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INVITATION LETTER

30 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 (EC) of the SDFDS. The schedule 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 gatherings 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 gained benefit 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. The Registration Fee for the SDFDS Meeting is **Euro 250 per delegate to be paid in cash on site** which will cover conference costs and refreshments. **The rate for accompanying persons will be advised in due course.** Air travel, accommodation, meals and local transportation will be at individual expense and arrangements. Special rates for hotel accommodation for SDFDS delegates will be advised in due course.

6. An **Online Registration Form** should be completed via the Google Form link: <https://tinyurl.com/SDFDSPrague> no later than **01 May 2026**. If you have difficulties registering online, do email the SDFDS Secretary who will register you manually.
7. Delegates are invited to deliver a presentation at the meeting on a topic associated with any aspect of military dentistry. Each presentation will be 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 for consideration, at sdfd.services@gmail.com no later than **01 May 2026**.
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 also attending the FDI World Dental Congress, kindly arrange registration separately via the FDI website at <https://2026.world-dental-congress.org/registration>.
10. For those requiring visas to enter the Czech Republic, we strongly recommend applying well in advance to the consular office or embassy of the Czech Republic in your home country in order to avoid any inconvenience. The visa application process can take up to six (06) weeks. 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 Defense Forces Dental Services



ABSTRACT FORM

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

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Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/SDFDSPrague> no later than **01 May 2026**

PRESENTATION TITLE	
PRESENTER(S)	
COUNTRY	
ORGANISATION	
ABSTRACT	<i>Note: Each presentation duration is 15 minutes with additional 5 minutes allocated for questions.</i>
BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF PRESENTER (<100words)	