

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

1. The CDO/DPH Section of the FDI is a forum for Chief Dental Officers (CDOs) as well as scientists, educators, practitioners and researchers working 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 sitting Chair of our Section holds a statutory position as a member of the PHC. The By-laws of the CDO/DPH Section reflect the unique roles and circumstances of our membership.
4. The Global CDOs list is available on our webpage. Our Section strives to keep our list of global CDOs up to date, but changes take place periodically in national CDO position incumbents 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 H. Mitchell Lockhart at [mitchelllockhart@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:mitchelllockhart@bahamas.gov.bs).
5. We continued our close collaboration with the WHO Dental Officer, working together to ensure that oral health gets on to the NCD, SDG3 and UHC agendas of the WHO. Further to the 2021 *Resolution on Oral Health* and consequent 2022 *Global Oral Health Strategy*, we celebrated the adoption of the related *Global Oral Health Action Plan* during the 76th World Health Assembly. The *Plan* includes Global Targets and Actions for each of the six Strategic Objectives, which are: oral health governance, oral health promotion & oral disease prevention, health workforce, oral health care, oral health information systems, and oral health research agendas. CDOs around the world have worked to support the development of their country's input to this important process, and will now likely shift to national implementation activities, as well as regional implementation activities via their respective WHO Regional Offices.
6. Our Section Chair participated in the FDI PHC meetings during the year, with much related work activity between meetings. The PHC is engaged in activities such as World Dental Development Fund projects, planning related to the FDI *Vision for 2030* and *Global Oral Health Action Plan*, preparing and reviewing FDI Policy Statements and other FDI products, and planning the PHC/CDO Forum that takes place during the FDI World Dental Congress (WDC).
8. The 2022 FDI WDC was cancelled, but the World Dental Parliament (normally concurrent and co-located with WDC) and related Committee and Section activities took place 18-25 September 2022 in Geneva. Unfortunately, the planned 2022 joint annual FDI PHC/CDO Forum was cancelled, as it is part of the WDC programme.
9. A virtual Annual Business Meeting (ABM) of the Section was held on 14 September 2022. Regular elections to the Executive Board were undertaken during this meeting. The 2022 ABM Minutes are available on our Section's webpage: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/section-chief-dental-officersdental-public-health> (under "Past Meetings").
10. I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to serve as your Chair and look forward to seeing you in Sydney at the 2023 FDI WDC. For the first time, we shall be offering our 2023 ABM in hybrid format. The 2023 ABM Agenda and CDO Master schedule are available on our Section's webpage (under "FDI World Dental Congress").

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