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INVITATION LETTER

23 January 2026

Dear Military Dental Colleagues,

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SECTION OF DEFENSE FORCES DENTAL SERVICES ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FDI WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC 31 AUGUST TO 03 SEPTEMBER 2026

1. On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Section of Defense Forces Dental Services (SDFDS), we invite you to attend the **SDFDS Annual Meeting from 31 August to 03 September 2026** at the **Vienna House by Wyndham Diplomat Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic**. It will be held immediately prior to and in conjunction with the 2026 FDI World Dental Congress which will take place from 04 to 07 September 2026 at the Convention Center, O2 Universum also in Prague, Czech Republic.

2. The SDFDS Annual Meeting will be organised by the Executive Committee of the SDFDS. The tentative outline programme for the SDFDS meeting is as follows:

Mon 31 Aug 26:	SDFDS Executive Committee Meeting and Welcome Reception
Tues 01 Sept 26:	Scientific Programme Day 1
Wed 02 Sept 26:	Cultural Visit
Thurs 03 Sept 26:	Scientific Programme Day 2, EC Elections and Closing


3. The SDFDS was established in 1904 as the military section of the World Dental Federation (FDI), providing a global forum for the exchange of ideas, innovations and concepts relevant to dentistry in the defense forces. The meeting also provides an opportunity for participants to attend one of the world's largest gathering of dentists at the FDI World Dental Congress.

4. The 2025 SDFDS Annual Meeting held in Xian, China was a resounding success attended by 50 foreign and 150 local military dentists from 24 countries. Thirty-two (32) presentations were delivered encompassing four themes; Innovations in Military Dental Scientific Research, Strategising Service Delivery, Optimising Clinical Care and Operational Military Dentistry. Attendees had benefitted from the professional interaction with their military dental peers, sharing with others their common and diverse experiences in the delivery of oral health care in military settings.

5. You are welcome to make presentations at the meeting on a topic associated with any relevant aspect of military dentistry for a duration of 15 minutes with an additional 05 mins allocated for questions. An Abstract Form is attached at **Annex A** and should be completed and sent to the SDFDS Secretary at **sdfd.services@gmail.com** no later than **01 May 2026**.

6. As usual, a Registration Fee for the SDFDS Meeting will be incurred at a rate of As usual, a Registration Fee for the SDFDS Meeting will be incurred at a rate of **Euro250 per delegate to be paid in cash on-site** which will cover conference costs and refreshments. **The rate for dependents will be later determined and based on estimated social activities' expenses they would partake in.** Air travel, accommodation, meals and local transportation will be at your own expense and arrangements. Special hotel accommodation rates for SDFDS delegates will be notified later when available.
7. An **Online Registration Form** should be completed by each prospective delegate via the Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/cfr3b5wQMgDyBEeo7> at your earliest opportunity no later than **01 May 2026**. If you have difficulties registering online, do email the SDFDS Secretary who will register you manually.
8. The detailed programme for the SDFDS Annual Meeting will be provided closer to the event. Further information will be made available via email and at the SDFDS Webpage at <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/section-defense-forces-dental-services>.
9. Please note that the SDFDS Meeting Registration Fee **does not** include registration for the FDI World Dental Congress. If you are interested in attending the FDI World Dental Congress also, kindly arrange registration separately via their website at <https://2026.world-dental-congress.org/registration>.
10. For those requiring visas into the Czech Republic, we strongly recommend applying in advance as the visa application process can take up to six (06) weeks. Therefore, participants requiring visas should apply immediately to the consular office or embassy of the Czech Republic in their home country in order to avoid any inconvenience. The list of countries whose citizens require a Visa may be viewed under Schengen Visas (States with Visa Obligation) via the Entry and Residence section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic website at mzv.gov.cz.
11. For further inquiries, you may contact Col Jefri Razak, the SDFDS Secretary, or Col Catherine Prineas, the SDFDS Executive Officer, at sdfd.services@gmail.com.
12. We look forward to seeing you in Prague, Czech Republic in what promises to be another fruitful and memorable meeting.

Kind Regards,



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Chair, Executive Committee
Section Defence Forces Dental Services



ABSTRACT FORM

Section Defense Forces Dental Services Annual Meeting 2026
Prague, Czech Republic 31 August - 03 September 2026

Kindly submit to sdfd.services@gmail.com no later than **01 May 2026**
Register online at: <https://forms.gle/VyWK3S1RDvpgGS7a8> no later than **01 May 2026**

PRESENTATION TITLE	
PRESENTER(S)	
COUNTRY	
ORGANISATION	
ABSTRACT	
BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF PRESENTER (<100words)	

Note: Each presentation duration is 15 minutes with additional 5 minutes allocated for Questions.