

Council Nomination Form 2025

x First Nomination

This nomination is for:

(tick one box only) PLEASE USE **ONE FORM PER NOMINATION**

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President-elect

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Councillor

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Treasurer (the elections for this position will take place only in case a vacancy occurs at the General Assembly meeting)

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED


Written presentation from the Nominee in English (Maximum 500 words for Council)

x Included


Curriculum Vitae (CV) / personal record in English in a Word format

x Included

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Title: Dr
Name: Mick Armstrong
Address: 10 Lime Street, Ossett WF5 0AQ, UK
Member Association: British Dental Association (BDA)
The nominee declares that he/she is willing to serve in this position x Yes Signature 

NOMINATING ASSOCIATION/ORGANIZATION'S INFORMATION

Name of the Association/Organization British Dental Association (BDA)
Name of Official representing this Association/Organisation (President/NLO/President-elect). The Nominee may not nominate himself/herself. Eddie Crouch
Position of Official Chair
Signature 

To be eligible for election, nominees should meet the specific criteria for the positions listed below. Please tick the boxes below if the corresponding criteria are met.

President-elect:

- ☐ Dentist
- ☐ Knowledge of FDI / previous General Assembly Delegate experience
- ☐ President or Past President of the National Dental Association in the past or in a proven leadership position
- ☐ Able to communicate effectively in English, verbally and in writing

Councillor:

- x Dentist
- x Able to communicate effectively in English, verbally and in writing

Treasurer:

- ☐ Dentist
- ☐ Knowledge of FDI
- ☐ Proven knowledge / experience in finances
- ☐ Able to communicate effectively in English, verbally and in writing

CLOSING DATES FOR NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL: 14 June 2025

This form must be signed and returned **preferably by email** to:

Ms Djerdana (Gina) Ivosevic at divosevic@fdiworldddental.org with copy to Ms Maria Kramarenko mkramarenko@fdiworldddental.org or **by fax** at +41 (0)22 560 8140



Mick Armstrong BDA candidate for FDI Council 2025

My candidacy for the FDI Council is based on a sharp focus to move FDI forward in its goal to achieve optimal oral health by implementing Vision 2030 and achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as per the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Strategy on Oral Health and Bangkok Declaration.

Some of what I say might be seen as controversial. For the avoidance of doubt, I wholeheartedly believe the leader of the dental team must be a dentist. But the key word here is "team". If we are to move anywhere near achieving optimal oral health in the world, we will need to dramatically expand our teams, educating and regulating them properly and using their skills more imaginatively and more widely for the good of our patients.

This does not lead to an undermining of our status as dentists, as some might feel. If our role at the FDI is to lead the world to optimal oral health, then our leadership is both necessary and helpful to us in keeping and enhancing that status. If we do not do so, decisions are likely to be made without us.

It's easy to forget that. We are in love with our skillset and our status and that is understandable; but as the gap widens between those who can access quality dentistry and those who cannot, I think FDI needs to refocus in its work.

I have the relevant Board experience after 13 years on the BDA Board, chairing it for six years; I have also held the role of Treasurer on the Board of the Council of European Dentists (CED). I currently also chair a working group at the FDI's European Regional Organisation (ERO) on Oral Health and General Health. And I have chaired the FDI's Dental Practice Committee (DPC) until this year, and together with its dedicated members I have always sought to produce policy statements and papers that align with the FDI's Vision 2030.

But I believe there is a need to intensify this approach. So rather than develop an excellent Masterclass on high-end restorative techniques, why not a Masterclass on prevention? And we could further underline the FDI mission by having the Congress focus more strongly on dental public health and the roles and responsibilities of the dental team, rather than an emphasis on cosmetic dentistry which is unlikely to be available to the majority of the patients we are supposed to serve.

If elected I will work on the Council to ensure the FDI's vision retains its sharp focus on our primary objective.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Dr Mick Armstrong



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Qualifications

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Newcastle Dental School 1985

Clinical, employment and business history

- Associate dentist 2018 to date
- Principal of a large six-surgery family dental practice 1996 to 2018
- In-practice mentor for non-UK dentist joining the NHS dental performer list 2023 to date
- Vocational Dental Trainer, Yorkshire Deanery 2000-2012
- Associate in dental practice 1985 -1995

British Dental Association

- Chair, BDA Board 2014 to 2020
- Non-executive Director, BDA Board 2012 to date
- Chair, Health and Science Committee, British Dental Association 2021 to date
- Member, International Affairs Committee 2014 to date
- Trustee, British Dental Association Trust 2013 to date
- Cross-representation to the General Dental Practice Committee 2011 to date
- Member, Education, Ethics and the Dental Team Working Group 2013 to 2022
- Member, BDA Representative Body 2007 to 2012

International Representation

- UK Delegate, World Dental Federation (FDI) 2015 to date
- FDI Dental Practice Committee (Vice Chair since 2019, Chair since 2022) 2018 to date
- UK Delegate, European Regional Organisation (ERO) 2015 to date
- UK Delegate, Council of European Dentists (CED) 2014 to date
- Treasurer, Council of European Dentists (CED) 2016 to 2019
- Member, Oral Health Working Group (CED) 2015 to date
- Member, Dental Materials and Medical Devices Working Group (CED) 2016 to date
- Chair, Working Group Oral Health and General Health (ERO) 2023 to date

- Member, Working Group Ageing Population (ERO) **2016 to date**
- Member, FDI Governance Review Task Team **2021 to 2022**
- Member, FDI Strategy Review **2021 to 2022**
- Member, FDI Access to Care Roundtable **March 2023**
- Member, FDI Sustainability Task Team and Summit attendee **2023 - ongoing**

Working with other organisations (selection)

- Wakefield Local Dental Committee member **1995 to date**
- Wakefield Local Dental Committee Chair **2003 to 2014**
- Chair, UK Conference of Local Dental Committees **2010 to 2011**
- Member, Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme (SDCEP) Covid Protocols Review Group **2020**
- Regulation of Dental Services Programme Board **2017 to 2019**

Speaking engagements (selection)

- FDI World Dental Congress 2019 – Session Chair and speaker on ‘The partially-dentate patient’
- FDI Webinar 2020 – ‘Advertising in Dentistry’
- Royal Society of Medicine 2020 – ‘Covid-19: Challenges for The Dental Profession’
- House of Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee June 2020 – Witness/evidence provision on ‘Dentistry and Covid-19’
- General Dental Council Moving Upstream Conference 2020 – Panel member
- FDI World Dental Congress 2023 – Session Chair and speaker on careers in dentistry and mentoring
- FDI Sustainability Summits 2024 and 2025
- All Party Parliamentary Group for Dentistry & Oral Health and the Obesity Health Alliance Roundtable on *The Soft Drinks Industry Levy & Oral Health*, 2025

Summary of key competencies and experience

- A practising dentist of substantial experience
- An accomplished board chair with detailed knowledge in corporate governance
- Thorough understanding of dentistry and the dental profession in the UK
- Long-term involvement in the representation of the dental profession in the UK and internationally
- Ability to engage with a wide range of stakeholders
- Experience of commercial and not-for profit organisations
- A champion of patient care and clinical quality