

MINUTES

1. Report of the Chair - Dr James Taylor (Chair)

a. Acknowledgements

-the Chair acknowledged the presence of our various national representatives, as well as our distinguished speakers. The Chair then thanked the speakers for participating in our ABM, and announced that their presentations would be available following the meeting on the FDI CDO/DPH Section webpage under the **Past Meetings** tab.

b. Section activities

-close collaboration continues with FDI Public Health Committee (PHC), with the Chair sitting as a statutory Member of the PHC. Section Members around the world also continued to collaborate with the WHO CDO in the implementation of the *WHO Global Strategy and Action Plan on Oral Health 2023–2030*, and in the launch of the *Global Coalition on Oral Health*. See the **Annual Report from the Chair 2026** within the **Reports** tab on the Section webpage for details.

c. PHC Report

-see the **FDI PHC Activities - 2026 Report** within the **Past Meetings** tab on the Section webpage for details.

d. 2026 Joint PHC/CDO Forum program

-Drs Raksanan Karawekpanyawong (Thailand), Dympna Kavanagh (Ireland) and Alexandre Deza (France) will be speaking on the theme of **Oral Health for All: Global Action on the Road to Full Universal Health Coverage 2027**.

2. Report of the Secretary - Dr Chng Chai Kiat (Secretary)

a. Section Master Schedule for FDI 2026 WDC

-see the **CDO Master Schedule 2026** within the **Past Meetings** tab on the Section webpage for details.

b. FDI 2027 WDC

-will be held in Mumbai, India (21-24 October). See preliminary webpage:

<https://2027.world-dental-congress.org/FDI>

3. International Association for Dental, Oral & Craniofacial Research – *Introduction to IADR*

-an in-person presentation was given by Dr Christopher Fox; see **IADR presentation** within the **Past Meetings** tab of the Section webpage.

4. Global National Oral Health Research Strategies Initiative- *Global initiative to support WHO GSAPOH Objective #6*

-an in-person presentation was given by Dr Christopher Fox; see **NOHRS presentation** within the **Past Meetings** tab of the Section webpage.

5. ADA Health Policy Institute - *Policy Research in Action – What Research for CDOs?*

-an in-person presentation was given by Dr Marko Vujicic; see **ADA-HPI presentation** within the **Past Meetings** tab of the Section webpage.

6. ACFF Global – Towards a Cavity-Free Future for Children in Brazil

-a pre-recorded presentation was given by Dr Nigel Pitts; see **ACFF presentation** within the **Past Meetings** tab of the Section webpage.

7. FDI HQ - FDI advocacy update

-an in-person presentation was given by Drs Manu Raj Mathur and Charanjit Jagait; see **FDI presentation** within the **Past Meetings** tab of the Section webpage.

7. New business

a. CDO engagement

-the Chair reminded CDOs that to better enable the accomplishment of one's duties as a national CDO, one would be wise to establish and maintain a communication/collaboration portal with each of today's speakers, and with the WHO CDO.

b. Next meeting

-our Section looks forward to seeing all of our Members in person for our 2027 Annual Business Meeting, to be held during the 2027 FDI WDC in Mumbai, India, 21-24 October. Watch for Invitation Letters within the **FDI World Dental Congress** tab of our Section website, by October 2026, in support of CDO travel request processes within their respective governments.



Dr James Taylor (Canada)
Section Chair