heard by the right people with decision-making power within the Department of Health.	
	The SCDT is in the process to update their database on South African qualified dental technicians who have gone overseas to qualify as a Denturist/Clinical Dental Technician/Dental Prosthetist. The individuals on the database qualified either in New Zealand, Australia or Canada. The possibility of a block application on behalf of all the overseas-qualified Denturists to establish a Register for Denturists in South Africa may kick-start the process of establishing a regulated profession.	
	It is geographically and financially restrictive to relocate to another location where the prescribed clinical training can be acquired. A local program needs to be established. The Society is looking into some form of Distance Education partnership between a local training institution and an overseas training institution with an established and accredited training program in Denturism. The idea is to create an opportunity for local dental technicians to do the training in South Africa and get the qualification of the overseas institution that meets the educational criteria (that still has to be negotiated and specified for practice in South Africa). Through the Examination Panel of the IFD the Society anticipates to meet the accreditation and examination standards and comply with the IFD's baseline competencies.	
	Although there are many co-workers and sympathizers, active membership has been neglected. Annual membership has been retained at an affordable R50-00 annually. Without support from members there are problems financing operational costs. There are 1300 active dental technicians on the Register of whom an estimated 200 are practicing Denturism illegally 'on the side.' Membership and income need to be bolstered by encouraging a new generation of aspiring CDTs to come forward and assist in the process of achieving our goal.	
	Facebook has been an excellent communication tool to contact Denturists in many corners of the world. Appreciation is extended to many international co-workers and the international Denturism community for their liaison and encouragement. The success of the examples of our overseas colleagues continues to inspire us to reach our full potential and serve the prosthetic needs of our people.	
Cyprus	No new activities have been reported.	
St. Kitts & Nevis	Paul Levasseur –There are currently three denture practitioners. They are 'tolerated' but have no resources. They are interested in education but cannot afford to travel to obtain it.	
Canada	Michael Vout – The 12 voting members in Canada represent 2,000 Denturists/Denturologists. The website (http://www.denturist.org) has been revised to allow public viewing of past issues of 'Denturism Canada – The Journal of Canadian Denturism.' The website for DACnet™ has been updated with participating insurance carriers and software vendors (http://www.dacnet.ca). To date, there are 12 insurance carriers accepting DACnet™ claims. There is now a part-time office assistant whose responsibility is mainly the processing of DACnet subscriptions and renewals.	
	The Accreditation document and educational requirements were revised and revised in February 2009. Revisions will be presented at the DAC meeting in Las Vegas.	
	Revisions to the Procedure Code guide were ratified in September 2008; definitions are under revision and expected to be ready for the 2010 AGM.	
	Four issues of Denturism Canada were published in 2009. Back issues are now posted on the DAC website.	
	The George Connolly Award for Canadian Denturist of the Year will be presented in Las Vegas.	
The Netherlands	Eric Engelbrecht - In 2008 the ONT focused on a public media campaign; modernizing the training program;	

	input into the Ministry of Health's platform for quality and transparency in oral healthcare, now known as 'visible care'; and proposed implementation of a new rate structure based on the Dutch Healthcare (Market Regulations) Act. By the end of 2008, there was not total clarify as the Dutch Office of Health Regulation needed more time to finalize its recommendations to the Ministry of Health. The outline of changes did emerge and ONT's response was 'positioning'!	
	Most changes in policy will become more concrete in 2009 but the ONT executive committee anticipated fundamental changes due to be introduced, especially in connection with oral healthcare. The key words for this are: market forces, healthcare tenders, performance descriptions, and rates structure.	
	Important strategic decisions were made: 1) the ONT wishes to adopt a clearer position vis-à-vis patients within the oral healthcare sector; and 2) the ONT wishes to collaborate with other oral health care providers.	
	Four issues of Dental Revu were published and, with new advertisers, made a profit.	
	Meetings were held with government agencies, other professional organizations, healthcare insurers, consumer organizations and patient bodies, the 'visible care' steering committee, Utrecht University of Applied Sciences, and the professions committees of the professional institute for training dental technicians. There were also meetings with the association of dental technicians via the working party on dental technology within the Central Industry board for Skilled Trades. There were also meetings with providers of healthcare insurance, the Dutch dentist association, the Dutch society for the promotion of Dentistry, and the Dutch association of oral hygienists. Meetings were conducted with the dentist association and oral hygienists to discuss setting up an umbrella organization to promote the interests of healthcare providers within the oral healthcare sector.	
	A successful national media campaign was conducted in the second quarter of 2008. The ONT has acquired the reputation within the oral healthcare sector of being a small, but relevant and professional organization with the courage to take initiative. It is also seen as a reliable partner because it operates on the basis of a clear plan.	
	A media package was offered to members but there was little use of it so it had little impact on patients.	
	The ONT and the Utrecht University of Applied Sciences have made the decision to upgrade the training program to college/university levels. The competency profile and exam regulations have now been amended. It is now p to the University to take the initiative with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.	
	At the request of the Ministry of Health the letter of intent on quality and transparency to be signed by ONT and other parties in the oral Healthcare sector has been incorporated into the 'visible care' project.	
	A 'black paper on the tendering of healthcare contracts has been submitted to the Dutch Office of Health Regulation. The Office will submit its recommendations to the Ministry of Health at which time ONT will determine if its recommendations have been put into practice.	
	The ONT, the financial services provider for the Dutch medical sector, and a healthcare insurer, have concluded a framework agreement on incapacitation insurance.	
Australia	John Taylor – At the August 2009 Hobart convention it was formally agreed that the ADPA will move to a more legal governing body. In early 2010, it shall become the ADPA Ltd. which is a corporate structure under Australian company law. Each individual State Association will have two Board members from which an executive will be elected. The newly elected ADPA Inc. Executive will be the first directors: John Rogan, President; Bruce Menzies, Vice President; Terry McHugh, Secretary; and Graham Key, Treasurer.	
	300+ Dental Prosthetists (Denturist) delegates and their partners attended the Hobart conference in August 2009. The trade display was impressive along with the keynote speaker, Dr. John Besford, a UK Harley street specialist who had a very realistic approach to prosthetic dentistry. The next biennial conference is scheduled to be held in Darwin in 2011.	
	Under the new national registration all Dental Prosthetists will be required to complete Continued Professional Development (CPD). They will be required to complete 30 hours of accredited CPD. It will be	

	continuous and mandatory over every two-year period. At present only Tasmania, Victoria and the ACT have mandatory CPD and it is intended that the ADPA Ltd. national conference will provide opportunity for member Dental Prosthetists to gain their required points in addition with their State association's education programs.	
	John Patone, CEO of the Victoria ADPA presented a paper to the ADPA Hobart meeting on 'National Statistics and Projections' which studies the Dental Prosthetist manpower requirements now and projected into the future in 2021. ADPA is interested if these projections would be considered similar in other countries. See attachment.	
	The future of the Council of Regulation Authorities (CORA) after the introduction of national registration in July 2010 is unknown. The ADPA would like to see CORA continue as it is an excellent forum for educators, regulatory bodies and professional associations to meet and discuss issues affecting Dental Prosthetists.	
	The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council has decided the Dental Board of Australia would be one of six boards expanded to include a practitioner member from each of the eight states and territories. Ministers also decided that the practitioner members of the Dental Board of Australia would comprise five Dentists, one Dental Therapist, one Dental Hygienist, one Dental Prosthetist, and four community members. Paul House, a long time ADPA member from Tasmania, has been appointed to the Board.	
	The Dental Council of New Zealand and the Council of Regulatory Authorities for Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Australia and New Zealand Inc. have observer status on the Australian Dental Council (ADC). The ADC have a submission before government that is supported by all the collective dental health professional groups who have contributed to the deliberation that the ADC as the existing national accreditation body for the dental profession should be assigned accreditation functions by the ministerial Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement. If accepted and agreed to by the Dental Board of Australia, the ADC will be the governing body setting the standards of education and scopes of practice for all dental professionals. Both CORA and the ADPA intend to request full membership status to the ADC Board.	
	It has been confirmed that Dental Technicians will not be registered under the National Scheme. They may continue to be registered under individual states but for how long is an unknown. This decision has been made on the criteria of dental technicians have no contact with patients and because of this they do not need to be registered. Some commercial dental laboratory owners will welcome this change as they will be better able to compete with offshore labs and labour costs will decrease as anyone will be able to work in the dental laboratory without any qualifications. Other areas that will be affected will be the knowledge base of dental technicians moving forward. Will education facilities like TAFE and Griffiths University survive if students no longer have a salary and labour demand to meet expectation on graduation? What will happen to the training of Dental Prosthetists since at present one must be a qualified dental technician first? It needs to be noted that ADPA has worked tirelessly to try to have Dental Technicians as part of a national registration process. Many submission and personal meetings with Ministers have resulted in failure. CORA has also worked tirelessly to make this happen. The ADPA, CORA, Australia Dental Council, ADA, Dental Hygienists, Oral Health Therapists and the now defunct AcDL A. all signed a document supporting dental technician registration. Unfortunately this was ignored when the ADA broke away for reasons known only to them to put in a submission to have dental technicians deregistered around Australia. The ADPA will continue to try to have this decision reversed in the coming years.	
	Dental Prosthetists continue to provide service to military personnel and their dependants who are covered by the Department for Veterans Affairs. The ADPA is represented in negotiations by Martin Dunn and Bruce Menzies who is a Vietnam veteran. The ADPA has gained the respect of the Department in the way Dental Prosthetists proficiently provide prosthetic services and in their professional approach in deliberations with the Departments.	
	The Federal government has announced a new \$3. billion Dental scheme which will encompass all Australians (not just at present those under the Enhanced Primary Health scheme) and will be funded by an	

	additional 0.75% tax to the Medicare levy presently 1.5% of taxable income. An additional tax is payable on Medicare Level Surcharge thresholds.	
	The ADPA executive and Board are dedicated to promoting the interest of Dental Prosthetists and remains the peak organization regarding all issues surrounding the Dental Prosthetist profession in Australia.	
New Zealand	John Egan – In New Zealand there are currently 180 Denturists and 150 Dental Technicians. One-thirds of these are over 60 years of age. The University of Otago is graduating small numbers – 6 full time in a one year course and 20 in a two-year course (part-time). The Oral Health Certificate works well. The training of Dentists is minimal in prosthodontics, which is being dropped from programs. Denturists do dentures over implants.	
	John will encourage the New Zealand Association to join IFD as all members can learn from each other.	
Malta	John Salamone-Reynaud – John expressed his thanks for being induced into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers at the 2008 AGM.	
	A warrant/license is required for all registered paramedic/allied Health Care Professions, including dental technology. This should elevate us to a higher Health Care status with greater responsibilities. This was achieved through the collective lobbying of 18 paramedical professions in collaboration with the unions.	
	The Degree course in Dental Technology is being formulated and undergoing the assessing procedure of tertiary level academic boards. It is due to commence in 2011 at the Institute of Health care, University of Malta. This will complement the current four year Diploma course. .	
	Prior to the 2008 IFD meeting in Malta, the Society spent 18 months meeting with the Minister of Health, addressing the urgency for recognition with all the advantages it expenses, including better career prospects for Dental Technologists. Initially proceedings were progressing but at a very slow pace. Following Malta's general elections, new Ministerial appointments evolved, among which was that of the Ministry of Health. A few weeks before the IFD's 2008 AGM in Malta, the new Parliamentary Secretary of Health sent a disappointing reply to our request. Both the Director General and Parliamentary Secretary were invited to the social activities of the AGM, but both declined. The process started again.	
	By late September 2009, the association submitted a document addressing the integration of the dental (lab) technologist, clinical dental technologist and the Dentist as a team, each with a varying scope of practice. The report was distributed to all nine of the Health Administrative posts including the Minister, the Dental Chairman and Association. The Association expects to receive greater attention to their claim accompanied by constructive consultation with Denturists as initiators of this expanding profession.	
	The Association is asking for help from EU states with regulation to help those without regulation. There is a need to communicate and lobby strongly at the EU level, with their committees and expert groups. There is a need to provide and develop accessible and feasible educational and training centers for applicants to get a recognized qualification. Students should be provided with opportunities to attend officially recognized universities and colleges to qualify as Denturists. Other experienced applicants should be able to attend an adaptable short term course to finally receive a qualification. This may only be achieved by the help, support, coordination and cooperation from neighbouring EU States which have legislation. The right politicians and expert groups must be addressed to strive for some success> None of this can be done without any voluntary commitment and financial assistance.	
	The Global crisis has stimulated reforms in all types of services. Simultaneously, public expectations and an increasingly aging population require an efficient and more feasible service without disrupting standards. One outstanding solution for this, in dental care, is Denturism.	All countries with legislation – encourage Chief Dental Officer to write a report on how Denturism has benefited their country.
	John would like IFD representatives to meet with the Minister in Malta. John will get confirmation in writing that they will meet with the IFD. It is important for them to realize CDT is expanding and is a good service to the patient. Tony suggested that the Chief Dental Officers each write a report on how Denturism has benefited their country.	

United States	Paul Levasseur – Report to be submitted. The NDA has presented IFD with a subscription to Go To Meeting. It is possible to use this portal for education webinars.	
SPECTRUM DENTURISM	Michael Vout spoke on behalf of Carlo Zanon, Editor of Spectrum Denturism. They would like to be able to provide the publication to all IFD members. Michael said that IFD should get compensation for this as the publisher, Ettore Palmieri, gets fees from sponsors. There should also be some compensation for the cost of associations sending the publication to their members. It was noted that some associations will not release the names/addresses of their members. There will likely be more advertising dollars once circulation increases. IFD could also ask for a couple of pages of editorial/article space.	
	Tony Sarrapuchiello said that Spectrum Denturism has not affected the circulation of Denturism Canada or Le Denturo.	
	Discussion tabled to Wednesday	
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm	
	OCTOBER 14, 2009	
CALL TO ORDER	Paul Levasseur called the meeting to order at 9:25 am	
SPECTRUM DENTURISM	Motion: Michael Vout; Second: Chris Allen That IFD negotiate with Spectrum Denturism for distribution of the journal to IFD members but with financial consideration to IFD CARRIED	Michael Vout and Tony Sarrapuchiello to discuss this with Spectrum Denturism.
FINANCIAL UPDATE	Gerry Hansen presented the financial statements for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30 2009. Correction made to statements vis-à-vis Malta membership payment.	
	In response to a question from Eric Engelbrecht, Paul Levasseur said the IFD does not want to add to member costs. There should be other ways to raise money, such as sponsorship, Spectrum Denturism, etc. This will be further discussed at the 2010 meeting.	
	Motion: Chris Allen; Second: Tad Burzynski That the financial statements for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 be approved as corrected. CARRIED	
EDUCATION COMMITTEE		
Mills Grae	Paul Levasseur said that NDA said Mills Grae is asking for endorsement, not an accreditation. The IFD has previously sanctioned schools that have been accredited by their country association or accrediting body. equivalent to IFD Baseline Competency. Not asking for an accreditation. They are asking that the Mills Grae competencies be acknowledged as equivalent to the IFD Baseline Competencies.	
	Paul noted that, In Maine, a school has to be approved by IFD and the Maine State Dental Board.	
	Bob Storey further reported that Mills Grae is located in Montana. It is a program for experienced Dental Technicians. The clinics are in private Denturist clinics. The program cannot be taught at a school in a clinical setting. The program started as a means for continuing education and eventually became a four year program.	
	Tony Sarrapuchiello said Mills Grae needs to present the total program evaluation by the IFD Education Committee. Graham Key said the Education Committee will do the comparison and provide its observations. The Education Committee will make its recommendation to the IFD as soon as possible.	Education Committee to review Mills Grae curriculum and provide recommendation to IFD Executive.
	It was recommended that the Education Committee create a short course on how to give a clinical evaluation and develop a protocol for recognition by IFD.	Education Committee to discuss initiatives.

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE		
European Report	Eric Engelbrecht reported that he has been in communication with a student from Sweden and has a contact for Denturism in Sweden.	
	Eric has met persons in Italy interested in legalizing Denturism in Italy. Eric has sent them the Baseline Competency and has advised that they start a school based on the IFD baseline. They have said they will start a new association and want information about IFD and membership fees. He will also talk to Sigismundo Fusco about this.	Eric to talk to Sigismundo Fusco about a new association in Italy. Eric to send information to Italy.
	He has told his contact in Belgium that they need a school, a new association and a government contact. He will follow up on this.	Eric to follow up with Belgium. (Note to Minutes: Belgium has re-joined IFD.)
	Eric noted that in Europe Dental Technicians are trying to get a Denturist scope of practice without education. Universities have started courses for Dental Hygienists and Dental Technicians working under the supervision of a Dentist, but have no courses for Denturists. Ivoclar has clinical facilities in Lichtenstein which could be used for education and possibly examinations. There are only 2 chairs.	
	Ata Shir inquired about how to set up an association in Turkey. Eric responses that the best course of action is education and a government mentor.	
Israel	Ian Rockman reported he met with the Chief Dental Officer in Israel. It is currently not possible for Denturists to have chair side status; there are too many Russian Dentists out of work in Israel. Laboratories and clinics are below standards. Ian will contact Israel to encourage them to meet with the IFD.	Ian to make contact with Israel Denturists. Send contact names to Gerry when available.
Central and Eastern Europe	Mario Wojcicki reported that has been no further communication with Germany.	
	Hungary – There has been no communication with Attila Szep.	
	Slovakia –There is less pressure from general dentistry due to the shortage of dentists. Denturists who took the IFD exam are practicing without opposition.	
	Poland – Mario met with Andrzej Dulian. Andrzej has met with government authorities. There is strong opposition from Dentists. Denturists are providing services direct to the public.	
	Ivoclar facility –Mario suggested that a course be created based on the IFD Baseline Competency with instruction and exams being completed in Lichtenstein. Eric will also discuss this with the University of Utrecht. Tony to discuss with Ivoclar.	Eric to discuss with University of Utrecht. Tony to discuss with Ivoclar.
BROTHERHOOD OF STERKENBURGERS	Chris Allen reported the committee is looking at getting the die produced in Australia.	
	Gerry Hansen to draft a protocol for entry into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers.	Gerry to write protocol.
	Motion: Chris Allen; Second: Eric Engelbrecht. That the motion regarding assessment of fees to current Sterkenburgers be rescinded. CARRIED	
NEW BUSINESS		
Future of World Symposia	In discussion on World Symposia, Gerry Hansen explained that World Symposia seem to do better in North America because of the potential attendance. The World Symposium on Denturism is registered to the IFD. The planning of the 2009 World Symposium was very difficult as there was limited infrastructure to complete the tasks without taxing human resources. Gerry proposed that a member country planning to hold a World Symposium receive permission from the IFD; that IFD be a liaison but not a physical planner of the Symposium; that the host country give IFD a percentage of gross revenues (to be discussed); IFD and host	

	country will market the Symposium.	
	Gerry to draft protocol for the planning of World Symposia.	Gerry write protocol
FUTURE MEETINGS	2010- Helsinki, Finland – September dates TBA	
	Gerry to draft IFD meeting protocol.	Gerry to draft protocol.
	Motion: Chris Allen; Second: John Salamone-Reynaud That the 2011 IFD Annual Meeting is held in York, United Kingdom with August or September dates to be announced. CARRIED	
	2012 – Copenhagen, Date TBA	
ADPA Conference	John Taylor provided information on the 2011 ADPA conference in Darwin, August 25-27, 2011	
ELECTIONS	Paul Levasseur nominates Tony Sarrapuchiello for President Tad Burzynski calls for nominations to be closed. Tony Sarrapuchiello elected President to the AGM of 2012.	
	Paul Levasseur nominates John Taylor for Vice President (AustralAsia) Chris Allen calls for nominations to be closed. John Taylor elected Vice President (AustralAsia) to the AGM of 2012.	
	Paul Levasseur nominates Eric Engelbrecht for Vice President (Europe) Chris Allen calls for nominations to be closed. Eric Engelbrecht elected Vice President (Europe) to the AGM of 2012.	
	Chris Allen nominates Paul Levasseur for Vice President (North America) Michael Vout calls for nominations to be closed. Paul Levasseur elected Vice President (North America) to the AGM of 2012.	
NEXT MEETING	Helsinki, Finland September 2010 Date and location TBA	
WORLD SYMPOSIUM UPDATE	Tad Burzynski announced that the Oregon State Denturist Association is celebrating 30 years of legislation in Oregon. Attendees ere encouraged to visit their booth to see an historical DVD. Attendees were also encouraged to attend the Poker Tournament. The Golf Outing will start on Saturday at 1:00 pm tee time; transportation will leave the hotel at 11:45 am.	
ADJOURN	John Salamone-Reynaud moved that the meeting adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.	