

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 term of office for the council is 2 years. The council is as follows:

President	Prof. Dr. Taner Yücel
Vice President	Dr. Serdar Sütçü
Secretary General	A.Tarık İşmen
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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 in our Association is mandatory and the total number of the dentists registered to our Association is over 24.000.

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 57 dental faculties in our country. 37 of the faculties provide dental education.

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

- The undergraduate education is 5 years and the specialties are as follows:
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
 - Pediatric Dentistry
 - Endodontics
 - Orthodontics

- Periodontology
- Prosthodontics
- Restorative Dentistry

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

- The undergraduate education is voluntary in our country. A dentist gets 1 credit through the education programmes s/he participates in the seminars, congresses or conferences. In our country to get a Continuing Education Certificate, a dentist must complete 80 credit points in 4 year time.

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?

- In Turkey, we have the dental assistant as a profession but not the dental hygienist. A dental assistant is the person who assists the dentist to perform his profession. The dentists need many dental materials and equipment to complete the procedures such as fillings, root canal treatments, gear cutting and anesthesia during the clinical work hours. These procedures must be completed as soon as possible. At this point a dental assistant should implement all the directives of the dentist such as preparing the dental impression material and giving the dental materials or equipment that the dentist needs during the whole process. A dental assistant also should have a comprehensive knowledge about the sequence of treatment and s/he should follow the processes carefully to perform the task given by the dentist.