



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

FDI World Dental Federation

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A WORLD WITH OPTIMAL ORAL HEALTH



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ASSIST. PROF. DR NIKOLAI SHARKOV

I was honoured to assume the presidency in September 2025. FDI's vision is clear: a world with optimal oral health, with no one left behind. None of our global efforts would have impact without the tireless work carried out by our members at the national and regional levels. For this, I extend my sincere thanks.

Before reflecting on 2025, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to my predecessor, Dr Greg Chadwick. It has been a privilege to know and work with him over many years. I will use this platform to ensure that oral health continues to gain the recognition it deserves, guided by values that matter deeply to me: **trust, unity, harmony, resilience, field work,** and **transparency**. These are not slogans; they are daily practices that shape how we serve our profession and the public.

These values were put into action most visibly at the Fourth United Nations High-Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health (HLM4). FDI was on the ground in New York for HLM4—a **defining moment for global health**—and I am proud to say that we played an active and influential role in shaping its outcomes. At the outset of negotiations, oral health was absent from the draft Political Declaration. FDI refused to accept that omission. Together with our members, partners, and champion governments, we mobilized strong advocacy to change this, turning it into a clear commitment that will support efforts to integrate oral health within national NCD strategies worldwide. This reaffirmed that oral health belongs in the same conversation as NCDs and mental health.

Our task now is to translate this political recognition into practical implementation at country level, particularly as oral diseases continue to affect billions of people worldwide and inequalities persist both within and between nations. This requires practical, people-centred action **grounded in prevention**. This means advancing concrete policies and services that include improving health literacy and behaviour change, access to affordable fluoride and effective hygiene tools, promotion of healthy diets, reduction of sugar consumption, tobacco control, and early detection integrated into routine health visits.

Through World Oral Health Day, FDI continues to speak with one voice to citizens and policymakers alike. In 2025, the campaign truly came alive, **reaching new heights on digital platforms** and inspiring millions with the call for better oral health for all. But awareness must

always be paired with action. Our campaigns succeed when they help people feel empowered to make changes, when they inspire professionals to advocate beyond the clinic, and when they encourage governments to back prevention with policy and funding.

FDI places great emphasis on sharing knowledge, exchanging experiences, and **learning from one another**. We had the opportunity to come together as a dental community at the FDI World Dental Congress in Shanghai, as well as to **strengthen connections** through two Regional Congresses—the first in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the second in San José, Costa Rica. I also had the privilege of engaging directly with our members around the world.

Each of these encounters underscored a shared direction despite differing contexts. Members are focused on strengthening prevention, integrating more fully with wider health services, addressing workforce pressures, and engaging policymakers effectively. They are innovating in models of care and partnerships, and they look to FDI for practical support and global representation. Our strength lies in turning local experience into shared solutions so that no member has to start from zero.

Strengthening year-round dialogue remains a priority. My first Members' Briefing, alongside FDI Executive Director Enzo Bondioni, marked an important step in reinforcing ongoing engagement that helps us better understand the priorities and challenges faced by our members and **strengthens our collective voice** in advancing global oral health.

In the year ahead, I want to deepen this two-way communication even further. Listening is not a courtesy; it is strategy. It helps us identify emerging issues early, respond with relevance, and ensure that our advocacy reflects the realities on the ground and strengthen accountability by showing not only what we have done, but what we have learned. If we are to advance oral health globally, we must do so together: with shared ambition, shared responsibility, and shared pride in what the dental profession contributes to health, equity, and human well-being.

“Let us strive to integrate oral health into primary care, strengthen workforces where shortages are greatest, embed sustainability in everything we do, and ensure that digital tools bridge gaps rather than widen them.”



MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENZO BONDIONI

As the world continues to navigate global uncertainties, oral health is making steady progress within the broader health agenda. Our strength lies in our membership. We are truly grateful for their trust, commitment, and engagement, which drive our advocacy, strengthen our programmes, and increase our collective impact across borders.

The year started with great momentum as FDI co-hosted a highly successful Regional Congress in Riyadh. It became the **largest congress in the history of SIDC** and the largest FDI activity in the Middle East, marking a significant milestone. Building on this success, the next edition was held in San José—the first of its kind in the Americas. Alongside these regional events, we were proud to host over **30,000 participants at the FDI World Dental Congress** in Shanghai. From the scientific and exhibition programmes to the social events, feedback was overwhelmingly positive. We are grateful to our co-hosts, the Chinese Stomatological Association, for their efforts in making it an event to remember.

World Oral Health Day (WOHD) 2025 was another highlight of the year. The campaign focused on the important connection between oral health and mental well-being, a timely theme that aligned with one of the most important meetings of the year: the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health (HLM4). As the most prevalent NCDs globally, oral diseases have a significant impact on a person's mental health. The WOHD campaign helped draw attention to the need for integrated approaches to health, and thanks to our members, **WOHD activities were reported across the world.**

As well as the successful outcomes of HLM4, reported in the President's message, FDI made meaningful progress in its global advocacy efforts throughout 2025, driven by **consistent**

and credible engagement with key health stakeholders on behalf of our membership. Our presence in Geneva has been instrumental in facilitating close and regular contact with institutions central to global health governance. FDI's advocacy on dental amalgam secured an equity-focused, patient-centred approach to its phasing out, including an extension and a key exemption permitting its use when necessary after the phase-out. FDI also actively participated in the World Health Organization's (WHO) key annual meetings—the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly—demonstrating our ongoing commitment to working with WHO, Member States, and global health partners to ensure a future in which oral health is accessible to all.

Our ***International Dental Journal*** has continued to thrive under the leadership of Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake, with a rising impact factor and an increasing number of submissions, reflecting its importance as a trusted source of scientific knowledge. In the spirit of open dialogue and transparency, we also established two Special Committees to examine our membership dues formula and the feasibility of holding the World Dental Parliament in a hybrid format. These forward-looking initiatives are designed to ensure FDI's sustainability and responsiveness to our members' needs, and their work has progressed with focus and determination.

“As I close this message, I express heartfelt thanks to the entire FDI community. Working collaboratively, within and beyond our professional community, is essential to advancing global oral health. Together, we can create sustainable solutions that improve oral and overall health for all.”

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Highlights of FDI's key activities and achievements in 2025.



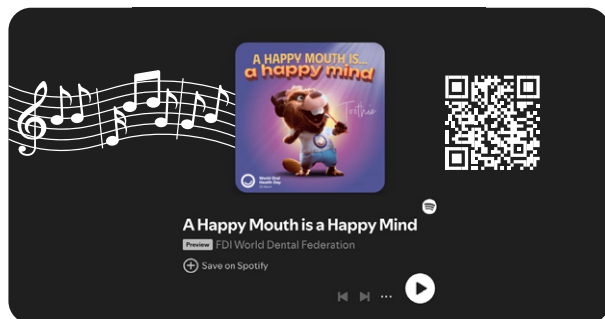
JANUARY

- FDI Regional Congress - SIDC 2025 unites the global dentistry community in Riyadh with record-breaking attendance and the largest SIDC trade show to date.



- Member national dental associations (NDAs) are invited to apply for a CHF 1,000 grant to host a Tobacco Cessation workshop equipping dental teams to deliver effective tobacco cessation advice to patients in their practices.

- For the first time, Toothie releases a song supporting the WOHD campaign, which is played across Spotify and other music platforms.



- With only a couple of months to go, the countdown to World Oral Health Day (WOHD) begins, as FDI encourages everyone to explore WOHD 2025 resources highlighting the mouth–mind connection.
- Applications open for the speaker contest for the third edition of the Young Dentists Forum in Shanghai, reflecting FDI's efforts to empower young dentists to become tomorrow's leaders.
- Winners of the Sustainability Ambassador Prize are announced, with recipients showcasing their commitment to sustainability by completing the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Sustainability in Dentistry and answering the final competition question.

MARCH

- FDI launches a new Consensus Statement outlining strategies to unify dental and medical electronic health records to improve patient care, streamline health systems, and support global health policy goals.
- Co-organized with partner Henry Schein, a media briefing on the Consensus Statement on Integrated Electronic Health Records in Dentistry takes place during the International Dental Show in Germany.
- WOHD sparks a global conversation with the theme "A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind," highlighting the connection between oral health and mental well-being, with campaign hashtags reaching an audience of 1.1 billion.



FEBRUARY

- FDI joins the 156th World Health Organization's (WHO) Executive Board to advocate for oral health as a foundation for overall health, through joint statements developed with the International Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research (IADR).
- To advance the digitalization of cleft care, two videos on digital cleft care workflows are released and the MOOC in Digital Dentistry in Cleft Care becomes available in three additional languages.

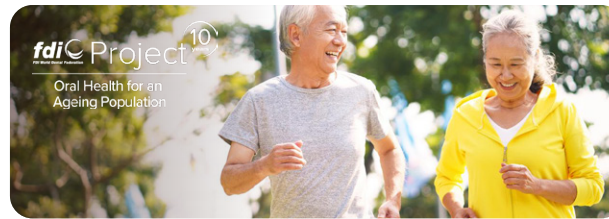


- FDI's WOHD webinar attracts 150% more attendees than the previous year, offering members and the general public practical ways to raise oral health awareness.
- FDI holds its first Member's Briefing of the year to share key updates and exchange ideas with members.
- In Kigali, Rwanda, FDI joins the 4th Global NCD Alliance Forum with IADR to emphasize oral health's role in the broader noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) agenda and co-organizes a side event on the key drivers of oral health policy and their implications for NCDs.



APRIL

- FDI's Mid-Year Meeting convenes Council, Committees, and Working Groups to steer policy, advance initiatives, and set the course for the year ahead.
- As part of its initiative, "Educational Modules for Other Healthcare Professionals," FDI launches seven new fact sheets on oral health topics to increase interprofessional collaboration.
- Findings from FDI's global survey of dental students in over 50 countries are published, highlighting the need for tailored career planning and guidance early in dental education.

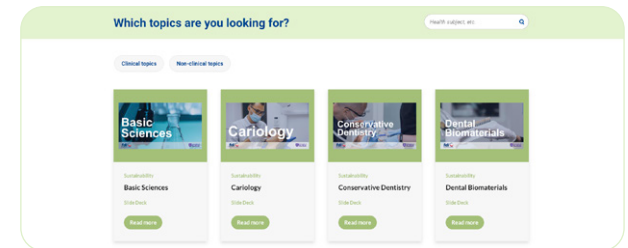


- FDI's Oral Health for an Ageing Population project celebrates its 10-year anniversary in 2025, marked by a series of activities, including the release of a video highlighting key achievements, milestones, and impact.
- FDI is appointed co-lead of the Advocacy and Communication workstream of the newly established Global Coalition on Oral Health, reinforcing its leadership in shaping global oral health advocacy.



MAY

- FDI collaborates with IADR to keep oral health high on the agenda of governments at the 78th World Health Assembly (WHA78).
- FDI and IADR jointly launch "No Health without Oral Health," an advocacy document outlining recommendations for governments to prioritize oral health and recognize it as a fundamental component of the global NCD agenda.
- During WHA78, FDI mobilizes all of its networks to overturn the omission of oral health in the zero draft of the political declaration for the Fourth UN High-level Meeting on NCDs and Mental Health (HLM4).
- The FDI Regional Congress of the Americas in San José, Costa Rica, welcomes more than 1,300 participants from 26 countries, making it one of the most significant dental gathering in the region.
- FDI hosts a pivotal Oral Health Observatory workshop with experts from the Chinese Stomatological Association at its headquarters in Geneva to inform policy and advocacy initiatives in China.



- In collaboration with the University of Sheffield, FDI launches new educational resources supporting the integration of environmental sustainability into undergraduate and postgraduate dental curricula.
- FDI completes three global Tobacco Cessation workshops for dental and medical practitioners in Tunisia, Chile and Lebanon.



JUNE

- From displacement to dental leadership, FDI publishes an inspirational personal story for dentists and their teams as part of its Career Management project.
- FDI contributes to oral health policy discussions at IADR's 103rd General Session in Barcelona, held in conjunction with the Pan-European Congress, and hosts a satellite session focused on accelerating partnerships to strengthen oral health surveillance and research.
- FDI's annual Sustainability in Dentistry Summit returns to share best practices and solutions for eco-friendly dentistry, alongside the launch of a second MOOC.
- The Lebanese Dental Association submits its national oral health action plan to the Ministry of Public Health, supported by data collected through FDI's Oral Health Observatory application.

- FDI's flagship scientific journal, the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ), sees its Impact Factor increase from 3.2 to 3.7 and introduces two new initiatives: article-based publishing and Virtual Special Issues.



- IDJ celebrates 75 years with an interview with Editor-in-Chief Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake on the journal's journey and future vision.



JULY

- FDI continues to ramp up efforts to secure the inclusion of oral health in the upcoming UN HLM4, aiming to strengthen its global recognition as a key component of health and well-being.
- For the first time, the complete five-module Master CE Programme in Adhesive and Aesthetic Dentistry takes place in Mumbai, India.
- With two months to go, anticipation builds for the FDI World Dental Congress, and members and attendees are encouraged to explore the full scientific programme, curated to inform, inspire, and connect the global community.



AUGUST

- A Tobacco Cessation workshop in Hong Kong provides an interactive, evidence-based learning experience to help integrate tobacco cessation counselling into everyday dental practice.



- FDI introduces fresh resources to help dentists tackle halitosis and identify oral signs linked to sexually transmitted infections.
- An FDI survey conducted with NDAs identifies illegal dental practice as a global health risk and calls on dental professionals, regulators, and policymakers to strengthen protections, empower communities, and ensure equitable access to safe, quality care.
- FDI drives oral health action at the WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Lusaka, Zambia, which represents 47 countries, leading to the endorsement of the Regional Framework for the accelerated implementation of the Global Oral Health Action Plan.



SEPTEMBER

- The FDI World Dental Congress (WDC) in Shanghai brings together more than 30,000 participants from around the world, making it one of the largest to date and receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback across all aspects of the event.
- FDI holds its General Assembly and Parliament meetings in Shanghai, making key decisions for the organization.
- FDI's Young Speaker Contest winner shares insights on digital dentistry at the third Young Dentists Forum.
- An Oral Health Observatory workshop at WDC unites experts from eight countries participating in the project to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and strengthen collaboration.
- As FDI's *Vision 2030: Delivering Optimal Oral Health for All* reaches a critical midpoint, a review gathers insights from committees, members, and partners on key achievements, opportunities, and challenges, with findings presented at the World Oral Health Forum to guide next steps.





OCTOBER

- IDJ publishes the results of FDI's school-based toothbrushing and handwashing programme in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh — home to the world's largest refugee camp — showing that even in challenging humanitarian settings, preventive strategies can protect oral health and promote healthy hygiene habits.
- With support from the Fiji Dental Association, FDI takes part in the 76th WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in Nadi, Fiji, representing over 37 countries and territories, to review and discuss the Western Pacific Implementation Plan for the Global Strategy and Action Plan on Oral Health.

- FDI's President shares insights on the outcomes of HLM4 at the German and Prague Dental Days and connects with the American Dental Association at the final SmileCon in Washington, with all parties united in the mission to support dentists and advance public health.

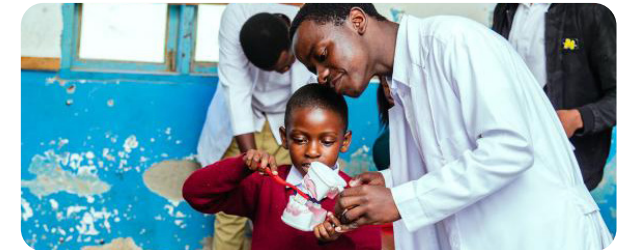


- Celebrating five years of workshops, FDI showcases the global impact of its Tobacco Cessation project and invites NDAs to apply to host a workshop before year-end.



NOVEMBER

- FDI launches a new project to strengthen the role of dentists and dental teams in the global fight against human papillomavirus (HPV), one of the most widespread viral infections worldwide.
- Winners of the World Dental Development Fund are announced, with projects from Nigeria, Kenya, and Tanzania setting out to strengthen care in resource-limited communities or areas where access to dental services is limited.



- FDI participates in a high-level dialogue at the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to strengthen measures to reduce tobacco use.
- FDI and IADR advocacy secures an extension of the global phase-out of dental amalgam from 2030 to 2034, including a key exemption allowing its use when necessary after the phase-out.
- FDI takes part in an interprofessional webinar hosted by WHPA, exploring ways to strengthen global action on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week.
- FDI's President contributes to the 4th Global Oral Health and Climate Action Conference, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, helping to drive the oral health and climate conversation forward.



DECEMBER

- The FDI Oral Health Campus hosts a webinar to help non-dental professionals support improved oral health outcomes in the communities they serve.
- FDI's Mental Health and Well-being in Dentistry project launches a comprehensive package of resources: support for dental students, a framework for NDAs to develop mental health programmes for dental professionals, and a new e-learning course.
- The final Tobacco Cessation workshop of the year takes place in Malaysia.
- By the end of the year, FDI's Master CE Programme has successfully delivered 11 modules across 6 countries.

- FDI releases a video introducing the Whole Mouth Health project and its co-design approach, a two-part infographic series bringing the concept to life, and a white paper to promote person-centred healthcare worldwide.



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FDI STRATEGIC PILLAR

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Knowledge exchange advances dentistry—through shared insight, ongoing learning, and meaningful collaboration.

FDI World Dental Congress

The 2025 FDI World Dental Congress (WDC25) took place in Shanghai from 9–12 September, co-hosted by FDI and the Chinese Stomatological Association (CSA) and Reed Sinopharm. It marked the Congress's long-awaited return to China following the last jointly organized event in Shenzhen in 2006—and it was well worth the wait. Bringing together **more than 30,000 participants from around the world**, including delegates and exhibition visitors, WDC25 was one of the largest Congresses to date and the biggest since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Feedback across all aspects of the event, from the scientific and exhibition programmes to the social activities, was overwhelmingly positive. The international scientific programme featured a distinguished lineup of world-renowned experts, delivering cutting-edge insights and innovations across all major dental specialties. Each day was thoughtfully curated to offer a comprehensive learning experience that blended science, clinical excellence, and real-world application.

Spanning more than 44,000 m², **the exhibition featured over 400 companies** showcasing their latest products and, for the first time, introduced dedicated educational content alongside product innovation sessions. This integrated approach created a richer, more dynamic experience for visitors and further strengthened the Congress's role as a global platform for learning, exchange, and innovation in dentistry.

Young Dentists Forum

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Held annually at the FDI World Dental Congress, the FDI Young Dentists Forum empowers young dentists to become tomorrow's leaders. The third edition, which took place over a half-day, featured a keynote lecture by leading dental professional Dr Miguel Stanley, who shared his expertise in practice management and provided practical tools and strategies to help young dentists establish and grow successful clinics.

The forum also featured a presentation by FDI's Young Speaker Contest winner, Dr Luís Anes, who offered innovative insights into digital dentistry. **"My two greatest passions are digital dentistry and teaching, so it's a true honour to present at the FDI Young Dentists Forum,"** he said.

Alongside these engaging presentations, the forum concluded with an interactive panel discussion, exploring what it takes to build a strong, collaborative dental workforce and why becoming involved in organized dentistry early in one's career can make a lasting impact.

A WEALTH OF EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

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POSTER
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PRESENTED

Discover the WDC25 abstracts in this special
International Dental Journal Supplement:



In 2026, we are proud to host this event in Central Europe,
set against the historic backdrop of Prague, from 4–7 September.

FDI Regional Congresses

In 2025, FDI held two highly successful regional congresses, one in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and one in San José, Costa Rica, following preparations that began the previous year.

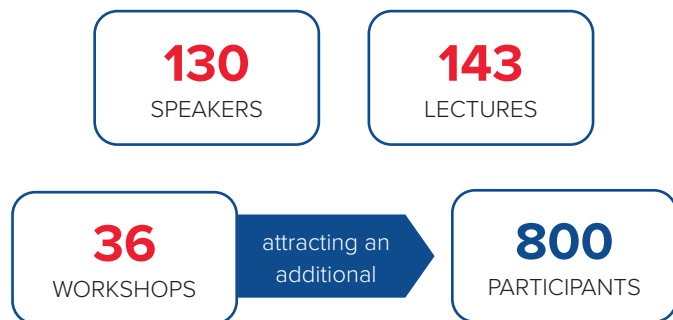


Uniting the dental community in Riyadh

The year began with strong momentum with the opening of the highly anticipated FDI Regional Congress SIDC on 16 January 2025, co-hosted with the Saudi Dental Society. Taking place over three days of enriching educational sessions, it became the largest congress in the history of SIDC and the largest FDI activity in the Middle East, marking a significant milestone. More than 3,000 delegates participated in the scientific programme, while the trade show welcomed over 8,000 visitors.

A dedicated Innovation Zone was created to maximize interaction, allowing delegates to experience live demonstrations of groundbreaking products and solutions.

Reflecting the event's commitment to the growth of the dental profession, the Congress also included two dedicated interactive sessions focused on career development for young dentists. These sessions provided opportunities for discussion, mentorship, and networking, supporting emerging dental professionals as they shape the future of dentistry.



Dental meeting of the Americas

The FDI Regional Congress of the Americas, co-hosted with the Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Costa Rica, was held from 15–17 May at the National Convention Center in San José. This second landmark regional event of the year brought together representatives from across the continent, from Canada to Argentina; it welcomed more than 1,300 participants from 26 countries, making it one of the most significant dental gatherings in the region in 2025.

Final-year dental students from Costa Rica Dental School joined professionals from across the region to engage with the latest clinical insights and innovations. The presence of more than 50 government representatives further underscored the Congress's growing influence beyond the dental sector.

A major institutional meeting was held during the Congress: the annual assembly of FDI's Latin American Regional Organization (LARO). The gathering focused on strengthening collaboration and advancing oral health policies across the continent. FDI President Dr Greg Chadwick actively participated in the Congress, highlighting FDI's leadership in global efforts to reduce sugar consumption. The success of the Congress reinforced the strategic importance of FDI's role and presence in the region.



Building on the success of these Regional Congresses, FDI will host at least one each year, collaborating with members and connecting with dental professionals around the world.

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FDI Master CE Programme

Launched in the Middle East in May 2024, the FDI Master CE Programme on Aesthetic and Adhesive Dentistry continued to enhance professional skills throughout 2025. By year-end, 11 modules had been delivered across six countries, with additional sessions scheduled for 2026.

The comprehensive programme comprises five modules, each combining expert-led lectures with hands-on training. Delivered in one-day sessions by internationally recognized speakers, the modules integrate theoretical knowledge with practical application. Participants earn Continuing Education (CE) credits and receive an FDI certificate of participation for each completed module.

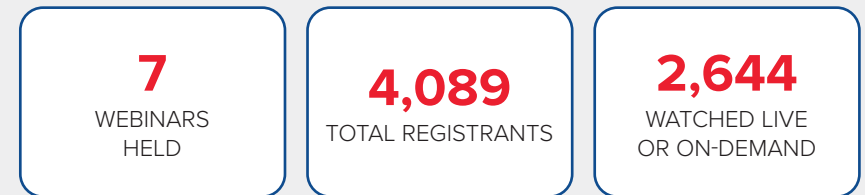
In November, the programme was successfully delivered in Costa Rica, marking its first edition in the Americas. In India, all five modules were piloted consecutively over a week. FDI attended the programme in India to initiate a pilot evaluation, supporting potential format adjustments from mid-2026. In parallel, participant feedback continues to be collected through a dedicated app, enabling ongoing assessment of course delivery, products, and learning outcomes. This feedback will inform future analysis and guide recommendations for the programme's continued development.



FDI Oral Health Campus

FDI's Oral Health Campus is the organization's official digital platform for education and professional learning. It offers both live and on-demand webinars delivered by leading dental professionals, enabling participants to earn CE credits. For those unable to attend live sessions, the on-demand format provides flexibility to complete learning at a convenient time. The platform offers global reach, engaging a community of more than 25,000 dentists worldwide. Furthermore, members can download selected webinars for broadcast on their national platforms.

PLATFORM IMPACT IN 2024



TOP THREE WEBINARS ATTENDED LIVE OR ON-DEMAND

677 ATTENDEES

Reducing dental carious lesions during the first three years of life

443 ATTENDEES

Neither Children nor Adults:
Challenges of Adolescent Oral Healthcare

421 ATTENDEES

World Oral Health Day 2025:
Insights and How to Get Involved

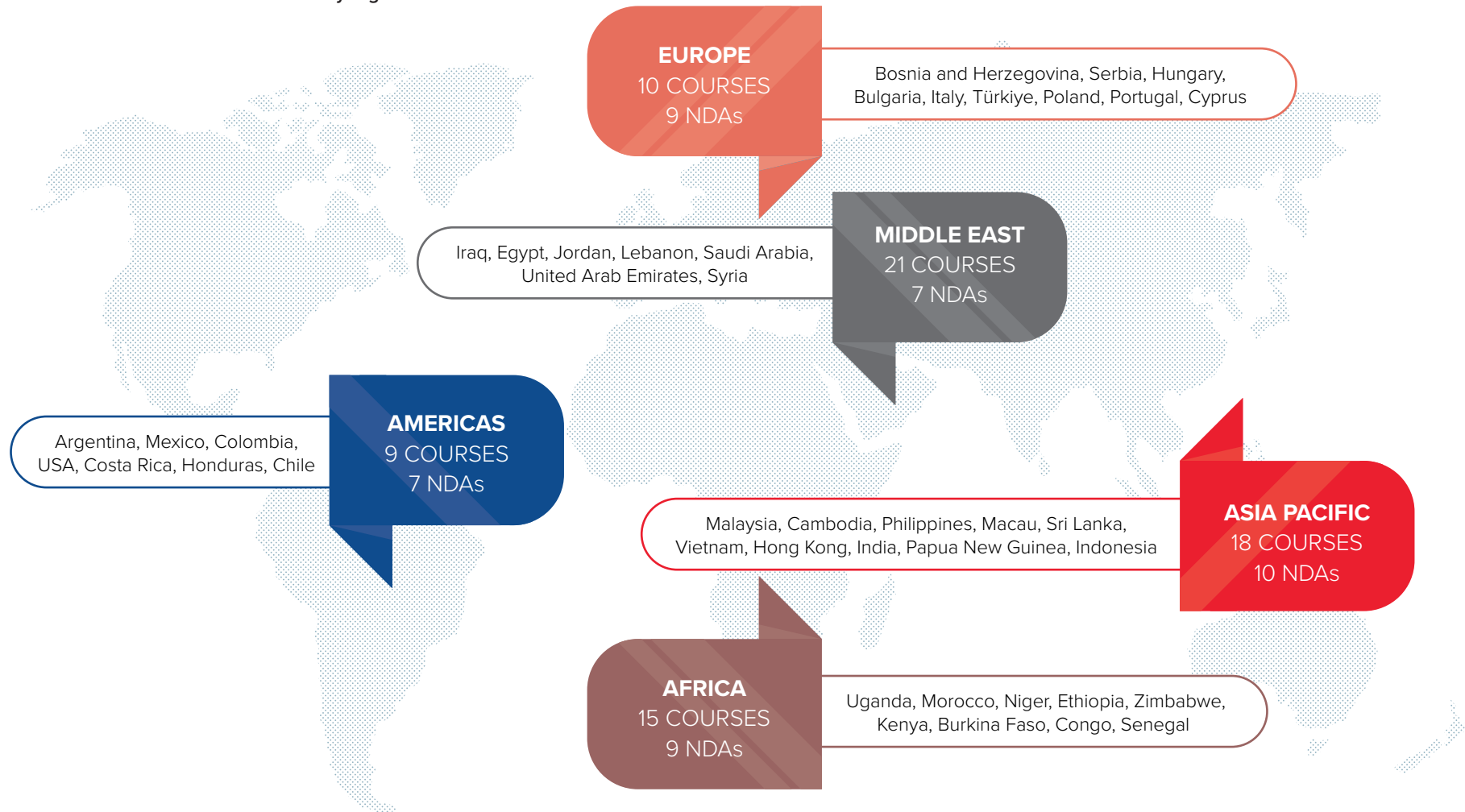


FDI Continuing Education Programme

FDI's Regional CE Programme is designed for qualified dental practitioners and spans five regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Americas, and the Middle East. In 2025, the programme supported 42 national dental associations (NDAs) through the delivery of 74 courses. By stabilizing the number of partner NDAs, CE Directors were able to expand course offerings, and for the first time, Papua New Guinea participated in the programme.

Courses were delivered with the valuable support of 58 speakers. In response to regional instability in the Middle East, priority was given to courses led by local or regional speakers.

Here is an overview of the courses delivered by region:



The complete list of CE events is available at: fdiworlddental.org/continuing-education-ce-programme

International Dental Journal

Marking a milestone year, the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ) continued to build on a long-standing publication legacy that began with its inaugural issue in September 1950. For more than 75 years, the journal has maintained uninterrupted publication, reflecting its enduring contribution to global oral health research. Now operating as an open access journal, IDJ is freely available worldwide to anyone with internet access and is experiencing continued growth in reach, visibility, and performance.

Performance metrics

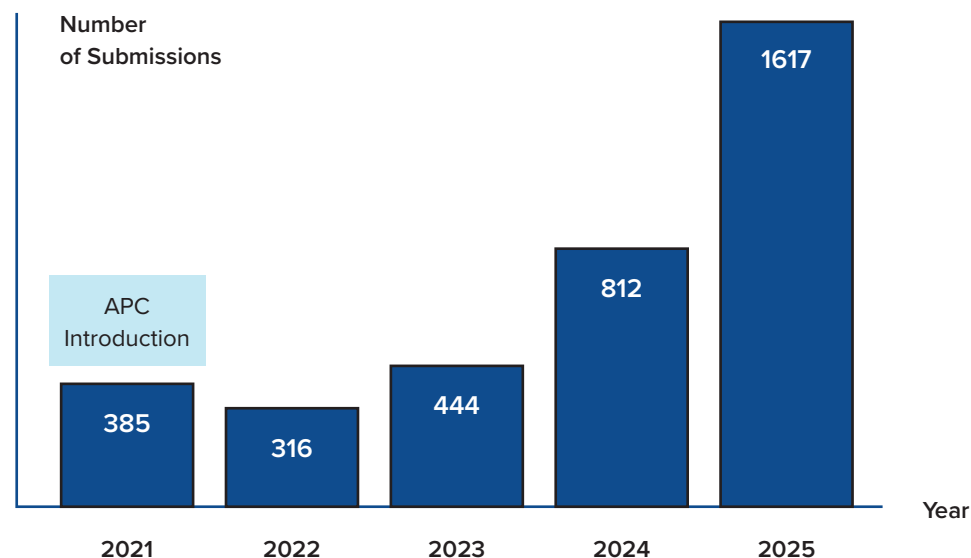
In June 2025, the Impact Factor of IDJ increased from 3.2 to 3.7. This substantial rise saw the journal surpass key peer publications and firmly positioned IDJ in the top quartile of journals in the field of Dentistry, Oral Surgery, and Medicine. Citation performance also improved markedly, with the journal's CiteScore increasing by 41%, from 4.1 in 2022 to 6.0 in 2025. This growth is likely attributable to the journal's strategic expansion beyond its original focus on oral epidemiology to encompass a broader scope. Notably, IDJ became the first dentistry journal to establish a dedicated platform for AI-related research.

The journal's expanding reach and influence were further reflected in increasing article downloads. While download metrics do not confirm that content was fully read, they provide a strong indicator of usage trends and audience engagement. Collectively, these performance indicators demonstrate the growing academic impact and visibility of the journal.

Significant growth in manuscript submissions and articles published

Despite initial concerns that the introduction of the article processing charge (APC) in 2021 might reduce submissions, these concerns have proved unfounded. In 2025, manuscript submissions nearly quadrupled compared with 2021, making it a record-breaking year with the highest number of manuscripts ever received in the journal's history. China and Saudi Arabia were among the largest contributors, while the Americas remain underrepresented. Increasing submissions from this region will continue to be a focus going forward.

Quadruple submissions led to a record number of articles published.



New initiatives introduced in 2025

In June 2025, IDJ launched article-based publishing (ABP), allowing articles to be published individually as soon as they are finalized. This model shortens the time from acceptance to publication. Following proof approval, each article is immediately assigned a citable Digital Object Identifier (DOI) and published online, ensuring timely dissemination of research.

In addition, IDJ announced a new initiative to produce Virtual Special Issues (VSIs), digital collections of articles focused on key themes. VSIs are continuously updated, easy to discover, and showcase cutting-edge research trends. The initiative began with two VSIs—Artificial Intelligence and Dentistry and Advances in Genomics and Digital Health—curated by leading international experts.

Amid the rising tide of competitors in the journal landscape, IDJ stands strong, proudly maintaining its 75-year legacy and reputation while evolving with the times.

Education and Public Health Projects

Through a wide range of education and public health initiatives, FDI advances global oral health by strengthening prevention, expanding access to care, and responding to critical and emerging challenges worldwide.

The following pages highlight projects with outputs in 2025. Additional education and public health projects appear in the Innovation section of this report (p. 44–45).



Career Management



Educational Module for Other Healthcare Professionals



HPV



Mental Health and Well-being in Dentistry



Oral Health for an Ageing Population



Oral Health within General Health



Oral Health Observatory



Refugee Oral Health Promotion and Care



Tobacco Cessation



World Dental Development Fund



Integrated Electronic Health Records



Digital Cleft Care



Preventing AMR and Infections



Sustainability in Dentistry

For a comprehensive overview of all initiatives, visit www.fdiworlddental.org/projects

Guided by FDI's *Vision 2030* and the World Health Organization's Oral Health Resolution, Strategy, and Action Plan, all projects contribute to a coordinated global effort to reduce the burden of oral disease.

Career Management

FDI's *Vision 2030* emphasizes the importance of building a resilient oral health workforce through mentorship, collaboration, and continuous learning. Since 2023, the Career Management project has advanced this goal by helping dental students, dentists and dental teams navigate the diverse career pathways within dentistry and prepare for sustainable professional development.

Understanding career aspirations of dental students

In collaboration with the International Association of Dental Students (IADS) and the European Dental Students Association (EDSA), FDI conducted a global survey of 2,340 dental students across more than 50 countries. The survey explored students' professional aspirations and the personal, socioeconomic, and cultural factors shaping career choices across different regions.

The findings, published in *Frontiers in Oral Health* on 11 April 2025, highlighted the need for dental schools and associations to provide tailored career planning and guidance early in dental education. Strengthening support—particularly in underserved regions—can help students make informed decisions aligned with their personal and professional goals, contributing to a more diverse and well-prepared global dental workforce.

[Read the article](#)



Personal stories that inspire

The brochure *Beyond the chair: exploring diverse dental careers*, launched during the early stages of the Career Management project, showcases real-life experiences reflecting the breadth and impact of careers in dentistry. Building on this work, FDI published a compelling personal story in June 2025 on its news portal, featuring Dr Nyachio James Johnstone.

Dr Johnstone's journey spans from the tea farms of Kenya to the global stage of dental leadership. In his story, he highlights the many directions a dental career can take, often shaped by resilience, purpose, and a willingness to explore the unknown. As he powerfully reflected:

“ We carry the power to transform communities, not only through the care we provide but through the example we set—of resilience, compassion, and a commitment to sustainability. Oral health is not just about clean teeth; it's about public health, dignity, and human rights.

[Read his story](#)

With ongoing advancements in technology, treatment methods and research, the domain of oral healthcare continues to evolve, providing an exciting and dynamic environment for professionals in the field.

Educational Module for Other Healthcare Professionals

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Engaging a wide range of healthcare professionals in oral health promotion is key to improving access to care, particularly for marginalized and underserved communities. Simple, evidence-based interventions can prevent oral diseases, while collaborative, interprofessional approaches help integrate oral health into primary care and empower communities to take greater control of their oral health.

New fact sheets on oral health

This initiative focuses on the development of targeted educational materials for non-dental healthcare professionals, equipping them with essential oral health knowledge and practical skills. The objective is to support the integration of basic oral healthcare into routine clinical practice across healthcare settings.

Building on the publication of five fact sheets in 2024, nine additional fact sheets were released in 2025. Endorsed by various health organizations, these resources address key oral health topics, including:

- Oral health of older adults
- Raising awareness of oral health and global oral health
- Child oral health
- Periodontal diseases
- Understanding dental caries
- Basic oral health examination
- Adult oral health
- Tobacco use and oral health
- Oral adverse drug reactions

All [fact sheets](#) were translated from English and made available in French, Spanish and Mandarin.

Further collaborative efforts to advance oral health

In collaboration with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), the continuing professional development (CPD) Bites video series was launched in 2024 to strengthen oral health knowledge among pharmacists. Developed as concise and accessible CPD resources, the series reinforces the role of pharmacists in prevention, early intervention and patient education.

In 2025, two additional videos were released—in April and May—bringing the series to a total of five. These latest videos focus on *Child oral care* and *Tobacco and oral health*.

Breaking silos in oral health: empowering all healthcare professionals webinar

On 3 December, the FDI Oral Health Campus hosted a [webinar](#) to help non-oral health professionals support improved oral health outcomes in the communities they serve.



Together, we can make a meaningful impact on oral health in every community.

Human papillomavirus: Integrating Oral Health for Prevention

FDI launched this project in 2025 to strengthen the role of oral health professionals in the global fight against human papillomavirus (HPV). Despite its broad impact, HPV prevention is rarely integrated into oral healthcare, leaving gaps in awareness, early detection, and referral. This initiative seeks to address these gaps by advocating for the inclusion of dentists and dental teams in national policies and care pathways.

Why including dentists and dental teams matter

HPV is one of the most widespread viral infections worldwide and a leading cause of cervical cancer—the fourth most common cancer among women and the fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths, with an estimated 600,000 new cases and 340,000 deaths each year. However, the impact of HPV extends beyond cervical cancer, contributing to oral cancers, warts, and other lesions in the mouth. This makes the integration of HPV prevention into oral health both necessary and timely.

Dental professionals are often the first, and sometimes the only, providers to examine oral tissues where HPV-related lesions may appear. This places them in a unique position to support early detection, patient education, risk assessment, and timely referral, making their involvement critical to cancer prevention and broader public health efforts.

Toward a more integrated and equitable approach

In late 2025, FDI began laying the groundwork to strengthen national capacity and expand the role of dental professionals in HPV prevention. A comprehensive global survey of FDI members is planned to map existing HPV policies, identify gaps, and establish baseline data. The assessment will examine current prevention strategies, levels of integration with oral health services, educational needs, and regional variations.

Findings from the survey will inform the development of targeted advocacy and awareness tools, supporting FDI's broader goal of embedding oral health within national HPV prevention policies.

By addressing long-standing gaps between oral health and HPV prevention, this initiative aims to strengthen advocacy, support evidence-based policy recommendations, and elevate the contribution of oral health professionals worldwide. In doing so, it positions dentists as essential partners in reducing HPV-related cancers and reinforces the need to formally integrate oral health into national prevention frameworks.



Through this new project, FDI is committed to empowering the profession with the knowledge, tools, and policy support needed to advance HPV prevention, raise global awareness, and promote a more integrated approach.

Mental Health and Well-being in Dentistry

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Dental professionals and students face unique pressures that can strain their mental health and overall well-being, with potential impacts on the quality of care they provide. In light of ongoing concerns about mental health challenges faced by the oral health workforce, this project, initiated in 2021, remains a priority.

New mental health resources for dental students

Following a detailed research phase with dental students across multiple regions, a suite of mental health and well-being resources was launched toward the end of 2025 to help create a more supportive, connected, and healthy learning environment for dental students globally. These resources translate student voices and evidence-based insights into practical tools that support students to recognize common mental health challenges, build supportive peer networks, and access appropriate help when needed.

[Access the resources here](#)



Supporting dentists and dental teams is central to our work. Their skills and dedication drive progress, and we are committed to safeguarding their health and well-being.

Launch of a Wellness Resource Development Plan

Developed specifically for national dental associations (NDAs), the Wellness Resource provides a framework to guide the development of mental health programmes for dental professionals. The plan outlines a structured approach to supporting dental teams through resource development, awareness initiatives, and advocacy efforts. The ultimate goal is to ensure that wellness remains a central and sustained focus within the dental profession worldwide.

Mental Health and Well-being in Dentistry Pledge

To further strengthen global commitment to mental well-being across the profession, FDI launched the Mental Health and Well-being in Dentistry Pledge to mobilize collective action and reinforce support for the oral health workforce and students. The pledge calls on NDAs and key stakeholders to prioritize mental health within their organizations and communities, and to integrate well-being into policies, education, and professional standards.

By signing the pledge, organizations commit to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and fostering supportive working environments that promote mental well-being across the dental community.

New e-learning course on Mental Health in Dentistry

Alongside the new resources, FDI launched the e-learning course *Managing mental health from dental school to dental practice*. This free, interactive course is designed for dental students and professionals, equipping them with practical skills to understand mental health challenges in dentistry and to support themselves, their peers, and the wider dental community.

[Access the course](#)

Oral Health for an Ageing Population

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FDI launched this project in 2015 to address the oral health needs of the world's ageing population—an issue growing more urgent as societies face demographic change. Oral health is central to quality of life, and in 2025, marking the project's 10-year anniversary, we reinforced the importance of prioritizing oral health for older adults.

Understanding the need for action

An [editorial](#) titled *Making the Right to Oral Health a Reality for Older Adults* was published in the June issue of the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ). It advocates for integrating dental care into universal health coverage, recognizing that healthy ageing not only improves individual well-being but also helps build societies grounded in safety and dignity.

Vulnerable groups, which includes older adults, often face significant barriers when accessing care. Integrating oral healthcare services into universal health coverage (UHC) can help reduce obstacles such as financial burden and improve health outcomes for all.



Launch of a new advocacy guide

At the FDI World Dental Congress 2025 (WDC25), FDI launched a new [advocacy guide](#). Aligned with FDI's *Vision 2030*, the WHO Oral Health Resolution, Strategy and Action Plan, and broader global health frameworks, the guide reinforces a central message: universal health coverage cannot be achieved without integrating oral health for ageing populations. The guide provides a comprehensive strategy for policymakers, health professionals, and advocates, drawing on peer-reviewed research, evidence-based guidance on care delivery, and practical tools and resources developed through this long-standing project.

On 10 September, a session titled *Towards healthy longevity: new tools and strategies for oral health in older adults* took place at WDC25. The session explored oral frailty and how the project's resources can be applied in clinical practice.

Celebrating progress and looking ahead

This project represents a decade of meaningful collaboration with partners GC International and the Nakao Foundation. To mark the 10-year partnership, a [video](#) was produced showcasing key achievements, milestones, and the impact of the Oral Health for an Ageing Population project to date.

It included a message from FDI's President, Dr Greg Chadwick, encouraging the exploration and sharing of the project's resources to help ensure older adults receive the care they need. The video also highlighted the programme's global reach, the development of practical tools and resources, and their role in advancing integration of oral health within broader healthy ageing frameworks. A message from Dr Makoto Nakao, Chairman of GC International, reaffirmed GC's long-standing commitment to the partnership and to improving oral health outcomes for older adults worldwide.

Through continued collaboration and advocacy, FDI remains committed to a future in which healthy ageing includes healthy smiles for all — ensuring no one is left behind.

Oral Health within General Health



Guided by FDI's *Vision 2030*, this project supports countries in accelerating progress toward optimal health for all by integrating oral health into broader health systems. Each year, it also celebrates innovation and impact by recognizing two national dental associations through FDI's Smile Grant for sustainable, community-based initiatives that strengthen oral health.

Insights from communities around the world

In December, FDI released a new video introducing the Whole Mouth Health project and the innovative co-design approach used to better understand how people in different communities define oral health and a "healthy mouth." Through participatory workshops held across four countries, the project gathered insights into real-world perceptions, needs, and challenges.

The [video](#) highlights:

- What a "healthy mouth" means and why it matters.
- How the co-design methodology brings community voices into oral health solutions.
- Key findings that will shape future education tools and strategies, as well as advocacy.

Infographics: Community perspectives on a healthy mouth

A two-part infographic series was launched alongside the video.

1. Infographic 1: The Whole Mouth Health Project and Co-design Methodology

This [infographic](#) presents the project's objectives, the innovative methodology used, and an introduction to the Whole Mouth Health Arcade—an engaging tool designed to support learning and behaviour change.

2. Infographic 2: What Does a Healthy Mouth Mean to You?

This [infographic](#) highlights how individuals from diverse communities perceive oral health, including aesthetics, functionality, social confidence, and overall well-being.

White paper: Insights and recommendations

A [white paper](#) accompanied these new tools, providing evidence of the co-design process and practical recommendations to strengthen oral health literacy, encourage behaviour change, and advance oral disease prevention. This white paper serves as a resource for policymakers, as well as dentists, dental teams and non-dental professionals seeking effective, person-centred interventions.

Together, these resources represent an important milestone in FDI's efforts to advance person-centred healthcare worldwide.



FDI was proud to award the 2025 Smile Grant to the Australian and Philippine Dental Associations in recognition of projects that expand access to care through outreach and education.

Standardized oral health data is essential for developing evidence-based strategies to improve global oral health outcomes. Launched in 2014, the Oral Health Observatory is a global initiative that enables dentists worldwide to collect standardized data on patient behaviours, clinical indicators, and the impact of oral health on quality of life through a user-friendly mobile application.

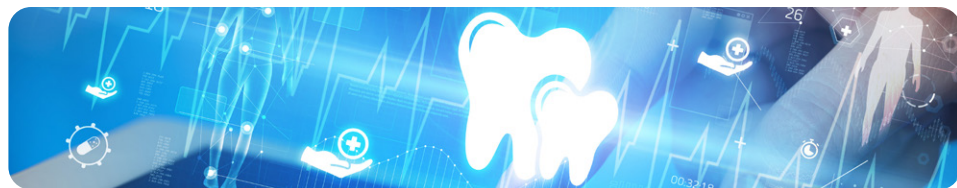
FDI hosts workshop to inform policies and advocacy initiatives

In May, FDI convened an important workshop at its headquarters in Geneva, bringing together the Oral Health Observatory (OHO) Task Team and experts from the Chinese Stomatological Association. Over two days, participants examined key findings from oral health data collected in China using the OHO mobile application, exploring how these insights could inform oral health policy and advocacy initiatives.

The workshop featured contributions from leading Chinese dental experts, whose experiences underscored the adaptability of the OHO model across diverse healthcare settings and its potential to drive evidence-based improvements in patient outcomes and advocacy efforts.

Dr Liu Yi noted:

“ Participating in OHO has been instrumental in comparing China’s oral health data collection with international standards. This collaboration fosters a deeper understanding of oral health among the Chinese population.



This project continues to demonstrate the value of collecting standardized oral health data in routine dental practice to inform policy and advocacy initiatives and ultimately improve patient outcomes worldwide.

Strengthening collaboration and expanding global participation

A second hands-on workshop took place in September during the FDI World Dental Congress in Shanghai, bringing together experts from eight countries at different stages of the project. The session provided a platform to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and strengthen collaboration across the global OHO network.

The OHO initiative continues to grow. Nigeria is preparing to commence data collection, while Kenya has already gathered data from over 700 patients across more than 20 clinics. The Egyptian Dental Association has begun data collection, aiming to reach 900 patients across 30 clinics. In Colombia, the dental association is collecting data from public institutions to compare findings between public and private facilities and support the integration of oral health indicators into national surveillance systems. Data from Tanzania is currently being analyzed, after which national oral health priorities will be defined and an advocacy strategy developed through a workshop with experts from the Tanzanian Dental Association in March 2026.

Translating data into evidence and action

On 24 February 2025, the Indian Dental Association published *Assessment of Oral Health Status, Care-Seeking Behaviours, and Oral Health-Related Quality of Life among Indian Adults Using the World Dental Federation’s Digital Application* in the *Indian Journal of Dental Research*.

In June, the Lebanese Dental Association (LDA) published *Patient- and Clinician-Reported Oral Health Data in Primary Dental Care Practices in Lebanon* in the *Cureus Journal of Medical Science*. LDA also submitted its national oral health action plan to the Ministry of Public Health of Lebanon, supported by data collected through the OHO application.

In December, *Exploring Patient-Reported Gingival Health in Adults Using Standardised International FDI Oral Health Observatory Data* was published in the *International Dental Journal*.

Refugee Oral Health Promotion and Care

Oral health is a right, not a privilege, and is crucial to the well-being of refugees, who are already vulnerable. They often face limited access to oral health education, disease prevention, and therapeutic dental care. Additionally, language barriers can hinder their health literacy. A unified approach is essential to create an enabling environment for action that truly leaves no one behind.

School-based programmes improve oral health for refugee children in Bangladesh

Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh is home to the world's largest refugee camp, where the scale of displacement has created significant health needs among refugees, over 50% of whom are children. Previous studies have highlighted the high burden of oral diseases in refugee camps; however, there are few robustly evaluated school-based oral health programmes in these settings.

To address this gap, FDI joined forces with the Refugee Crisis Foundation to implement a school-based toothbrushing and handwashing initiative, alongside the application of silver diamine fluoride, a low-cost and effective method for managing dental caries in young children. Clinical examinations, as well as child and parental questionnaires, were completed at baseline and at a six-month follow-up.

The results of this work were published in the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ) in October 2025. By promoting daily toothbrushing and handwashing, the initiative achieved:

- Higher rates of consistent oral hygiene practices
- Reduced plaque levels and gum bleeding among children
- Arrested tooth decay in over half of the teeth treated with silver diamine fluoride

[Read the full article](#)

Even in challenging humanitarian settings, low-resource interventions and preventive strategies can protect oral health and promote healthy hygiene habits.



Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco use remains one of the major challenges to global health. When FDI launched its Tobacco Cessation project in 2020, it set out with a bold vision: to empower dental professionals worldwide to become active players in the fight against tobacco use, a leading cause of preventable disease and death.

Building capacity through education

FDI's Tobacco Cessation workshops educate and train dentists and dental teams to deliver effective tobacco cessation advice to patients in clinical settings. These interactive, evidence-based sessions include presentations on the health risks of tobacco use, practical training in the 5As (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange) and 5Rs (Relevance, Risks, Rewards, Roadblocks, Repetition) approaches, as well as role-playing exercises designed to strengthen real-world communication skills.

Each year, up to seven national dental associations (NDAs) may be selected to receive a CHF 1,000 tobacco cessation grant, enabling them to implement a workshop in their country. In 2025, five Tobacco Cessation workshops were facilitated in Tunisia, Chile, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Lebanon.

In total, nearly 200 dental practitioners and students were trained in tobacco cessation in 2025.

Celebrating the project's five-year impact

FDI's Tobacco Cessation workshop programme has delivered meaningful impact over its first five years. This impact was measured through pre- and post-workshop surveys, with the results compiled into a report and presented at the FDI World Dental Congress 2025, as well as at a key side event during the 11th Conference of the Parties to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (further details on this meeting are provided in the Advocacy section). Feedback from participants and NDAs confirmed the programme's strength, with all NDAs that completed post-workshop evaluations awarding the workshops the highest possible rating — a clear endorsement of the programme's effectiveness and relevance.

Between 2021 and 2025, these workshops reached:

18
COUNTRIES AND
TERRITORIES

**OVER
1,100**
PARTICIPANTS



“ The workshop enabled me to integrate tobacco cessation as a priority issue in my clinical practice, rather than something secondary. It helped me understand that even a brief intervention can make a difference. ”

Workshop participant

The past five years have proven that when the dental community comes together, it can make a measurable difference in public health. The next five years promise to deepen that impact.

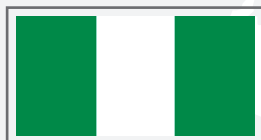
World Dental Development Fund

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Each year, the World Dental Development Fund supports up to five projects with clearly defined goals to promote oral health, prevent disease, and strengthen care in resource-limited communities. Discover the 2025 winners and how they plan to advance oral health and well-being in their countries.

Showcasing the winning projects:



NOMALnutrition: integrating oral health into nutrition programmes, Nigeria

The NOMALnutrition project in Oyo State, Nigeria, will integrate oral health into existing nutrition programmes, reaching around 500 people each month, including children living on the street, the elderly, and rural populations. Implemented with six partner organizations, it will provide oral health education, screening, and treatment alongside nutrition interventions for current participants, while ensuring future beneficiaries continue to receive integrated care. Focusing on Noma, a severe oral disease linked to malnutrition and poverty, the project will train nutrition officers, distribute oral hygiene kits, and collect field data using WHO tools, with the aim of embedding sustainable oral health components within community nutrition initiatives.



Integrating preventive oral health into the Chamas for Change Programme, Kenya

This pilot project in Bungoma County, Western Kenya—where access to dental services is extremely limited—will integrate preventive oral health education and care into the Chamas for Change programme. Working through 15 existing Chamas groups, it will reach 300 pregnant women in their first or second trimester and their 300 young children, while training 30 Community Health Promoters to deliver oral health education and basic preventive care. Targeting the critical “first 1,000 days” from pregnancy to age two, the project will test how oral health can be embedded into the programme’s curriculum, using WHO tools to evaluate feasibility, impact, and scalability, with the aim of informing future expansion across Kenya.



Strengthening oral health awareness through engagement of dental therapist students, Tanzania

This project will improve oral health awareness and care among 3,000 children aged 6–14 across the Mbeya, Iringa, and Tanga regions of Tanzania, where access to dental services is limited and there is a severe shortage of dental professionals. Led by Miracle Corners Tanzania in partnership with local health colleges, the initiative will combine school-based education, screenings, and free dental treatment for at least 600 children, while training 90 final-year dental therapist students in community outreach, leadership, and preventive care. By embedding outreach activities into training curricula and establishing school oral health clubs, the project aims to build lasting oral health awareness and strengthen community-based care systems across the three regions.

Beyond Public Health Projects: Resources for Education, Prevention and Patient Safety

FDI empowers dental teams with practical guidance and resources to promote oral health, prevent disease, and protect patients. From advice sheets on halitosis and sexually transmitted diseases to tackling illegal dental practice, these new resources will help safeguard communities and strengthen professional standards.

Advice sheets on halitosis and oral signs of sexually transmitted diseases

In August 2025, FDI launched two new advice sheets to support dental teams in addressing common yet often sensitive oral health concerns: halitosis and the oral manifestations of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Oral cavity and sexually transmitted diseases

This [advice sheet](#) equips dental professionals with practical guidance to identify oral signs associated with sexually transmitted infections, including chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, herpes, HPV and HIV. By highlighting the role of routine dental visits in early detection, referral and patient counselling, the resource supports dentists in contributing to timely diagnosis, prevention and stigma reduction, ultimately strengthening collaboration between oral health and wider healthcare systems.

Halitosis (bad breath)

Addressing a condition that affects a significant proportion of the global population, this [advice sheet](#) provides dental teams with a structured approach to diagnosing and managing halitosis. It outlines common oral and systemic causes, diagnostic methods and evidence-based treatment options, while also recognizing the psychological and social impact of the condition. The resource supports a holistic, patient-centred approach to care, helping restore both oral health and quality of life.

Survey reveals illegal dental practice as a global health risk we can't ignore

Illegal dental practice, defined as providing dental care without the necessary registration or license by an appropriate authority, is a growing global concern. From unqualified individuals offering extractions in homes to beauticians fitting braces in salons, these practices put patients at serious risk of infections, permanent disfigurement, and even life-threatening complications.

FDI conducted a survey of national dental associations (NDAs) to assess the extent of illegal dental practice and the strategies in place to address this issue. A report based on the findings was published in August. Survey data from 49 NDAs globally found stark disparities in how countries define, regulate, and enforce laws against illegal dentistry. While 95% of respondents confirmed that regulations exist, only 49% believed they are effective, with nearly half citing weak enforcement, lack of resources, or cultural tolerance as major barriers. Alarming, 58% of NDAs reported cases of patient harm caused by unlicensed providers, underscoring the urgent need for stronger safeguards.

[Read the full survey findings report](#)

Illegal dental practice undermines trust and endangers lives. Dental professionals, regulators, and policymakers must work hand-in-hand to strengthen protections, empower communities with knowledge, and ensure equitable access to safe, quality care.



FDI STRATEGIC PILLAR

2. ADVOCACY

Advocacy strengthens oral health literacy and builds political commitment—supporting coordinated action worldwide.

GLOBAL ORAL HEALTH ADVOCACY

Global health is evolving rapidly, bringing both challenges and opportunities for action. In this changing context, FDI plays a critical role in ensuring that oral health remains visible, relevant, and integrated within the broader global health agenda.

This section outlines how FDI advanced global oral health in 2025 through sustained advocacy at international policy forums — including the World Health Organization’s (WHO) annual and regional meetings and a United Nations (UN) High-Level Meeting — as well as through advocacy-focused activities at FDI’s World Dental Congress (WDC). FDI also leveraged collaborations with partners such as the International Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research (IADR), NCD Alliance and the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA) to push for progress. Together, these efforts strengthened political commitment, elevated oral health on the global stage, and supported progress toward improved oral health worldwide.

Driving Vision 2030: 5 years on, 5 years to go

Vision 2030: Delivering Optimal Oral Health for All (Vision 2030) remains a cornerstone of FDI’s advocacy strategy, and 2025 marked a critical midpoint for assessing progress toward its goals. A survey gathered insights from FDI members and partners on both the achievements to date and the challenges and opportunities influencing implementation at global, regional, and national levels. The preliminary findings from this survey were presented and discussed at the World Oral Health Forum 2025 in Shanghai, providing an important moment of reflection and alignment as the global oral health community enters the second half of the *Vision 2030* journey.

Discussions highlighted that, while oral health has gained unprecedented visibility within the global health agenda, growing uncertainty in the global health landscape posed risks to sustaining progress. Strong national oral health leadership plays a key role in strengthening primary oral health care. China shared its advances, including the development of a national oral health policy, integration of oral health into broader health initiatives, and sustained government investment in national oral health programmes. The impact of Tanzania’s expansion of universal health coverage (UHC) to include oral health services was also examined. More broadly, participants noted evidence linking oral health to economic well-being and the need for greater investment in the prevention and control of oral diseases. Collectively, these discussions reinforced the importance of advocacy and strategic collaboration to translate growing awareness into concrete policy change and achieve the “tipping point” for sustained action.

FDI appointed co-lead of the Advocacy and Communication workstream of the Global Coalition on Oral Health

FDI was honoured to be invited to serve as co-lead of the Advocacy and Communication workstream of the soon-to-be launched Global Coalition on Oral Health, announced during the WHO Global Oral Health Meeting in Bangkok (the full report for which can be accessed [here](#)). The coalition, which brings together stakeholders from across sectors, provides a vital platform to sustain momentum and support the implementation of the [Global Oral Health Action Plan 2023—2030](#). As co-lead, working alongside the Global Self-Care Federation and Montpellier University, FDI has a central role in shaping the coalition’s advocacy strategy and supporting countries to translate global commitments into action.



Billions of people lack sustained and affordable access to even basic oral healthcare. FDI’s advocacy strategy aims to change this.

Advancing oral health through WHO global and regional meetings

WHO's governing bodies—the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly—are key annual platforms for oral health advocacy. WHO regional committees, which convene annually, also play a critical role in setting regional policies, strategies, and frameworks. In 2025, FDI made its voice count at both the global and regional levels.

FDI participates in the 156th WHO Executive Board

The 156th session of the WHO Executive Board (EB156) took place from 3–11 February 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland, bringing together Member States, WHO technical experts, representatives of other UN agencies and multilateral institutions, and non-State actors, including FDI and IADR.

The agenda comprised approximately 47 items and sub-items. EB156 reviewed comprehensive reports on WHO's work across a range of priority areas, including the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), mental health and social connection, women's, children's and adolescents' health, oral health, the elimination of cervical cancer, the health and care workforce, and UHC. The [baseline report](#) for the WHO Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023–2030), released ahead of EB156, helped inform discussions on oral health.



Through joint statements with IADR, FDI highlighted opportunities to advance oral health through national and global action on NCDs, UHC, and nutrition.

Read FDI's full recap of the meeting and key outcomes [here](#). It may be worth noting that reduced funding for WHO affected the outcomes of the session and the Secretariat's capacity for follow-up action ahead of the World Health Assembly in May.

Supporting One World for Health at the 78th World Health Assembly

The World Health Assembly, WHO's highest decision-making body, convened its 78th session (WHA78) from 19–27 May under the theme "One World for Health." FDI's delegation, which included President Dr Greg Chadwick, delivered targeted statements and engaged in high-level policy discussions, underscoring the urgent need for sustained and coordinated action on oral health.

Alongside its participation in official proceedings, FDI contributed to multiple side events addressing key priorities, including investment in the global health workforce and the integration of oral health into strategies for the prevention and control of NCDs. FDI also spoke at a high-level side event hosted by the Government of Malaysia, reinforcing the essential role of oral health within the broader NCD agenda. In collaboration with IADR, FDI co-hosted a session highlighting the Global Coalition on Oral Health – a platform for mobilizing multisectoral support and sustained action.

Read FDI's full recap of WHA78 [here](#)

Driving oral health action at WHO Regional Committee meetings

Participation in WHO Regional Committees provides an important opportunity to promote accountability toward the global oral health agenda and the 2030 goals adopted by governments. FDI participated in the Regional Committee for Africa in August 2025 and the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in October, with support from FDI member the Fiji Dental Association. Key outcomes from these meetings included the next steps for implementing the respective regional Oral Health Action Plans.

FDI's active engagement on these platforms reflects our commitment to working with WHO, Member States, and global health partners to ensure a future where oral health is accessible to all.

The Fourth UN High-level Meeting on noncommunicable diseases and mental health and well-being

The Fourth High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs and the Promotion of Mental Health and Well-being (HLM4) took place on Thursday, 25 September 2025, in New York, USA. After more than a year of preparation, planning, and advocacy, FDI participated in this critical meeting to strengthen political commitment to the global oral health agenda.

Accelerating advocacy in the lead-up to HLM4

FDI and IADR jointly launched the advocacy document “No Health without Oral Health,” outlining clear recommendations for governments to prioritize oral health at HLM4 and recognize it as a fundamental component of the global NCDs agenda.



The release came at a critical moment, coinciding with the publication of the zero draft of the HLM4 Political Declaration—which, disappointingly, made no reference to oral health, the WHO Global Oral Health Meeting, or the landmark Bangkok Declaration on Oral Health. In response, FDI and IADR mobilized rapidly. During WHA78 in May, longstanding champions of the global oral health agenda were urged to highlight this omission in their official statements. FDI also engaged its leadership, encouraging direct outreach to Ministries of Health to advocate for the inclusion of oral health. Simultaneously, FDI provided national dental associations (NDAs) with targeted advocacy materials to support their engagement at the national level.

These coordinated efforts yielded immediate results. Several Member States explicitly addressed oral health during WHA78, prompting the HLM4 Political Declaration to be updated to acknowledge oral health, the global burden of oral diseases, and the need for a sustained response—including the scale-up of services to manage oral health. This outcome reinforced the effectiveness of unified advocacy.

HLM4 Political Declaration addresses oral health extensively: a historic milestone

FDI was represented at the highest leadership level at HLM4. Throughout the week, the delegation engaged closely with government representatives, the NCD Alliance, partners, and other key stakeholders to keep oral health high on the global health agenda, strengthening FDI’s visibility and advocacy impact on the global stage.

In addition to participating in key side events, FDI co-delivered a statement with IADR highlighting the critical links between oral health and NCDs, the importance of the common risk factor approach, and the need to address oral diseases—the world’s most prevalent NCDs—within global and national health agendas.

FDI is pleased to report that sustained advocacy efforts spanning more than a decade yielded positive results. For the first time in a UN High-level meeting on NCDs, oral diseases were explicitly referenced in the Political Declaration, appearing in both the preambular (pages 2 and 6) and operative (pages 10 and 11) sections. These inclusions represent a historic milestone for the global oral health community and a major step forward in securing recognition of oral health as an integral component of the NCD agenda. The UN HLM4 Political Declaration was formally adopted on 15 December.

[Read the Political Declaration](#)

Building on this milestone, FDI will continue to work closely with its members and partners to ensure that the Political Declaration’s recognition of oral health translates into concrete national actions and measurable impact.

Sugar and Tobacco: a shared challenge for oral health and NCD prevention

Sugar and tobacco are major risk factors for oral diseases and other NCDs. They contribute to issues such as dental caries, gum disease, tooth loss, oral cancer, and more. FDI remains committed to advocating for effective sugar and tobacco control policies, strengthening prevention efforts, and integrating oral health into the broader NCD agenda to achieve real and lasting improvements in oral and overall health.

Sessions on sugar reduction strategies

Building on FDI's [Position on Free Sugars](#), FDI co-sponsored a side event at HLM4—*Time to Act on Sugars: Advancing Health Equity and Tackling NCDs with a Focus on Oral Diseases*—with the governments of Malaysia, Ireland, France, Egypt, the Philippines, and Thailand. FDI also held two advocacy-focused sessions at the FDI World Dental Congress (WDC) in Shanghai to reinforce the role of evidence-based policy interventions in addressing excessive sugar consumption.



The first WDC session, *Sugar Reduction Strategies: From Policy to Cavity Free*, emphasized that effective sugar control requires a combination of “upstream” policy measures and “downstream” individual-level interventions. The interventions discussed included fiscal policies, product reformulation, and education to reduce both the frequency and quantity of sugar intake. Chief Dental Officers from China and England shared evidence of policy impact. China presented its comprehensive oral disease prevention measures, with sugar

reduction as a key priority, alongside fluoride use, improved access to oral healthcare, and strengthened surveillance systems. England showcased the public health benefits of the UK Soft Drinks Industry Levy, which has driven a near 50% reduction in sugar levels in taxed beverages since 2015, resulting in measurable reductions in childhood obesity, dental caries-related hospital admissions, and asthma admissions.

The second session, *From Evidence to Action: Reducing Excessive Free Sugar Consumption with Smart Policies*, reinforced WHO's package of evidence-based, cost-effective measures to reduce sugar intake and support policy implementation. Case studies from Fiji and China illustrated how coordinated, evidence-based sugar reduction policies can support the prevention and control of NCDs. Collectively, the sessions reaffirmed that sustainable sugar reduction requires political will, cross-sector partnerships, and policies that make low-sugar diets, health education, and safe water accessible and affordable.

Contributing to global tobacco control

The HLM4 Political Declaration positioned tobacco as a target for fast-track action, aiming for 150 million fewer tobacco users worldwide by 2030. Against this backdrop, the 11th Conference of the Parties (COP11) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) convened in Geneva from 17–22 November to review progress and strengthen implementation of the Convention and its Protocol. FDI, alongside delegates from governments, international partners, and civil society organizations, contributed to discussions examining a wide range of measures to reduce tobacco use and address the health and environmental harms associated with tobacco production, consumption and waste. The meeting also marked 20 years since the adoption of the WHO FCTC, the first treaty negotiated under the auspices of WHO.

FDI has engaged with the WHO FCTC since its adoption in 2005 and continues to support its implementation through advocacy and capacity-building programmes (see [p. 24](#) for FDI's tobacco cessation workshop programme). FDI highlighted the impact of these programmes at a joint side event co-organized with the NCD Alliance, *Strengthening Tobacco Control to Achieve SDG 3.4 on NCDs: A Global Imperative*. Discussions explored how stronger FCTC implementation can accelerate progress on NCDs and deliver on HLM4 commitments. COP11 concluded with the adoption of several significant decisions, including actions to strengthen regulation of emerging tobacco and nicotine products and to hold the tobacco industry accountable for its health and environmental harms, reflecting growing global momentum for tobacco control.

FDI will continue to provide its members with the tools and support needed to champion optimal oral health in their countries and combat the sugar and tobacco epidemics.



COP6: advocacy on dental amalgam secures an equity-focused, patient-centred approach

In November 2025, a landmark decision was reached at the Sixth Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP6), extending the global phase-out date for the manufacture, import, or export of dental amalgam from 2030 to 2034. This milestone marked a major win for oral and public health and underscored the power of unified, science-based advocacy led by FDI and the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR).

The decision reflected a balanced approach to phasing down dental amalgam worldwide. Crucially, it includes a key exemption aligned with FDI and IADR advocacy, which ensures that even after phase-out of dental amalgam, it can be used *“when its use is considered necessary by the dental practitioner based on the needs of the patient.”* This provision ensures patient care remains central to decision-making and safeguards access to essential restorative treatments where alternatives are not yet available or viable.

FDI and IADR, with support from the International Dental Manufacturers Association and the American Dental Association, worked to secure a fair and evidence-based outcome by engaging in and influencing discussions throughout the negotiations. Together, we emphasized that dental amalgam phase-down and eventual phase-out must consider country-specific challenges and capacities.

“ As we move toward the eventual phase-out of dental amalgam, it is essential that the needs of our members, and the patients they serve, remain at the heart of every decision.

This outcome provides much-needed time and clarity for our members to plan, prepare, and implement the necessary national policies. It reinforces FDI’s commitment to supporting the global dental community in maintaining continuity of care and advancing oral health equity during this important transition.

- Mr Enzo Bondioni, Executive Director of FDI.

Through these coordinated efforts, FDI has helped ensure an equity-focused phase-down that allows all countries, particularly low- and middle-income nations, to strengthen capacity, build technical expertise, and maintain patient care throughout the transition.

Partnering for a healthier future

Collaborative partnerships and interprofessional engagement are essential to advancing global oral health. By combining expertise, resources, and perspectives, these partnerships help create sustainable solutions that improve oral and overall health for all.

FDI participates in the 4th Global NCD Alliance Forum

Held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 13–15 February 2025, the 4th Global NCD Alliance Forum brought together 700 delegates from 90 countries working in NCD prevention and care to strengthen the global NCD response.

Discussions centred on three key themes: inspiring leadership, mobilizing sustainable financing, and empowering communities. FDI, alongside IADR, reinforced the importance of integrating oral health into the broader NCD agenda and participated in two side events. The first, *Catalyzing the Global Response to Noncommunicable Diseases: Lessons from the Global Oral Health Agenda*, co-organized with IADR, addressed the key drivers of oral health policy from 2021 to the present and their implications for NCDs.

The second side event, *The Influence of Oral Diseases on Other NCDs and Public Health – Inspiration from Rwanda*, was organized by the forum co-host, Rwanda NCD Alliance. Participants explored the interlinkages between oral diseases and NCDs and learned about the impact of school toothbrushing programmes in Rwanda. FDI presented the outcomes of the WHO Global Oral Health Meeting, including the Bangkok Declaration and its recommendations.

2025 IADR/PER General Session and Exhibition

IADR hosted its 103rd General Session in conjunction with the Pan European Regional Congress (PER) in Barcelona, Spain, from 25–28 June 2025.

At the meeting, FDI promoted its upcoming World Dental Congress 2025 and actively contributed to several discussions on oral health policy. FDI hosted a satellite session, Partnerships to strengthen oral health surveillance and research, which highlighted the urgent need to address gaps in oral health information systems and research agendas identified in the [WHO Global Oral Health Action Plan baseline report](#) released in January 2025. The session brought together speakers from government, academia, industry, and civil society to discuss how stakeholders can bridge these gaps, the role of political will and leadership, and opportunities to scale up action through partnerships.

Working in partnership with the World Health Professions Alliance



FDI is a member of the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA), which brings together global organizations representing dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, and physicians worldwide, and altogether we represent 47 million healthcare professionals. In 2025, WHPA took part in key WHO meetings, as well as HLM4.

The global health workforce was a central focus of WHPA's advocacy at WHO's [7th Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety](#), held in Manila on 3–4 April, and subsequently at HLM4 in New York. At the WHO summit, WHPA emphasized a critical message: the safety of health professionals is intrinsically linked to patient safety. It also highlighted that progress in addressing global health workforce shortages remains slow and uneven across regions. This shortfall poses a significant threat to the safety and quality of healthcare worldwide and requires urgent attention.

At HLM4, WHPA called on governments to urgently invest in the health workforce to meet global NCD and mental health targets. It stressed that without sustained investment in education, recruitment, retention, and improved working conditions for health professionals, the commitments outlined in the Political Declaration cannot be achieved.



Interprofessional collaboration is central to addressing NCDs, with oral diseases ranking among the most prevalent conditions globally. Integrated primary healthcare is critical for improving both oral and overall health. _____

World Oral Health Day: a global call to action

Celebrated each year on 20 March, World Oral Health Day (WOHD) is a global movement to engage people everywhere in the importance of oral health. It highlights the close connection between oral health and overall well-being, while calling on governments and policymakers to take decisive action to improve access to safe, affordable, and equitable dental care. By bringing together communities, health professionals, and decision-makers, WOHD encourages collective action to ensure oral health is recognized as a fundamental right — not a privilege.



A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind

In 2024, WOHD kicked off new three-year campaign, A Happy Mouth Is... The first year focused on highlighting the close connection between oral health and overall health.

In 2025, the campaign evolved to look beyond smiles to what lies behind them. Under the theme *A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind*, FDI invited audiences worldwide to reflect on the powerful link between oral health and mental well-being. Building on the momentum of 2024 — when Toothie, FDI's lovable beaver mascot, made its movie debut — the 2025 sequel brought Toothie back with a fresh twist: an original song that gave the message life and made it even more memorable.

WOHD website

worldoralhealthday.org

The WOHD website continues to provide a wide range of resources to support action, including toolkits, posters, videos, and social media assets. From September 2024 to April 2025, these were downloaded over 55,000 times (+37% from 2024), demonstrating strong audience engagement. While changes in analytics systems mean year-over-year comparisons are not directly equivalent, the continued growth in downloads indicates that users landing on the site were highly engaged and the campaign's reach remains impactful.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Website users	35,106	49,832	63,451	74,467	115,096	493,606	194,762	202,150
Total page views	139,626	198,435	245,341	284,723	320,665	940,721	448,942	456,411

Note: Data from 2023 are not directly comparable with 2024–2025 due to the transition from Universal Analytics (UA) to Google Analytics 4 (GA4). GA4 uses a different measurement model for users, sessions, and engagement, which affects reported metrics.

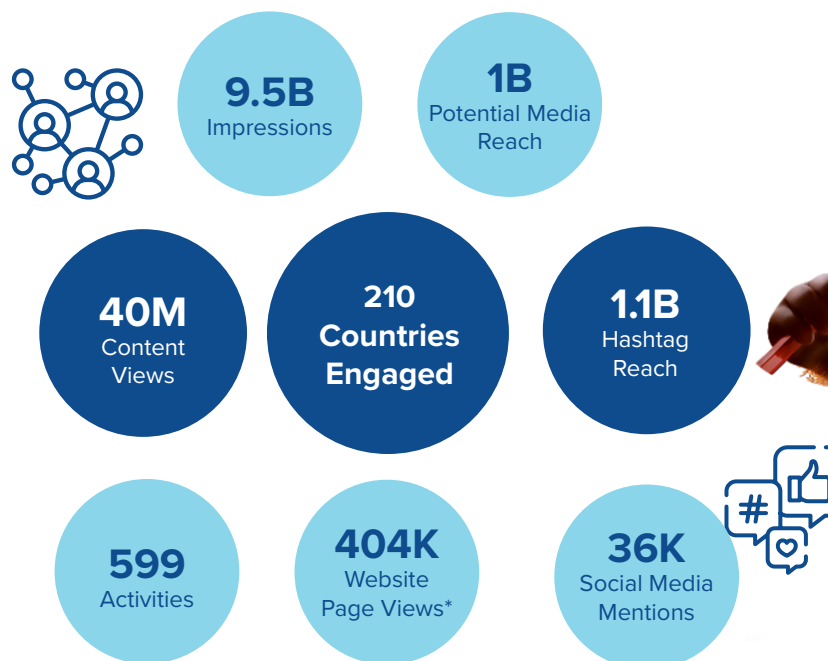
WOHD 2025 snapshot

FDI continues to receive outstanding support from audiences worldwide, who help amplify WOHD's messages. As the campaign's creative elements rolled out across platforms, one thing became clear in 2025: digital spaces remain key to sparking global conversations. WOHD content across FDI's social media accounts alone generated more than 40 million views. Meanwhile, the official Toothie Instagram account saw a steady rise in engagement. For a campaign anchored in storytelling, the numbers below represent more than just visibility – they signal meaningful connection.

The Toothie Factor

- Over 169,000 profile visits
- 56,294 interactions
- A growing base of 3,200+ followers

[@ToothieBeaver](#)



*From September 2024 to end of March 2025



Achieving WOHD's five key campaign goals

Goal 1: Amplified inclusive advocacy

In 2025, FDI built on its 2024 resources to amplify the voices of people living with oral health conditions and help advance WOHD's goal of inclusive advocacy. Advocacy in Action cards highlighted projects ranging from oral care for refugees and cleft patients to raising awareness of gum health, noma, and the mouth–body–mind connection.

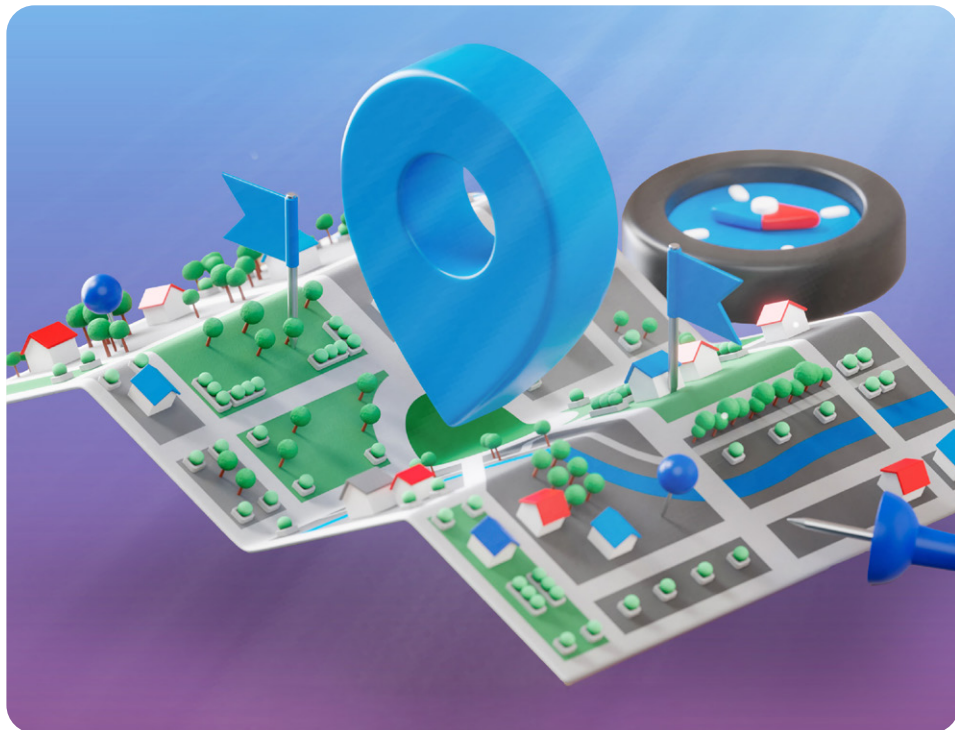
The campaign also explored new topics, such as dental anxiety, with fact sheets for dentists and patients. To enhance accessibility, materials could be customized and translated using online tools, including Canva and FDI's Happy Mouth tool. FDI also launched a [Call for Stories](#), inviting people worldwide to share experiences showing the transformative impact of oral health, with partners leading by example in sharing their own stories.

Goal 2: Worldwide members' celebration

Members play a central role in expanding the global reach and visibility of WOHD. In line with FDI's commitment to encourage every member association to celebrate WOHD, regular communication was maintained throughout the campaign period. This included updates via the Membership Liaison and Support Committee, targeted mailings, and information on key campaign milestones and resources.

Building on the success of last year's first-ever WOHD webinar, FDI hosted a second session through its Oral Health Campus, providing a platform to explore the campaign's objectives and equip attendees with the knowledge and tools to get involved. Open to both FDI members and the public, the webinar drew 200 live participants — **150% more than last year** — with a total of 600 registrations. The session was also available to watch on demand.

Members were notably active in 2025, with around 600 activities reported on the WOHD map, nearly 100 more than the previous year, alongside strong engagement on social media. These efforts demonstrate the ongoing commitment of FDI's global network to actively engage communities worldwide and celebrate WOHD.



Goal 3: Amplified corporate impact

FDI's WOHD partners played an active role in promoting the 2025 campaign, extending the reach of FDI's awareness messages to a broader audience. Their collaboration was supported by a joint activation plan that highlighted shared goals and messaging. Their enthusiastic participation strengthened the campaign's overall impact.

- **Haleon** supported a wide range of global initiatives — from setting a Guinness World Record for dental screenings in India, to launching mobile dental vans, digital assessments, and educational campaigns across Africa, the Middle East, Australia, the U.S., and Europe. Their efforts reached millions and reinforced the campaign theme, A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind, through mindfulness-focused webinars and storytelling campaigns.
- **Smile Train** delivered a targeted digital campaign from March 10–24, generating 20.8 million impressions and nearly 9,000 engagements on social media. High-performing posts on Instagram and Facebook helped bring WOHD to a significantly broader online audience.
- **Dentsply Sirona** amplified FDI's messaging by sharing content on social media, providing free access to its Patient Education Toolkit, contributing to a video on oral and mental health, engaging employees globally, and implementing local initiatives for vulnerable communities.
- **Solventum**, in partnership with the Chinese Stomatological Association, organized a Smile Around the World event in Zhejiang Province, China, drawing over 500 attendees and reaching more than 450,000 viewers. Since 2018, this partnership has empowered nearly 10,000 children with essential oral hygiene education.

Goal 4: Global ambassador network

Leveraging a network of influential voices and social media leaders is vital to raising oral health awareness in an increasingly digital landscape.

FDI leadership as WOHD Ambassadors

A special message from FDI's President was shared with members for use on their social media platforms and at in-person events, helping to raise awareness of the importance of oral health. The video was also made available on the WOHD website as a resource accessible to all.

Influence in action

In 2025, FDI partnered with eight influencers to amplify the campaign. Their content helped reach **2.6 million accounts** — an 85% increase — and generated an average of 134.5 engagements per post.

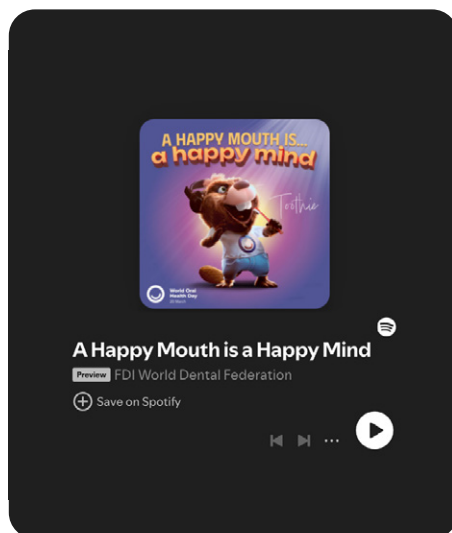
Goal 5: Expanded collaborative outreach

FDI was pleased to see that the social media buzz surrounding WOHD remained strong across multiple platforms on 20 March. A wide range of stakeholders took part, including FDI members, FDI leadership, WHO, Chief Dental Officers, hospitals, educators, media outlets, partners, sister organizations, and governments, to name just a few.

The main campaign hashtags – #WOHD25, #HappyMouth, #BrushandBoogie – reached a global audience of 1.1 billion, and the campaign generated 6 million total engagements (shares, comments, saves), compared to an average of around 300,000 for campaigns of a similar scale.

Campaign song: *Brush and Boogie*

The digital campaign invited individuals to explore Toothie's new campaign track, Brush and Boogie, and share a reel or story showcasing their dance moves or biggest smile. The objective was to encourage user-generated content in support of oral health awareness. While the track did not achieve viral reach, it was positively received at events and activities worldwide, with many participants singing along or sharing the song on social media. Over 500 Instagram reels featured the track, which was played approximately 2,000 times across Spotify and other music platforms. Furthermore, the main campaign video was downloaded more than 3,200 times from the WOHD website.



Continued support from WHO and the health professions community

Several governments actively participated in disseminating the campaign message, including the Ministries of Health in Nigeria and Kenya, the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Government of India, and others.

The World Health Organization (WHO) continued its strong support for WOHD in 2025. WHO Headquarters, regional offices, and country-level accounts shared numerous messages across social media platforms. Notably, the Regional Directors for Africa and for South-East Asia issued statements referencing the campaign theme and encouraged countries to align with and implement regional and global oral health strategies. WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus also released a dedicated [video](#)

[message](#) on the day, calling on countries to reprioritize oral health as part of their commitment to **#HealthForAll**.

Additionally, in recognition of the day, WHO's IARC Oral Cancer Team released a [new video](#) highlighting the causes, burden, and symptoms of oral cancer. The video emphasized the importance of population-specific risk factors and prevention strategies and called on the global research community to accelerate collaborative efforts to better understand and prevent oral cancer worldwide.

Support from the United Nations

The United Nations' main account also posted about WOHD. To our knowledge, this marked only the second time the UN had acknowledged the day on its primary social media channels—an achievement of particular significance given the platform's extensive reach, including 16.5 million followers on X alone.

World Oral Health Day Awards

Every year, FDI presents awards to honour those who have delivered exceptionally impactful campaigns. The 2025 winners were:

Best media campaign:

The Chinese Stomatological Association (CSA)

Most educational activity:

The Hong Kong Dental Association (HKDA)

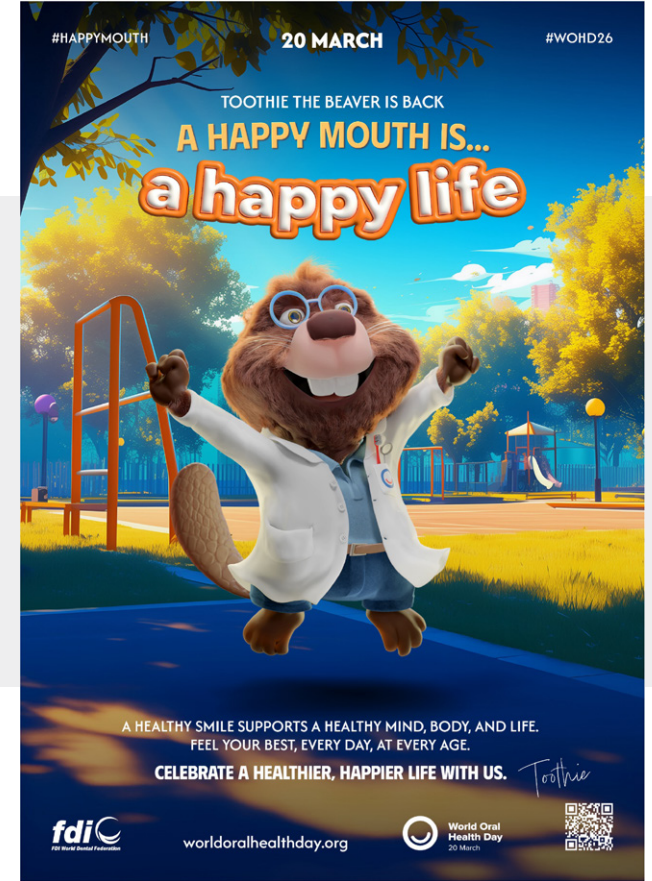
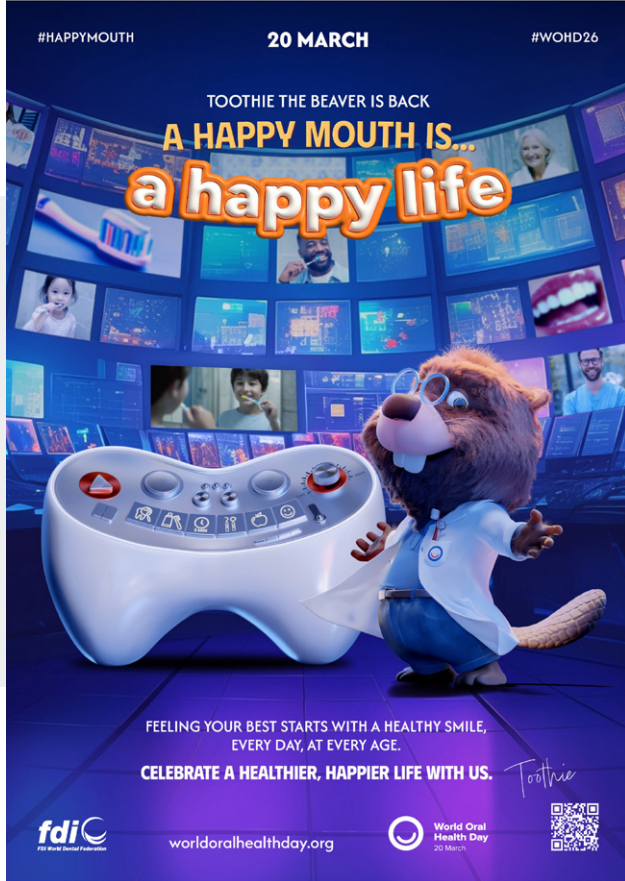
Most engaging community campaign:

National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) Puducherry

Best campaign by a dental students' association:

Dental Students Association of Kenya (DSAK)





World Oral Health Day

20 March

www.worldoralhealthday.org

WOHD 2026

The WOHD 2026 campaign was officially launched during the 2025 FDI World Dental Congress in Shanghai, ushering in the final chapter of the A Happy Mouth is... theme. As the culmination of the three-year cycle, WOHD 2026 will spotlight oral health as the foundation of lifelong well-being—from a baby’s first teeth to a confident smile in older age—under the new strapline:

A Happy Mouth is... A Happy Life

After all, oral health is far more than just healthy teeth; it shapes how we eat, speak, learn, and connect with one another.

The Partners for WOHD 2026 are:



DRIVING ACTION THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication remains central to advancing FDI's vision of a world with optimal oral health. By delivering timely, relevant, and accessible information, FDI equips its members and wider stakeholders with the resources, guidance, and opportunities needed to support advocacy efforts and strengthen oral health systems at national and local levels.

FDI website

fdiworlddental.org

FDI's website continues to serve as a key platform for disseminating essential information and as a central hub for members and stakeholders. Overall website traffic remained relatively stable compared to 2024. In 2025, the digital landscape underwent a fundamental shift with the global rollout of AI-powered search overviews. This technology often provides direct answers to general health queries on the search results page, leading to "zero-click" journeys for many users. While this contributed to a minor 5% adjustment in our total page views, our content is increasingly being recognized by AI systems as trusted source material, extending our reach even before a user visits our platform. User engagement remained strong, with **37'000 resources downloaded** and a solid overall engagement rate recorded throughout the year (50%).

The website attracts a truly global audience. The largest share of visitors originated from the United States (10.65%), followed by China (10.17%), India (5.53%), Mexico (5.49%), and Singapore (5.28%). Desktop access accounted for 61.8% of visits, while 37.1% of users accessed the site via mobile devices.

In terms of content interest, conference and events pages generated the highest traffic, followed by the members' page, World Oral Health Day (WOHD), and the Sustainability in Dentistry project. Insights gained from website analytics continue to inform future improvements and guide the refinement of FDI's digital communication strategy.

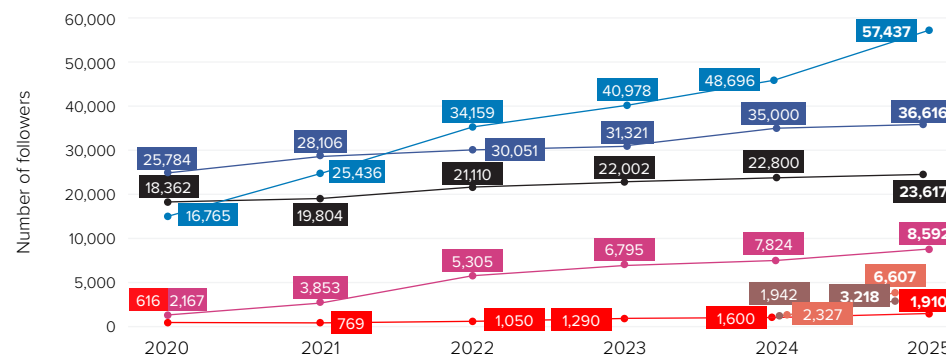
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Page views	563'453	615'445	685'778	646'615
Website users	260'240	307'459	359'300	348'296

Social media

In 2025, FDI recorded growth across all social media platforms compared to 2024.

LinkedIn remained one of FDI's fastest-growing platforms; however, in 2025 this growth was surpassed by Instagram, which showed particularly strong performance year on year. For the Toothie and WOHD accounts, this growth was largely driven by the high levels of engagement generated during the World Oral Health Day campaign activation phase, which translated into significant follower gains. Paid investments also performed well and contributed to sustaining this momentum.

Growth on the FDI Instagram account was similarly notable, despite lower levels of paid promotion. This suggests that the increased volume of content published throughout the year played a key role, reinforcing the platform's preference for organic reach supported by consistent and regular posting.



Increase from 2024 to 2025

- Facebook (Likes)** [FDIWorldDentalFederation](https://www.facebook.com/FDIWorldDentalFederation) ↑ +1,000 (+4.6%)
- X (Followers)** [@fdiworlddental](https://twitter.com/fdiworlddental) ↑ +700 (+3.1%)
- LinkedIn (Followers)** [fdiworlddental](https://www.linkedin.com/company/fdiworlddental) ↑ +7,618 (+16%)
- YouTube (Subscribers)** [fdiworlddental](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) ↑ +310 (+19%)

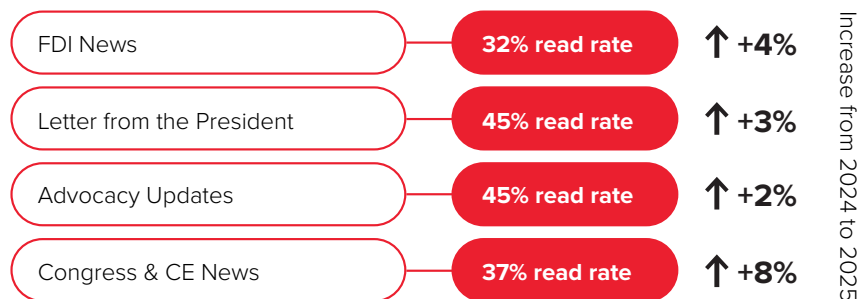
- Instagram (Followers)** [worldoralhealthday](https://www.instagram.com/worldoralhealthday) ↑ +768 (+10%)

Launched in 2024

- Instagram (Followers)** [@fdiworlddental](https://www.instagram.com/fdiworlddental) ↑ +3,390 (+141.5%)
- Instagram (Followers)** [@toothiethebeaver](https://www.instagram.com/toothiethebeaver) ↑ +1,276 (+66%)

Newsletters and mailings

In 2025, read rates increased steadily across all FDI newsletters. This positive trend reflects improvements in planning and coordination, with newsletters distributed more consistently and content more carefully tailored to audience interests. The most significant growth was recorded in Advocacy Updates, where read rates rose from 23% in 2021 to 45% in 2025, driven by the regular delivery of timely and relevant advocacy information. The Congress and Continuing Education Newsletter also saw strong gains, increasing from 18% in 2021 to 37% in 2025.



Database management

Significant progress was made during the year to strengthen and streamline FDI's communication and data management systems. Early efforts focused on resolving issues affecting the newsletter subscription process, ensuring users were correctly assigned to appropriate mailing lists. In parallel, contact group structures were rebuilt and optimized, and new mailing groups were created to reflect FDI's current leadership framework, including committees and task teams. As a direct result, the reach of Advocacy mailings expanded substantially, increasing from 1,299 to 2,987 recipients and enhancing engagement across the organization.

To support colleagues in maintaining accurate committee information, a practical usage guide for Managers was developed, with a focus on group and relationship management. Ongoing work to merge duplicate accounts continues to improve data quality, while the introduction of predefined searches now allows teams to quickly identify and target users based on operational needs.

Targeted communication campaigns and bulk mailings were also managed efficiently throughout the year, particularly in support of Advocacy Surveys and Policy Statements, ensuring messages reached the most relevant audiences. Collectively, these developments significantly improved the accuracy, reach, and effectiveness of FDI's communications activities in 2025.



Leadership support

The communications team worked closely with FDI leadership to develop presentations, speeches, key messages, event briefings, and related materials. These resources continue to support leaders in fulfilling their ambassadorial role and ensure that FDI's voice is communicated with clarity, consistency, and impact.



FDI STRATEGIC PILLAR

3. INNOVATION

Innovation shapes how we respond to evolving challenges—supporting health professionals to lead responsibly, sustainably, and with emerging technologies.

The next four projects show innovation put into practice.

Integrated Electronic Health Records

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Integrating dental and medical health records is an innovative yet necessary step toward coordinated patient care and more efficient health systems, with the potential to improve patient outcomes and support global health policy objectives.

A global call to integrate oral health into Electronic Health Records

FDI launched a [Consensus Statement on Integrated Electronic Health Records \(EHRs\)](#) on 24 March, calling for the incorporation of oral health indicators into broader health records.

The Consensus Statement was developed by global experts from the Integrated EHR in Dentistry Task Team. It highlights eight key oral health indicators, including periodontal disease, caries, oral cancer screenings, oral health status, implant/device data, prescription data, allergies, and radiographic imaging. Given the strong link between oral health and general health, integrating these oral health indicators into medical records facilitates a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to patient care. By improving the detection and management of oral health conditions such as periodontal disease, this integration also supports the early detection and prevention of other health conditions, including diabetes. However, integrating oral health into EHRs presents challenges, including the need for standardization, interoperability, and data security. The Consensus Statement addresses these challenges and provides strategic solutions to overcome them.

In the press release accompanying the launch, FDI President Dr Greg Chadwick emphasized the necessity of incorporating oral health indicators into EHRs. He noted that this would not only improve patient outcomes but also strengthen interprofessional collaboration across the dental and medical fields.

[Read the press release](#)

Driving global visibility and engagement for the Consensus Statement

On 26 March, a media briefing on the Consensus Statement, co-organized with Henry Schein, was held during the International Dental Show (IDS) 2025 in Cologne, Germany. A recording of the briefing is available [here](#). Alongside this, FDI implemented a comprehensive communications plan, including a dedicated social media toolkit.



Through the release of this Consensus Statement, FDI took a significant step toward integrating oral health more effectively within broader health systems.

Digital Cleft Care

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SmileTrain



Each year, 200,000 babies are born with cleft lip and/or palate, many without access to essential care. Without timely treatment, feeding, growth, and survival are compromised. Comprehensive cleft care is vital but complex, involving multiple procedures that place significant demands on all involved. Innovative, scalable solutions are essential to improve outcomes and expand access.

Educating on the digitalized care pathway

To further extend its reach and impact, the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) in Digital Dentistry in Cleft Care, developed during Phase 1 of the project, was made available in three additional languages: French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

This four-hour course provides scientific expertise and practical guidance to support the effective integration of the latest digital technologies across the cleft care continuum.

By the end of the course, learners are able to:

- Describe the benefits and applications of digitalization in comprehensive cleft care
- Understand the patient journey within a digitalized care pathway
- Recognize the role digitalization will play in the future of dentistry

[Access the MOOC in Digital Dentistry in Cleft Care](#)



Showcasing digital workflows in cleft care

On 26 February 2025, two new videos were officially launched to bring digital workflows in cleft care to life:

- Digital workflow in cleft care during the mixed dentition stage
- Protocols for the digital workflow in cleft care during the infancy stage

Developed using real patient cases, these videos demonstrate how digital workflows can enhance treatment procedures through the use of computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) devices, including milling and 3D printing technologies. The videos were actively promoted to ensure wide dissemination.

To watch the videos, visit our [Digital Cleft Care project page](#).

Learn more about Cleft Lip & Palate Digital Workflows on our website: <https://digital-workflows.fdiworlddental.org>

FDI is leading the transformation of cleft care through digital innovation.

Preventing AMR and Infections

Recognizing dentistry’s responsibility for prescribing nearly 10% of all antibiotics used in human health, FDI has long championed the profession’s role in tackling antimicrobial resistance. By positioning oral healthcare within the global AMR response, this initiative drives innovation through education, practical tools, and collaboration—empowering dental teams to protect patients today and preserve antimicrobials for the future.

Strengthening global action on AMR during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the most pressing threats to global health. As resistance to antibiotics increases, so too does the risk for millions of people living with noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), who are more vulnerable to infection. In November 2025, building on the momentum of the 2024 United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on AMR, World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) took place under the theme Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future. The campaign called on governments, professionals, and communities to translate political commitments into tangible, accountable, life-saving interventions—and to think and work differently, recognizing that AMR cannot be addressed in isolation.

Against this backdrop, FDI participated in an interprofessional webinar hosted by the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA). Speakers representing the five main health professions—dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists, and physicians—explored how interprofessional collaboration can serve as a powerful tool in responding to both AMR and NCDs, and how public health messaging must evolve to better empower professionals and communities alike.

[Watch the webinar recording](#)

Explore FDI’s project resources

WAAW also provided a timely opportunity to promote FDI’s existing bank of AMR resources. These include practical tools and evidence-based resources such as a free interactive online course, support for developing antibiotic stewardship programmes, and a white paper outlining a framework to help dental teams tackle antimicrobial resistance in daily practice.

[Discover all the resources on the project page](#)



FDI will continue to raise awareness and strengthen global efforts to tackle AMR. As a global oral health community, we share responsibility for stewarding antimicrobial use and safeguarding the future of patient care. _____

Sustainability in Dentistry

FDI champions sustainability in dentistry by promoting prevention-focused, high-quality care that minimizes environmental impact. Guided by its Policy Statement, FDI supports ethical, resource-efficient practices that reduce pollution, cut carbon emissions, and help protect future generations.

New educational resources embedding Sustainability in Dentistry

Alongside teaching staff and students, FDI recognized the need to embed environmental sustainability into oral health professional education. As a result, in May 2025, and in collaboration with the University of Sheffield, FDI launched new educational resources to support the integration of sustainability into undergraduate and postgraduate dental curricula.

These include [customizable slide decks](#) covering topics ranging from cariology and prosthodontics to public health and ethics. Whether updating an existing course or creating a new one, educators can choose between editable formats for adaptation or ready-made versions for immediate use. A [practical user guide](#) complements the slides, offering step-by-step suggestions based on the open-access report [Curriculum Content for Environmental Sustainability in Dentistry](#). It helps educators understand not only what to teach, but also how to integrate sustainability meaningfully across subjects.

Launch of second Massive Open Online Course

Building on the success of its first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Sustainability in Dentistry, FDI announced the launch of its second course in June. Through MOOC 2, participants explore the environmental impact of oral healthcare and discover evidence-

based strategies to improve patient outcomes while reducing their ecological footprint. Upon completion, learners can also apply for the Sustainability Ambassador Prize—a recognition programme that allows participants to share their reflections and compete for one of two CHF 500 prizes. The first winners were celebrated in January 2025, following their completion of MOOC 1.

Sustainability in Dentistry Summit

The virtual Sustainability in Dentistry Summit was held in June, in conjunction with World Environment Day. The Summit offered participants a platform to explore impactful initiatives that promote environmentally friendly practices in dentistry. Attendees also had the opportunity to learn from industry leaders, who shared best practices and showcased innovative approaches through engaging poster presentations.

Celebrating the FDI Sustainability Award winners 2025

The FDI Sustainability Award plays a key role in encouraging and recognizing sustainability efforts within dental practices and among dental professionals worldwide. In 2025, FDI proudly honoured three winners for their leadership and commitment: Healthpoint Hospital (United Arab Emirates), the Australian Dental Association (Australia), and Dr Hindol Das (India).

Improvements in oral health and well-being can be gained through prevention, screening and monitoring of systemic health conditions in environmentally friendly practices. Thus, optimal oral healthcare has two distinct outcomes: good oral healthcare outcomes and a reduced environmental impact.

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DELIVERING FDI'S STRATEGIC PILLARS

KEY ENABLERS

Key enablers help realize FDI's mission—through effective governance, strong partnerships, engaged membership, and operational excellence.

GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

FDI's governance and leadership meetings play a central role in setting strategic direction, shaping policy, and advancing progress in global oral health.

In April, the FDI Mid-year Meeting took place in Geneva, Switzerland, where Council, Committees, and Working Groups convened to plan activities for 2026 and address imminent business matters. A few months later, in September, the General Assembly and Parliament meetings were held alongside the FDI World Dental Congress (WDC) in Shanghai. The 2025 World Dental Parliament included 408 FDI members from 86 countries, highlighting the organization's broad global representation.

FDI Mid-year Meeting

Over five days, FDI's leadership reviewed policy statements, planned WDC sessions, and discussed projects aligned with FDI's strategic pillars — Knowledge Exchange, Advocacy, and Innovation. A key focus was how FDI should engage with the growing global discourse on fluoride. FDI remains committed to ensuring its policies and recommendations are grounded in the best available scientific evidence and continues to assess developments related to fluoride and its role in oral health, supporting its appropriate use as a safe and effective measure for preventing dental caries. Ongoing collaboration and proactive action will be essential as FDI advances on this issue.

Another key outcome of the meeting was Council approval of the members of two new Special Committees, established at the request of FDI's General Assembly. Further information on these committees is provided later in this section.

General Assembly decisions

The General Assembly (GA) is the supreme legislative and governing body of FDI. It meets once a year and sets FDI policies, the strategic plan, missions and aims, and monitors progress toward achieving them. The GA also approves the annual budget, establishes the annual subscription for Regular Members, receives and takes action on reports from the Council, and elects Regular, Associate, Affiliate and Supporting Members, as well as Committee and Council members and the Speaker of the GA.

As a result of the decisions taken by the voting members at the meeting in Shanghai, the Council and Standing Committees are outlined below. As of September 2025, the composition is as follows:

Council

Members

President

President-elect

Treasurer

Council members

Assist. Prof. Dr Nikolai Sharkov, *BLG*

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Prof. Dr Yi M Liu, *CHN*

Dr Gabriela Ramírez Mendoza, *MEX*

Non-voting members

Speaker of the General Assembly

FDI Executive Director

Dr Stephen Liew, *AUS*

Mr Enzo Bondioni, *CHE*

Standing Committees

FDI has five Standing Committees, each with a particular sphere of activity and expertise. They report to Council.

Dental Practice Committee

Chair: Dr Doniphan Hammer, *FRA*
Vice-Chair: Dr Stefanie Tiede, *GER*
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Liaison Councillor: Prof. Dr Yi M Liu, *CHN*

Education Committee

Chair: Dr Antonio Estrada Valenzuela, *MEX*
Vice-Chair: Prof. Katalin Nagy, *HUN*
Dr Meshari Faraj Alotaibi, *SAU*
Prof. Jun Tsuruta, *JPN*
Dr Antonio Roma Torres, *PRT*
Prof. Tianmin Xu, *CHN*
Liaison Councillor: Dr Anna Lella, *POL*

Membership Liaison and Support Committee

Chair: Dr Irene Marron-Tarazzi, *USA*
Vice-Chair: Dr Makiko Iwasaki, *JPN*
Assist Prof. Antoine Choufani, *LBN*
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Dr Dasom Kim, *KOR*
Dr Sarkis Sozkes, *TUR*
Liaison Councillor: Dr Elham Kateeb, *PSE*

Public Health Committee

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Prof. Islam Tarek Abbas Hassan, *EGY*
Dr Louisa Nokukhanya Makwakwa, *ZAF*
Dr James Taylor, *CAN*
Liaison Councillor: Dr Sophie Dartevelle, *FRA*

Science Committee

Chair: Dr Jeffrey Platt, *USA*
Vice-Chair: Prof. Dr Falk Schwendicke, *GER*
Dr Wendy Thompson, *UK*
Prof. Kivanç Bektaş Kayhan, *TUR*
Dr Walter Yu Hang Lam, *HKG*
Prof. Dr Verica Pavlic, *BIH*
Liaison Councillor: Prof. William Cheung, *HKG*
ISO Representative: Dr Benoit Soucy, *CAN*
IADR Representative: Prof. Helen Whelton, *IRL*

Two new Special Committees

In 2025, two new temporary Special Committees were established. The Special Committee on Membership Subscription Formula is evaluating the effectiveness and fairness of the current membership formula and exploring whether suitable alternatives could be considered by members. The Special Committee on World Dental Parliament is examining the viability of a hybrid model for Parliament. While the formation process took slightly longer than anticipated to ensure a sufficient pool of candidates, both committees commenced their work in 2025. Their work is critical to FDI's long-term sustainability and inclusivity, and further updates will be shared as their work progresses.

Special Committee on Membership Subscription Formula

Chair: Mr Florian Lemor, *GER*
Dr Antonieta Muñoz Solís, *CRI*
Dr Morten Harry Rolstad, *NOR*
Dr Jim Boyle, *USA*
Dr Renier Putter, *ZAF*
Dr Chris Sanzaro, *AUS*

Special Committee on World Dental Parliament

Chair: Dr Kirk Preston, *CAN*
Prof. Dr Marzena Dominiak, *POL*
Dr Juan David Pelaez Ossa, *COL*
Dr Mark W. Donald, *USA*
Prof. Jun Tsuruta, *JPN*
Prof. Tarek Abbas, *EGY*
Dr Ashok Dhoble, *IND*
Dr Yan Si, *CHN*



New policy statements

In addition to welcoming new members, the GA voted on a series of new and updated policy statements, which are available on FDI's website in English, French and Spanish. These statements address a range of critical topics shaping global oral health, including:

1. [Advertising in Dentistry](#)
2. [Alignment of oral health care with ISO Standards](#)
3. [Caries management with Silver Diamine Fluoride](#)
4. [Digital Dentistry](#)
5. [Electronic Health Records](#)
6. [Noma – eradicating a preventable disease to save lives](#)
7. [Specialization in Dentistry](#)
8. [The Role of Supervision in Dentistry](#)
9. [The Use of Topical Fluoride for Caries Prevention](#)

FDI Policy Statements serve as an important advocacy tool to help advance oral health worldwide.

Travel grant 2025

The Travel Grant aims to enable representatives of FDI Member organizations from low- and lower-middle-income countries to attend the World Dental Parliament. In 2025, 13 Travel Grant recipients participated, representing the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lebanon, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, Somalia, Sri Lanka, and Uganda. The 2025 Travel Grant provided 100% reimbursement of agreed airfare benchmarks.

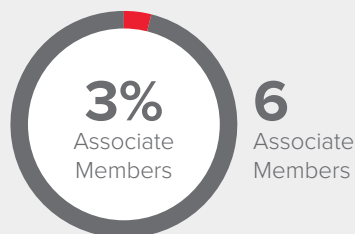
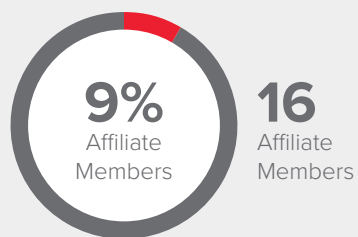
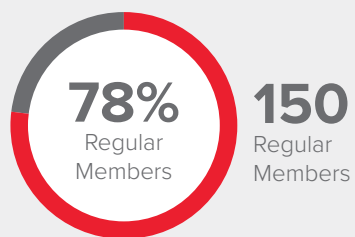
A selection of recipients were invited to share their experiences through two-minute video testimonials, guided by a set of structured questions. Once all videos have been submitted, they will be collated and shared with FDI National Liaison Officers (NLOs). As a key link between FDI and its member associations, NLOs can use this resource to amplify the impact of the Travel Grant, share insights across the membership, and encourage continued engagement in FDI's global governance activities.

Membership

FDI World Dental Federation is the largest membership-based dental organization in the world. It is the principal representative body for over one million dentists worldwide.

190 Number of National Dental Associations and Specialist Groups

134 Number of Countries



Regular Members

- Afghanistan Dentists' Association
- American Dental Association
- Antigua and Barbuda Dental Association
- Armenian Dental Association
- Asociación Dental Mexicana Federación Nacional de Colegios de Cirujanos Dentistas, A.C.
- Asociación Odontológica Panameña
- Asociación Odontológica Uruguaya
- Associação Moçambicana dos Médicos Dentistas
- Association Dentaire Française
- Association Dentaire Gabonaise
- Association Dentaire Haitienne et Orthodontie
- Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Bénin, (A.C.D.B.)

- Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Burkina (ACDB)
- Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Niger
- Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Togo (ACDT)
- Association des Medecins Dentistes Mauritiens
- Association des Médecins-Dentistes du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
- Association des Odonto-Stomatologistes de Côte d'Ivoire (A.O.S.C.I.)
- Association des Odontostomatologistes du Mali (AOSMA)
- Association Marocaine de Prévention Bucco-dentaire (AMPBD)
- Association Nationale des Chirurgiens-Dentistes

- Sénégalais (A.N.C.D.S)
- Association Nationale des Odonto-Stomatologistes du Cameroun (ANOSC)
- Association of Dentists in Republic of Srpska
- Association of Public Health Dentists
- Association Rwandaise des Chirurgiens-Dentistes et Stomatologues
- Associazione Italiana Odontoiatri
- Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani
- Australian Dental Association Inc
- Azerbaijan Stomatological Association
- Bahamas Dental Association
- Bahrain Dental Society
- Bangladesh Dental Society

- Barbados Dental Association
- Belorussian Dental Association
- Botswana Dental Association
- British Dental Association
- Bulgarian Dental Association
- Bulgarian Scientific Association of Dental Medicine
- Bundeszahnärztekammer (BZA EK)
- Cambodian Dental Association
- Canadian Dental Association
- Chambre de Médecine Dentaire
- Chinese Stomatological Association
- Chinese Taipei Association for Dental Sciences
- Colegio de Cirujano Dentistas de Chile

New membership applications

FDI continues to strengthen its membership by engaging with new national dental associations (NDAs). In 2025, FDI was pleased to welcome the following associations as Regular Members:

- Antigua and Barbuda Dental Association
- Bahrain Dental Society

“Member Supports Member” project 2025

The “Member Supports Member” (MSM) project highlights the solidarity and collaboration within the global oral health community. Through this initiative, FDI members provide vital support to fellow NDAs facing financial challenges—covering annual membership fees, enabling attendance at the World Dental Parliament, or both. By fostering mutual aid, MSM strengthens connections across NDAs and promotes broader engagement in FDI activities.

FDI gratefully acknowledges the following associations and individuals for supporting their peers through the MSM initiative in 2025:

- Bulgarian Dental Association → Bulgarian Scientific Association of Dental Medicine
- Dr Carol Summerhays, American Dental Association → Botswana Dental Association
- Dr Michael Sereny, Bundeszahnärztekammer (BZA EK) → Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Bénin
- Prof. Ihsane Benyahya, Association Marocaine de Prévention Bucco-dentaire (AMPBD) → Association des Odontostomatologistes du Mali (AOSMA)
- Dr Irene Marron-Tarrazzi, American Dental Association → Federación Odontológica del Paraguay

- Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Costa Rica
- Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Honduras
- Colegio de Odontólogos de Bolivia
- Colegio Estomatológico de Guatemala
- Colegio Odontológico del Perú
- Colegio Odontológico Nicaragüense
- Collegi d'Odontolegs i Estomatolegs d'Andorra
- Confederación Odontológica de la República Argentina
- Consejo General de Colegios Odontólogos y Estomatólogos de España
- Cook Islands Dental and Medical Association
- Croatian Dental Chamber
- Croatian Dental Society
- Cyprus Dental Association
- Czech Dental Chamber
- Danish Dental Association
- Dental Association of Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Dental Association of Malta
- Dental Association of Seychelles
- Dental Association of Thailand
- Dental Chamber of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Dental Chamber of Kosovo
- Dental Society – Emirates Medical Association
- Egyptian Dental Association
- Estonian Dental Association
- Ethiopian Dental Professionals' Association
- Federación Odontológica Colombiana
- Federación Odontológica del Paraguay
- Federacion Odontologica Ecuatoriana
- Fiji Dental Association
- Finnish Dental Association
- Georgian Stomatological Association
- Ghana Dental Association
- Hellenic Dental Association
- Hong Kong Dental Association
- Hungarian Dental Association
- Indian Dental Association
- Indonesian Dental Association
- Iranian Dental Association
- Iraqi Dental Association
- Irish Dental Association
- Israel Dental Association
- Jamaica Dental Association

- Japan Dental Association
- Jordan Dental Association
- Kazakhstan Stomatological Association
- Kenya Dental Association
- KNMT (Dutch Dental Association)
- Korean Dental Association
- Lao Dental Association
- Lebanese Dental Association
- Lebanese Dental Association - Tripoli
- Macau Dental Association
- Macedonian Dental Chamber
- Macedonian Dental Society
- Malaysian Dental Association
- Mauritius Dental Association
- Moldavian Association of Stomatologists (MAS)
- Mongolian Dental Association
- Montenegro Dental Chamber
- Myanmar Dental Association
- National Dental Association of Somalia
- Nepal Dental Association
- New Zealand Dental Association
- Nigerian Dental Association
- Norwegian Dental Association
- OMD - Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas
- Order of Dentists of Albania
- Ordre Nationale des Chirurgiens-Dentistes de la République Démocratique du Congo
- Österreichische Zahnärztekammer (Austrian Dental Chamber)
- Pakistan Dental Association
- Palestinian Dental Association
- Papua New Guinea Dental Association (PNGDA)
- Philippines Dental Association
- Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists
- Polish Dental Society
- Romanian Dental Association of Private Practitioners (RDAPP)
- Romanian Society of Stomatology
- Russian Dental Association
- Serbian Dental Society
- Singapore Dental Association
- Slovak Chamber of Dentists
- Slovenian Dental Association
- Societé Congolaise des Odontologues, Stomatologues

- et Chirurgiens Maxillo-Faciaux
- Societé de Médecine Dentaire
- South African Dental Association
- SPEMD - Sociedade Portuguesa de Estomatologia e Medicina Dentária
- Sri Lanka Dental Association
- Stomatological (Dental) Association of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Swedish Dental Association
- Swiss Dental Association (SSO)
- Syndicat Tunisien des Médecins Dentistes de Libre Pratique
- Syrian Dental Association
- Tannlæknafélag Islands – The Icelandic Dental

- Association
- Tanzania Dental Association
- The Republic of Srpska Chamber of Doctors in Dentistry
- The Saudi Dental Society
- The Stomatological Society of Greece
- Turkish Dental Association
- Uganda Dental Association
- Ukraine Dental Association
- United Kazakhstan Association of Dentists
- Uzbekistan Dental Association
- Verbond der Vlaamse Tandartsen
- Vietnam Odonto-Stomatology Association (VOSA)
- Zimbabwe Dental Association

Associate Members

- Asociación Odontologica Argentina
- Dental Section of the Hungarian Medical Chamber
- Egyptian Clinical Dental Society
- Freier Verband Deutscher Zahnärzte
- Macedonian Society of Dental Medicine
- Taipei Dental Association

Affiliate Members

- Academy of Dentistry International
- Academy of Osseointegration
- Associação Dentaria Lusofona (ADL)
- Groupement des Associations Dentaires Francophones (GADEF)
- International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
- International Association for Disability and Oral Health
- International Association of Dental Students
- International Association of Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology
- International Association of Paediatric Dentistry
- International College of Dentists
- International Dental Association "Commonwealth"
- International Society of Computerized Dentistry
- Iranian-German Implant Association - IGIA
- Pierre Fauchard Academy
- The Commonwealth Dental Association
- World Federation of Orthodontists

Supporting Members

- Academy of General Dentistry
- American Dental Education Association
- Association for Dental Safety (ADS)
- Association of Dental Dealers in Europe (ADDE)
- Australian Dental Industry Association
- Balkan Stomatological Society
- Dental Trade Alliance
- European Dental Student Association (EDSA)
- Federation of the European Dental Industry (FIDE)
- Fondazione ANDI onlus
- Foundation Nakao for Worldwide Oral Health
- Georgian Implantological Association
- Global Scientific Dental Alliance
- International Dental Manufacturers
- Japan Dental Trade Association
- Oral Health Foundation
- The British Dental Industry Association
- Young Dentists Worldwide

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Report of the independent auditor on the summary of financial statements

To the Council of

FDI Fédération Dentaire Internationale (IDF International Dental Federation), Vernier

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and reserve funds as at December 31, 2025 and statement of receipts and operating expenditure for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of FDI Fédération Dentaire Internationale (IDF International Dental Federation) for the year ended December 31, 2025.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (Core FER), the Swiss Law and the Association's articles of incorporation.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Swiss GAAP FER (Core FER), Swiss Law and the Association's articles of incorporation. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our independent report dated March 24, 2026.

Council's responsibility

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the summary of financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss GAAP FER (Core FER), the Swiss Law and the Association's articles of incorporation.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with ISA-CH 810 "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

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Alexandre Dubi
Licensed Audit Expert
Auditor in charge



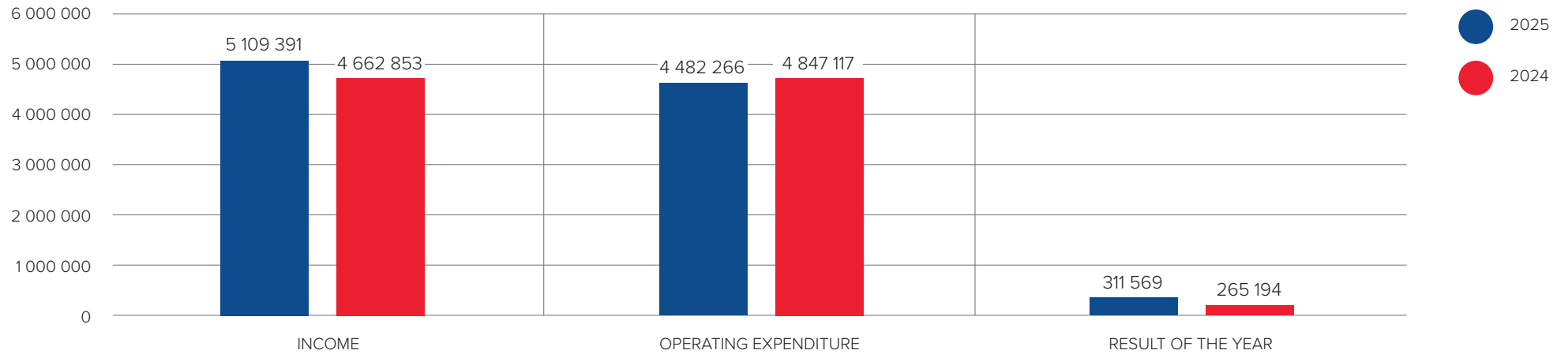
Alexandre Ribordy
Licensed Auditor

Geneva, March 24, 2026

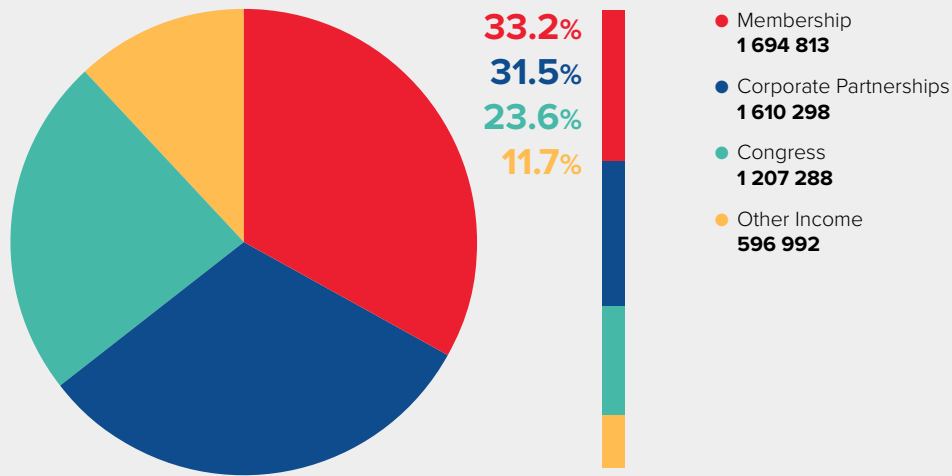
Enclosure

- Summary financial statements (statement of assets, liabilities and reserve funds, statement of receipts and operating expenditure)

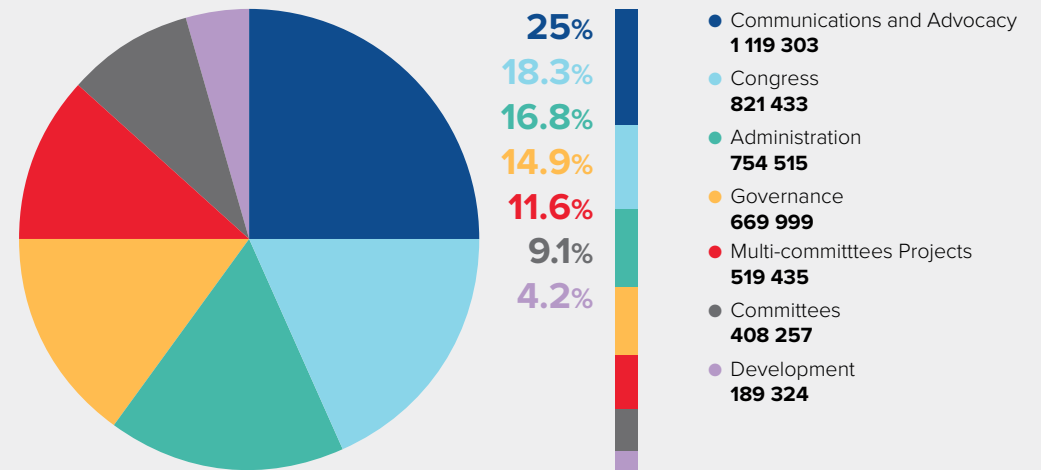
History of Income, Operating Expenditure, and Result of the Year (CHF)



Income 2025



Operating Expenditure 2025



Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Reserve Funds

(in CHF at 31 December 2025)

Assets	2025	2024
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4 096 117	3 821 088
Accounts receivable, net	410 397	465 155
<i>Accounts receivable</i>	413 642	468 067
<i>Provision for bad and doubtful debts</i>	(3 245)	(2 912)
Prepayments and accrued income	703 592	271 214
Other current assets	42 587	9 048
Total current assets	5 252 693	4 566 505
Non-current assets		
Tangible fixed assets	389 433	68 428
Financial fixed assets	3 782 293	3 402 460
Guarantee deposits	71 401	69 378
Total non-current assets	4 243 127	3 540 266
Total assets	9 495 820	8 106 771
Liabilities and reserve funds		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	328 251	347 804
Other payables	110 249	101 899
Accrued liabilities	132 120	129 426
Provisions	38 500	46 000
Deferred income	682 026	705 362
Total current liabilities	1 291 146	1 330 491
Non Current liabilities		
Deferred income	597 010	-
Total non current liabilities	597 010	-
Total liabilities	1 888 156	1 330 491
Reserve funds		
Restricted funds	720 653	606 010
Restricted funds in custody	226 639	221 468
Total Restricted funds	947 292	827 478
General Reserves	5 448 803	5 183 609
Special Reserves	900 000	500 000
Net income for the year	311 569	265 194
Total Unrestricted Funds	6 660 372	5 948 803
Total Reserve funds	7 607 664	6 776 280
Total liabilities and reserve funds	9 495 820	8 106 771

Statement of Receipts and Operating Expenditure

(in CHF at 31 December 2025)

Income	2025	2024
Membership	1 694 813	1 694 366
Congress	1 207 288	1 123 628
<i>World Dental Congress</i>	991 730	1 032 407
<i>Regional congresses</i>	62 193	-
<i>Master CE programme</i>	128 365	66 221
<i>Young Dentists Forum</i>	25 000	25 000
Corporate partnerships	1 610 298	1 645 395
<i>Unrestricted</i>	848 417	886 663
<i>Restricted</i>	761 881	758 732
Other income	596 992	199 464
Total income	5 109 391	4 662 853
Operating expenditure		
Personnel costs	(2 372 070)	(2 521 316)
Office	(369 128)	(374 944)
Travel & subsistence	(632 649)	(781 215)
Operational	(622 130)	(702 960)
Congress specific	(151 768)	(149 929)
Communication/Web/Webinars	(232 903)	(248 069)
Legal	(101 617)	(68 684)
Total expenditures	(4 482 266)	(4 847 117)
Operational result	627 126	(184 264)
Financial income/(expenses)	227 517	186 052
Exchange rate gain/(loss)	(28 430)	(3 129)
Net FDI Financial result	199 087	182 923
FDI result before change in fund capital	826 213	(1 341)
Restricted income allocated to funds in custody	110 307	134 112
Restricted income withdrawn from funds in custody	(105 136)	(126 122)
Result of the year for funds in custody	5 171	7 990
Restricted income allocated to restricted funds	915 246	949 953
Restricted income withdrawn from restricted funds	(800 602)	(890 891)
Result of the year after change in restricted funds	711 569	(60 402)
(Allocation) to/ Withdrawn from special reserve	(400 000)	-
(Allocation) to/ Withdrawn from Membership fees Fund	-	225 596
Withdrawn to World Dental Development Fund	-	100 000
FDI Result of the year after funds allocations	311 569	265 194

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FDI extends its heartfelt gratitude to its 2025 partners for their generous and continued support.



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Oral Health within
General Health
Vision 2030



Sustainability in Dentistry
World Oral Health Day
Digital Cleft Care
Master CE Programme



Oral Health for an Ageing
Population
Master CE Programme



Education Module for Other
Health Professionals
Oral Health Observatory



Recognition Programme



Vision 2030
Young Dentists Forum
Integrated Electronic Health
Records in Dentistry



Vision 2030



Vision 2030



Sustainability in Dentistry



Tobacco Cessation



Mental Health
and Well-being



HPV: Integrating Oral Health
for Prevention



Oral Health for an Ageing
Population



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