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LETTER OF INVITATION

To: global Chief Dental Officers

Dear Chief Dental Officer,

The FDI World Dental Federation has the honour to invite you to attend the 2026 World Dental Congress (WDC) in Prague, 04-07 September 2026. A letter to your Minister has also been posted on our webpage.

The title “Chief Dental Officer” (CDO) is taken to mean the person in a country who is currently officially appointed as the senior civilian federal government authority in oral health policy.

A meeting of the CDOs has been held annually at every WDC for the last 40+ years. This provides the only forum for CDOs to meet regularly on a global basis in order to take stock of international developments in their field of responsibility. This year there will also be a Public Health Committee & CDO Joint Forum and a World Oral Health Forum, as well as a Science Committee Forum. Further, the main Scientific Program for the Congress contains many themes which are of great interest to CDOs.

Our Section holds an Annual Business Meeting during the WDC, where there will also be world-renowned speakers presenting on topics of specific interest to CDOs.

The FDI is unable to offer any financial assistance with regard to travel, subsistence or registration of participants. You are requested to register on line for the Congress as soon as possible, so that we may more accurately gauge the logistic requirements for this year's CDO venues.

I look forward to seeing you in Prague.

Best wishes and kind regards.

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