

Neighboring 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 is 2 years. Board Members: Yeşim Saraç, Mehmet Ağaoğlu, Lütfi Gündoğdu, Mustafa Düğencioğlu, İrfan Karababa, Gökmen Kenan Özdağ, Zehra Nilgün Özyuva and Tuncay Seven.

2. What is the number of dental faculties in your country and how many of these faculties are state universities and how many of them are foundation university?

There are 71 dental faculties in our country. (state: 53, foundation: 18)

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

Undergraduate education lasts 5 years. Specialties: 1-Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (4 years), 2- Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (3 years), 3- Pediatric Dentistry (3 years), 4- Endodontics (3 years), 5- Orthodontics (4 years), 6- Periodontology (3 years) 7- Prosthetic Dentistry (3 years), 8- Restorative Dentistry (3 years).

4. What are the recent trends and the developments in the educational politics in your country?

Increasing number of faculties of dentistry causes lack of lecturers and thus decreases quality of education. Turkish Dental Association Continuing Dental Education (CDE) which aims education of colleagues after graduation was disciplined with arrangement of Instructions in 1998. CDE Instructions was inclusively renewed according to the changing needs. In addition, configuration works of organization consisting of procedures for determination of Professional Competence and Professional Standards are continuing in order to provide a basis for evaluating continuing professional education programs by our Association.

Turkish Dental Association Academy, which entered into force on 2-3 September 2015 by Turkish Dental Association Supreme Board of Directors, was founded with the aim of developing dental profession scientifically in national and international area, contributing to current scientific education within the context of continuing education of people working in dentistry.

5. What are the trends and the developments in the insurance system (the coverage of the dental treatments) adopted in your country?

Oral-dental diseases are treated only in public institutions and within the concept of General Health Insurance. Patients can go to private health institutions with their own potentialities.

6. Please specify the dates of the upcoming National/International Congress of your Association.

21-24 September 2017, İstanbul, Turkey.