

■ ABOUT THE CED

The Council of European Dentists (CED) is the representative organisation for the dental profession in the EU, representing over 340,000 practising dentists through 32 national dental associations.

Established in 1961 to advise the European Commission on matters relating to the dental profession, the CED promotes high standards of oral healthcare and effective patient safety centred and evidence based professional practice across Europe.



■ PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

2014 was an election year in the EU. The President explains how this affected the CED.

Recognising the importance of EU legislation for dentists, we joined the European Movement International's 1000 Reasons to Vote for Europe campaign and presented the CED Manifesto in which we called on the EU decision makers to improve oral health of Europeans, support a strong and independent dentist workforce and put patient safety and health first. Under the new European Commission which took office in November, the responsibility for health technology and cosmetics has been delegated to the Commissioner for Industry rather than the Commissioner for Health and the CED joined other health stakeholders to express concern about possible negative consequences. The Commission will focus on Better Regulation which should not lead to indiscriminate deregulation in the health sector. On a positive note, we were pleased to see a physician become the Commissioner for Health for the first time and we look forward to working with him.



Dr. Wolfgang Doneus, President

4 RESOLUTIONS



VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF DENTISTS

The CED sets out aims and structure of vocational training for newly qualified dental graduates, knowledge, skills and competences to be achieved and political recommendations.



ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AND DENTISTS

In view of antimicrobial resistance and lack of new antibiotics, the CED supports responsible prescribing by dentists and across other disciplines of healthcare.



ONLINE EVALUATIONS OF DENTISTS

The CED recommends quality criteria for online evaluations of dentists and encourages national dental associations to develop tools to ensure websites' compliance.



INFECTION CONTROL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT IN DENTISTRY

To minimise the risk of infections and ensure the protection of the environment, the CED sets out principles and policy priorities for dentists.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS



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GENERAL MEETINGS,
182 PARTICIPANTS



1 NEW WEBSITE,
6840 VISITORS IN 6 MONTHS



486
TWITTER FOLLOWERS ON
31 DECEMBER 2014



5 TASK FORCES

- Antibiotics in dentistry
- Communications
- Ethics
- Internal market
- Liberal professions



8 WORKING GROUPS

- Amalgam & other restorative materials
- Education & professional qualifications
- Ehealth
- Infection control & waste management
- Medical devices
- Oral health
- Patient safety
- Tooth whitening

