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ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

1. The CDO/DPH Section of FDI is a forum for Chief Dental Officers (CDOs) as well as scientists, educators, practitioners and researchers interested in Dental Public Health (DPH). CDO is used here as a generic term that refers to the officially appointed most senior civilian federal government official in each country responsible for national oral health policy.
2. The CDO/DPH Section is a DPH content-based global collaboration led by national CDOs, with participation by DPH practitioners, administrators and researchers as Section Members. It should not be mistaken for the Public Health Committee (PHC) of the FDI. That said, the Section holds a seat on the PHC, and our sitting Chair participates in this important committee's activity.
3. We have undertaken a comprehensive update of our list of global CDOs; this list is available on our webpage. Our Section strives to keep this list up to date but as changes take place in CDO position incumbents in different countries, that information may not be immediately available to us. Thus, we encourage FDI members to help us continually update this list by contacting our Section Secretary, Dr James Taylor, at james.taylor@phac-aspc.gc.ca.
4. The Section webpage was redesigned and now provides more information for Section members and FDI members at large.
5. As a follow up to the Memorandum of Understanding we signed in 2017 in Madrid with the International Federation of Dental Educators and Associations, our Section was asked to take part in their meeting that was held in April 2019 in Brescia. Our Section Chair participated at this meeting.
6. We further developed our collaboration with the Oral Health Section of the World Health Organization (WHO), working together to ensure that oral health gets on to the Non-Communicable Disease and Universal Health Care agenda of the WHO in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are glad to report that WHO Oral Health will hold a session for CDOs at the 2019 WDC on Thursday 05 September.
7. The Annual Business Meeting of the Section will be held during the 2019 WDC in San Francisco, on the afternoon of Thursday 05 September. In accordance with Section Bylaws, General Elections are planned for all Executive Board Member positions.

Sincerely,



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