

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

1. The CDO/DPH Section of FDI is a forum for CDOs as well as scientists, educators, practitioners and researchers interested 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 mistaken with the Public Health Committee of the FDI. That said, the Section was granted member status in the Public Health Committee, and our sitting Chair fully participates in this important committee's activity.
3. The section by-laws were updated after serious deliberations. We felt that the by-laws now reflect the specific needs and circumstances of its membership. FDI Council approved the updated by-laws.
4. The members list/ mailing list of the section was updated to re-establish old connections as well as making new alliances and cooperation. We have undertaken a comprehensive update of our list of global Chief Dental Officers, and of our other members. This global Chief Dental Officers list is now available on our web-page. Our Section strives to keep this list up to date but changes take place in CDO position incumbents in different countries and that information may not be immediately available to us. Thus, we encourage 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. The Section web-page was re-designed and now it provides more information to Section members and FDI members at large.
6. Our Section Secretary participated on our behalf in a Policy Lab workshop organized by the Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future alongside the Policy Institute at King's College London, in collaboration with the King's College London Dental Institute.
7. Our Section chair participated at the HKIdeas, Inaugural Belt and Road Oral Health Summit in Hong Kong.
8. As a follow up of Memorandum of Understanding we signed in Madrid with **The International Federation of Dental Educators and Associations (IFDEA)**, we were asked to take part in the selection of the educators that will receive the recognition of their status towards their meeting that will be in 2019. In this way each single participant will be able (despite the low contribution awarded) to ask for the visa in time to be confirmed participant of the meeting and then look for more contribution by third parties
9. We tightened our collaboration and cooperation with Oral Health Section of WHO. We are glad to inform that after a long intermission, WHO Oral Health will hold a session at Buenos Aires WDC on Thursday 6th September.

In the meetings in Buenos Aires, **Wednesday 5th September 2018** afternoon will be the Business meeting of the Section. On the Agenda: report of the Section Executive and planning the way forward. On Thursday afternoon will be the joint PHC/CDO scientific forum titled: '**Tooth loss, how to handle it? A public health perspective**', moderated by the Section chair.

Sincerely,



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