



# The Council of European Chief Dental Officers

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### Chief Dental Officers from all over Europe met in Berlin CECDO-Delegates elected new President elect

**Berlin, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010** - The Council of European Chief Dental Officers (CECDO) autumn-meeting 2010 took place in Berlin from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October at the invitation of the German Dental Association (Bundeszahnärztekammer).

The first day was devoted to the local situation describing the oral health care system in Germany, its professional bodies and its health politics. In addition, information on oral-epidemiology, prevention and health promotion in Germany was also presented.

In the afternoon the CECDO members from all over Europe discussed the education and training systems for dentists and the dental team from the EU-perspective as well as the German situation. The delegates were made aware of the German system of Continuing Education-Institutes of the regional Dental Chambers.

For many years the CECDO-meetings have discussed, in an impressive way, a broad range of relevant Dental Public Health topics. Dr Peter Engel, President of the German Dental Association and Councillor of the World Dental Federation (FDI) in his comments on the CECDO-meeting stated that: "We need this broad relationship with the different leaders all over Europe because we all know that socio-economic problems and diseases do not know any borders!" Public health strategies have to be consistent. Discussion fora like CECDO facilitate this process. Across the borders health and consumer protection will have to work more closely together.

The CECDO-President, Dr Shlomo Zusman (Israel), also underlined the importance of the international exchange of views on politics, dental matters and the promotion of dental public health throughout Europe: "In view of the EU-harmonisation of the health care systems of the different EU-members, it is indeed very desirable if an exchange of opinion and experience on the different structures in the home countries of the participants will and can take place."

On the second day, The CECDO held a workshop on workforce issues and challenges across Europe.

During the CECDO-Business Meeting the delegates elected Paula Vassallo as President elect. The CECDO thanks the outgoing President Dr Shlomo Zusman for his impressive work during the last two years. New President is Dr Paul Boom from the Netherlands.

The CECDO thanks the German Dental Association (Bundeszahnärztekammer) for hosting the Berlin-meeting. The next meeting will take place in Bucharest, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

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