

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

1. The CDO/DPH Section of FDI is a forum for Chief Dental Officers (CDOs) as well as scientists, educators, practitioners and researchers interested in Dental Public Health (DPH). CDO is a generic term that refers to the officially appointed most senior civilian federal government official in each country responsible for national oral health policy.
2. The CDO/DPH Section is a DPH content-based global collaboration led by national CDOs, with participation by DPH practitioners, administrators and researchers as Section Members. It is not to be confused with the Public Health Committee (PHC) of the FDI. That said, the Section holds member status in the FDI PHC, and our sitting Chair maintains engagement in this important committee's activity.
3. In 2020-2021, our Section chair participated in the FDI PHC virtual meetings throughout the year, continuing activities such as World Dental Development Fund projects, the FDI Vision for 2030, and the FDI Policy Statement regarding ethical recruitment of dental volunteers.
4. Also this year, our Secretary continued to represent our Section in the global Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future, and participated during 2020-2021 in the development of the ACFF's *Global Consensus for Achieving a Dental Cavity-Free Future*.
5. The global CDO list is available on our Section web-page. Our Section strives to keep this list up to date but changes naturally take place in CDO position incumbents in different countries and that information may not be immediately available to us. Thus, we encourage FDI members to help us continually update this list by contacting our Section Secretary at james.taylor@phac-aspc.gc.ca
6. We continued our close collaboration with the CDO of WHO, working together to ensure that oral health gets on to the NCD, UHC and SDG3 agendas of the WHO. The concerted effort of the Section, numerous CDOs around the world, and the FDI and IADR delegations, resulted in a long-awaited Resolution on oral health being adopted by the 74th World Health Assembly in June 2021. Our Section looks forward to the next step of contributing to drafting the 2022 WHO Oral Health Strategy, and the 2023 WHO Global Action Plan for Oral Health.
7. In 2020 and 2021, many meetings and conferences, including the FDI World Dental Congress (WDC), were cancelled while others switched to on-line. The 2021 FDI WDC will be held virtually 26-29 September 2021. As every year, a joint FDI PHC/CDO Section Forum will be held. This year's program is entitled: *Success stories on integrating Oral Health into General Health*, and will include: 1. *Success story: Education - evidence based*. 2. *Success story: Policy* 3. *Success story: Dissemination to public and/or other healthcare providers*.
8. However, given the challenges of holding a live/synchronous Section Annual Business Meeting (ABM) with fair and reasonable access to CDOs in all 24 time zones, there will be no Section ABM this year. In its stead, we're planning to hold a virtual "Open Executive Business Meeting" for our Executive Board Members, whereat any Section Members who are interested and available may observe. Section Members are welcome to forward to the Chair any issues that they feel require the attention of the Executive Board. The Chair may be reached at zusmans@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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