

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DENTURISTS

2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELSINKI, FINLAND SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2010

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The IFD website is being redesigned and will be relaunched in early 2011.
- ❖ The Chair of the European Committee met with a group from Italy interested in forming an association. Talks are ongoing. The Chair of the Eastern and Central Europe Sub-Committee reported that the Hungarian Denturists have written competency examinations in Switzerland. Their country has recognized their competency but the dental board refuses to issue licenses. The Hungarian Denturists will be launching a court action against the Dental Board. Belgium has re-joined the IFD.
- ❖ IFD to write a position paper for the European Union on the positive impact of Denturism to oral health and access to care.
- ❖ The United States and United Kingdom are investigating new educational institutions as a result of the disbandment of the IDEC program.
- ❖ On request of the National Denturist Association, the IFD reviewed the curriculum of Mills Grae University and determined that the Mills Grae curriculum meets the objectives of the IFD Baseline Competency but no other conclusions were expressed or implied.
- ❖ A Survey of Denturist Product Use will be posted to the website in early 2011.
- ❖ Guidelines for the induction into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers were approved. The Sterkenburger committee will investigate the production of new medallions and pins.
- ❖ Guidelines for the hosting of an IFD meeting or a World Symposium were approved.
- ❖ Individual IFD member certificates have been withdrawn. These will be replaced by one certificate sent to the country association each year.
- ❖ Next Meeting:
 - 2011 – Board Meeting – Location to be announced
 - 7th World Symposium on Denturism – Darwin, Australia (August 23-26, 2011).
In conjunction with the 21st Biennial National Conference of the Australia Dental Prosthetists Association (<http://www.conferenceworks.net.au/adpa/index>)
 - 2012 – Board Meeting – Copenhagen, Denmark (date/location to be announced)

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Delegates utilized SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) to map out a 3 year Strategic Plan for the IFD. Their draft Mission, Vision and Objectives (to be ratified by members in late 2010) are:

MISSION – The International Federation of Denturists is a global, voluntary organization of country members who are dedicated to the advancement of the profession of Denturism with a resulting positive impact on oral health and access to care.

VISION – The International Federation of Denturists will become the global voice of Denturism.

THREE YEAR OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1 – To develop business and succession plans for the sustainment of the International Federation of Denturists (IFD).

Objectives:

- Establish a business plan for a fiscally responsible and sustainable organization.
- Establish a succession plan for consistency in leadership and administration.

GOAL 2 – To increase revenues through membership, education, and industry partnerships.

Objectives:

- Promote the IFD as a global networking opportunity for global denturist organizations who are either legally recognized or seeking recognition in their country.
- Establish relationships with denturist organizations through communication and networking.
- Establish a system of providing distance education accessible by all country members.
- Create a benefits package for industry partners.

GOAL 3 – To develop and enhance professional relationships with industry and external stakeholders.

Objectives:

- Establish on-going communication with industry suppliers to the profession.
- Establish on-going communication with other oral health care organizations.
- Establish on-going communication with government agencies.
- Assist developing countries, at their request, through communication with decision-makers.

GOAL 4 – To enhance communication through re-design of the website and use of modern technologies.

Objectives:

- Refresh the website with a new look and features.
- Launch the new website in January 2011.
- Investigate the use of alternate technologies for communication amongst geographically-diverse executive members, committee representatives, and members-at-large.