

Geneva, 7 July 2025

## Subject: Changes to General Assembly Agenda 2025

Dear Participants of the FDI General Assembly,  
Dear Delegates,

In response to your wishes for more time for a debate and better use of the time at the General Assembly, the Council has considered various options and changes we could put in place to make the meeting more effective.

Please be advised of the following **changes** that have been introduced for this year:

### Managing elections for Council positions

This year, there is only one candidate for the position of President-elect - the current Treasurer, Prof. Young Guk Park. In accordance with FDI election procedures, no vote is held for uncontested positions. In such cases, the Speaker formally declares the unopposed candidate elected.

Elections are conducted during the General Assembly B (GAB). Now that is clear that the position of Treasurer will become vacant at the GAB, our governance rules dictate that I call for nominations from the floor. This is in addition to the two nominations received in response to a call for early nominations, submitted in advance.

In past GA meetings, if any nomination is received from the floor during the GAB, the meeting is suspended for at least 30 minutes. This break allows for the collection and distribution of the necessary documents to the General Assembly. Candidates nominated from the floor are given a three-minute opportunity to introduce themselves.

This scenario disrupts the meeting in several ways:

- The 30 min time is very short for the delegates to consider new nominations.
- The technology may fail, and the emails with documents of any new nominees might not arrive in time.
- A Q&A session for candidates running for President-elect, Treasurer, and Speaker was introduced last year and is now held during Open Forum 3, prior to the GAB. No Q&A session is required for the President-elect as the candidate is unopposed. Candidates who stand from the floor do not have an opportunity to answer your questions in the Q&A session held the day before. This may place them at a comparative disadvantage to those who have submitted nominations in advance.

Considering the above, **the election of President-elect will take place at the GAA. All other elections will take place at the GAB.**

- Once the President-elect is declared at the GAA meeting, I will call for nominations from the floor.
- In case there are nominations from the floor, these candidates will be invited to deliver a three-minute presentation at the same time as other candidates for the Treasurer and the Council at the GAA, at the time of their declaration of nomination.
- To be further considered, nominations of the new candidates must be submitted in English by e-mail to: Ms Djerdana Ivosevic [divosevic@fdiworlddental.org](mailto:divosevic@fdiworlddental.org) and Ms Maria Kramarenko [mkramarenko@fdiworlddental.org](mailto:mkramarenko@fdiworlddental.org) by the end of day on **8th September** (local Shanghai time).

## Nominations must include the following documents:

- ☐ 1. Nomination Form 2025 available at: [2025 Nominations and Eligibility form - Council.docx](#)
- ☐ 2. Curriculum vitae (CV)/personal record
- ☐ 3. Written presentation/letter of motivation (not more than 500 words)
- The candidates whose nominations are incomplete or not signed, will not enter the elections ballot. There will be **no extension** of deadlines.
- The Delegates will receive valid nominations packages by email in the afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup> September, giving you more time to consider the new nominations.
- Candidates whose nominations are complete and valid, will participate in the Q& A Session at the Open Forum 3 on 10<sup>th</sup> September and enter the elections ballot for the Treasurer at the GAB.

We trust that this new process will allow for more time to consider the nominations and for more effective conduct of the meeting with no interruptions.

## Video Presentation

While the 2025 General Assembly agenda remain largely standard, there is one notable change.

The presentation of the representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) will be available on the GA webpage in form of a video.

We encourage you to watch the video before the meeting. In case of any questions about the report, and based on availability, I will allocate the time for answering your questions at one of the meetings after the GAA.

## Withdrawal of Policy Statements

Over the past few years, several policy statements have been revised or newly developed, while the original versions were not formally withdrawn. As a result, some existing statements have become outdated. As part of the ongoing review process by the Standing Committees, the Council will propose to the GA that these Policy Statements be withdrawn. You can find the details and reasons for each Policy Statement and the links to the statements in four languages in a document called PS Withdrawals on the "Policy Statements" part of the GA Webpage.

Please review them in advance. At both, Open Forum 2 when we discuss the Policy Statements, and at the General Assembly B, I will recommend to the General Assembly voting members that these Policy Statements be withdrawn collectively in a single motion.

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Should you have any questions, or you need further clarifications please do not hesitate to contact me through the Head Office copied on this correspondence.

With kindest regards,



Dr. Stephen Liew  
**Speaker of the General Assembly**

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