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INVITATION LETTER

14 April 2025

Dear Colleagues

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SECTION OF DEFENCE FORCES DENTAL SERVICES ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FDI WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS IN XI'AN, CHINA 05 TO 08 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Section of Defence Forces Dental Services (SDFDS), we invite you to attend the **SDFDS Annual Meeting from 05 to 08 September 2025 in Xi'an, China**. It will be held immediately prior to and in conjunction with the 2025 FDI World Dental Congress which will take place from **09 to 12 September 2025 in Shanghai, China**.

2. The SDFDS Annual Meeting will locally be jointly organised by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (CPLA) Stomatological Committee and The Third Affiliated Hospital of Air Force Medical University (formerly known as School of Stomatology, the Fourth Military Medical University). The venue for the Scientific Programme will be at the **Sofitel Xi'an on Renmin Square Hotel**, 319 Dongxin Street, Xi'an, 710004, China.

3. The tentative outline programme for the SDFDS meeting is as follows:

Fri 05 Sept 25:	On-site Registration, SDFDS Executive Committee Meeting and Welcome Reception
Sat 06 Sept 25:	Scientific Programme Day 1
Sun 07 Sept 25:	Scientific Programme Day 2 and Closing
Mon 08 Sept 25:	Visits to School of Stomatology and Museums

4. The SDFDS was established in 1904 as the military section of the World Dental Federation (FDI), providing a global forum for the exchange of ideas, innovations and concepts relevant to dentistry in the defence forces. The 2024 SDFDS Annual Meeting in Istanbul, Turkiye organised by the SDFDS Executive Committee was a resounding success attended by more than 53 military dentists from 21 countries. 24 presentations were delivered encompassing five themes; Innovations in Military Dentistry, Strategising Service Delivery, Ensuring Operational Readiness, Optimising Clinical Care and Operational Military Dentistry. Attendees had benefitted from the professional interaction with their military dental peers, sharing with others their common and diverse experiences in the delivery of oral health care in military settings. The meeting provides an opportunity, too, for participants to attend one of the world's largest gatherings of dentists at the FDI World Dental Congress.

5. You are welcome to make presentations at the meeting on a topic associated with any relevant aspect of military dentistry. An Abstract Form is attached at **Annex A** and should be completed and sent to the SDFDS Secretary at **sdfd.services@gmail.com**, cc copy to **AFMUSDFDS@163.com** no later than **30 June 2025**.

6. As usual, a Registration Fee for the SDFDS Meeting will be incurred at a rate of **USD200 per delegate to be paid in cash on-site**. Air travel, accommodation, meals and local transportation will be at your own expense and arrangements. A Registration Form is attached at **Annex B** and should be completed by each delegate and sent to the SDFDS Secretary at **sdfd.services@gmail.com**, cc to the LOC Secretariat at **AFMUSDFDS@163.com**, no later than **05 August 2025**.

7. The detailed programme for the SDFDS Annual Meeting will be provided closer to the event. Further information will be made available via email and at the SDFDS Webpage at **<https://www.fdiworlddental.org/section-defense-forces-dental-services>**.

8. Please note that the SDFDS Meeting Registration Fee **does not** include registration for the FDI World Dental Congress. If you are interested in attending the FDI World Dental Congress also, kindly arrange registration separately via their website at **<https://2025.world-dental-congress.org/En/Data/List/Registration>**.

9. For those requiring visas into China, we strongly recommend applying in advance and you may include the following details of the designated local sponsor if required in your visa application:

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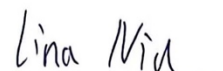
10. For further inquiries, you may contact Col Jefri Razak, the SDFDS Secretary, or Col Catherine Prineas, the SDFDS Executive Officer, at **sdfd.services@gmail.com**.

11. We look forward to seeing you in Xi'an, China in what promises to be another fruitful and memorable meeting.

Kind Regards,



W.A.M. van de Kraats-van Klink
CAPT (N)
Chair, Executive Committee
Section Defence Forces Dental Services



Lina Niu
SENIOR COLONEL
Chair, Local Organising Committee
Dean, School of Stomatology, AFMU



ABSTRACT FORM

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Xi'an, China 05-08 September 2025

Kindly submit to sdfd.services@gmail.com and cc to AFMUSDFDS@163.com
before **30 June 2025**

PRESENTATION TITLE	
PRESENTER(S)	
COUNTRY	
ORGANISATION	
ABSTRACT	
BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF PRESENTER:	



REGISTRATION FORM

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Country	:	<input type="text"/>	
Surname	:	<input type="text"/>	
First Name	:	<input type="text"/>	
Rank/Title	:	<input type="text"/>	
Organisation	:	<input type="text"/>	
Job Title	:	<input type="text"/>	
Arrival Date	:	<input type="text"/>	Departure Date : <input type="text"/>
Attending Welcome Reception (Friday, 05 Sept 25)	:	<input type="text"/>	(Yes/No)
Will your spouse attend the Welcome Reception?	:	<input type="text"/>	(Yes/No)
If Yes, please state the name of your spouse	:	<input type="text"/>	
Attending Scientific Program (Sat 06 & Sun 07 Sept 25)	:	<input type="text"/>	(Yes/No)
Attending Stomatological Visits (Mon 08 Sept 25)	:	<input type="text"/>	(Yes/No)
Will your spouse join Stomatological Visits?	:	<input type="text"/>	(Yes/No)
If Yes, please state the name of your spouse	:	<input type="text"/>	
Dietary Requirements	:	<input type="text"/>	
Mobile Contact Number	:	<input type="text"/>	
(Note: Please include your country code and kindly download “WeChat” app on your phone for convenient and secure group chat communication)			
Email Address 1	:	<input type="text"/>	
Email Address 2	:	<input type="text"/>	(Optional)
Attending the FDI World Dental Congress	:	<input type="text"/>	(Yes/No)

Registration and Fee Payment

Attending SDFDS Meeting, please pay fee on-site by cash USD200 on 05 September 2025.