

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

1. The CDO/DPH Section of the FDI is a forum for CDOs as well as scientists, educators, practitioners and researchers working in Dental Public Health. Chief Dental Officer (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 of the FDI. That said, the sitting Chair of our Section holds member status in the Public Health Committee.
3. The By-laws of the section reflect the specific needs and circumstances of its membership.
4. The Global Chief Dental Officers list is available on our webpage. Our Section strives to keep our list of global Chief Dental Officers up to date but changes take place in CDO position incumbents in different countries and that information may not be immediately available to us. We encourage and ask FDI members to help us continually update this list by contacting our Section Secretary, Dr James Taylor, at james.taylor@phac-aspc.gc.ca.
5. We continued our close collaboration with the Oral Health Section of WHO, working together to ensure that oral health gets on to the NCD, SDG3 and UHC agendas of the WHO. Further to the long awaited Resolution on oral health that was adopted by the 74th World Health Assembly in 2021, this year a Global Oral Strategy was adopted by 75th World Health Assembly, which is the first step in its implementation. The strategy includes six strategic objectives, on oral health governance, oral health promotion and oral disease prevention the health workforce, oral health care, oral health information systems, and oral health research agendas. Our Section looks forward to supporting the WHO in the development of the next document in this iterative series, namely the Global Oral Health Action Plan, which is due in 2023.
6. 2021/2022 was still a year of COVID-19. Many meetings and conferences were cancelled while others switched to on-line, as well as activities in the domain of teaching and continuous education.
7. Our Section chair participated at the Public Health Committee virtual meetings during the year as well as the in-person mid-year meeting on 5-8 April in Geneva. The committee does its best to maintain activities such as World Dental Development Fund (WDDF) projects, Vision for 2030, preparing Policy statements, etc.
8. The FDI WDC was cancelled this year, but the World Dental Parliament and committee activities will take place 18-24 September 2021 in Geneva. However, unfortunately, the planned joint annual FDI Public Health Committee/CDO Section Forum has been cancelled.
9. A virtual business meeting of the Section will be held on 14 September 2022. Elections to The Executive Board will be undertaken during this meeting. Please follow our Section's webpage for details: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/section-chief-dental-officersdental-public-health>
10. As my second and final term as Section Chair concludes following the 2022 WDP, I bid you farewell, and thank you for having had the opportunity to serve as your Chair.

Sincerely,



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