

FDI SECTION OF CHIEF DENTAL OFFICERS & DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

BY-LAWS

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1. NAME

FDI Section of Chief Dental Officers* & Dental Public Health (CDO/DPH Section)

*The Chief Dental Officers/Dental Public Health Section uses the term Chief Dental Officer (CDO) as a generic term that describes the one person in a country that is currently officially appointed as the senior civilian federal government policy authority in oral health.

2. FDI CONSTITUTION (September 2016 amendment)

Sections Chapter 7

“A. Sections are groups of individuals with a common occupation or special interest in a special area of dentistry.

B. A Section of the FDI may be established by the Council.

D. The Section Executive shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Section and the election of the Executive shall be ratified by the Council. All members of the Section Executive shall be proposed by their Member Associations, which must be either FDI Regular or Associate Members. By-laws of a Section shall be approved by the Council and the Sections shall report and be accountable to the Council.

E. Possible costs for the respective Sections shall be estimated and submitted for approval to the Finance Committee.”

3. SECTION ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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 effectively an informal forum of national CDOs obliged to represent the interests and positions of their respective governments.

The role and responsibilities of the CDO/DPH Section are:

To provide a world forum for the CDOs of all countries.

To provide a world forum for the exchange of ideas, innovations and concepts leading to national policy consideration that will improve the oral health of communities and nations.

To develop and propose scientific programmes for the FDI World Dental Congress and for other FDI Conferences.

To provide expertise in the area of national oral health policy to the Council.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Any individual who is a current national CDO; retired CDO, a specialist in dental public health; a practitioner, administrator or researcher in dental public health; a student or trainee in dental public health; or in other ways involved in or interested in public health; may become a Member of the Section.

5. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Membership of the Section is free.

6. EXECUTIVE

The Executive of the Section consists of a Chairperson, a Secretary, and three Councillors, all of whom shall be currently serving CDOs in their respective national jurisdictions.

In the absence or incapacity of the Chair, the Secretary shall be empowered to fulfil the duties of the Chair, until such time as another Chair is elected.

No more than two Members of the sitting Executive shall be from any one geographic continent.

Elections

Nominations for the positions on the Section Executive may be submitted by the Section Executive and by any member of the Section.

Nominations will be publicised to all known members at least one month before the business meeting at the WDC.

The elections will be held at the WDC by an Executive member not standing for election. All members present can vote.

After approval by the FDI Council, an elected Executive will serve for 3 years. An Executive member can be re-elected for one additional term of 3 years.

Section Executive Role and Responsibilities

To recruit and retain Members of the Section, to interact with these Members and to facilitate communication between the Members of the Section.

To submit a proposed budget for the activities of the Section annually.

To report to and interact with the Executive Office throughout the year.

To provide at least one written report to the Council annually.

7. BUSINESS MEETINGS

A business meeting of the Section will be organised by the Executive annually at the World Dental Congress for discussions about membership, budgets, programmes and activities of the Section, regarding the Executive and any other business.

8. AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

The By-laws of the Section may be amended by the Council - after consultation with and on the recommendation of the Section.