



**fdi** Section  
Chief Dental Officers/  
Dental Public Health

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## LETTER OF INVITATION

To: global Ministers of Health

Dear Minister,

The FDI World Dental Federation has the honour to invite you to appoint your Chief Dental Officer to attend the 106th World Dental Congress (WDC) in Buenos Aires, 05-08 September 2018. A direct letter to your Chief Dental Officer has been sent under separate cover.

The 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.

An International Conference of Chief Dental Officers has been held annually at every World Dental Congress for the last 35 years. This Conference provides the only forum for Chief Dental Officers 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 WHO Forum, led by the WHO Dental Officer. In addition, our Section holds an Annual Business Meeting during the FDI WDC.

Beyond the program for the CDOs, the main Scientific Program for the Congress contains many themes which are of great interest to Chief Dental Officers.

The FDI is unable to offer any financial assistance with regard to travel, subsistence or registration of participants. Your representative is 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.

Best wishes and kind regards.

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