

## Annual Report 2024/2025

### Women Dentists Worldwide, Section

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#### Vision

Women Dentists Worldwide represents the female voice of dentistry and is sharing data, facts, experiences, and challenges of our members. Some of our objectives are to provide assistance to the FDI with our expertise and knowledge on women's issues, enhance the leadership skills of women dentists, develop and propose educational programmes for the Annual World Dental Congress, coordinate activities for national groups and promote the collection of information about women dentists.

#### WDW Forum at the 2024 FDI World Dental Congress (Istanbul)

At the 2024 FDI World Dental Congress in Istanbul, WDW held a forum titled "Women Empowering Excellence in Dentistry." The forum was planned during the term of former Chair Dr. Irene Marron-Tarazzi. Following the presentations, a panel discussion was held, during which participants exchanged views on career development for women in dentistry.

#### WDW 25th Anniversary Celebration at the 2025 FDI World Dental Congress (Shanghai)

WDW will mark its 25th anniversary in 2025, and a commemorative forum will be held at the FDI World Dental Congress in Shanghai. To support the planning, the board established four task forces. The forum was titled "Pioneering Women in Dentistry – A Legacy of 25 Years, Shaping the Future of Dentistry Together," and a dedicated logo was created. The final programme will consist of the Scientific and Career Development Forum, the 25th Anniversary Celebration, and the WDW General Assembly.

#### Scientific Activities and Publications

A global survey on women in the dental profession, conducted during the term of former Chair Dr. Juliane von Hoyningen-Huene and in collaboration with Prof. Thomas Gerhard Wolf of the University of Bern, was published in February 2024 in the International Dental Journal. The article, titled "The Presence of Women in the Dental Profession: A Global Survey," presents comparative data on the working conditions and professional environments of women dentists across various regions of the world.

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