

Neighbouring Countries Dental Associations Collaboration Platform

Member Country National Report

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1. What is the term of office for Board of Directors (Council)? Please notify the up-to-date list of your Council.

- The current term has started in June-2012 and will end in June-2014:

President	Dr. Ibrahim Ghannam
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2. Is the membership in your dental association/chamber mandatory or voluntary? And what is the total number of dentists in your dental association/chamber?

- The membership of PDA is mandatory for any dentist licensed by Palestinian Ministry of Health and there are 2800 current members in the West Bank of Palestine.

3. What is the number of dental faculties in your country and how many of these faculties do provide dental education at the moment?

- There are two dental schools in the West Bank. Both of them have been established in the year 2000 and offering dental education at the moment. One of them is located in Jerusalem and is part of Al-Quds University. The other is located in Jenin and is part of Arab American University of Jenin. There is another 2 dental schools in Gaza Strip.

4. How many years does the undergraduate education last in your country? What are the specialties?

- Dental education is a five year program which is followed by a one year internship to be allowed to practice dentistry in Palestine. No specialty programs in dentistry are offered at any of the dental schools in Palestine.

5. Is the postgraduate education (such as (Continuing dental education) mandatory or voluntary in your country? How does the system operate?

- The PDA has passed a new regulation in 2012 in which all dentists are obliged to attend scientific events to be able to renew their membership.

6. Do you have “dental assistant” or “dental hygienist” as a field of profession in your country? If the answer is “Yes”, could you please define the field of their assignments?

- No, these professions are not supported by local regulations to encourage people to specialize in these fields.

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