

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DENTURISTS
EUROPEAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, MONTREAL
OCTOBER 12, 2004

1. LEONARD DA VINCI PROJECT – PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The allowance that a practitioner can work for 16 weeks in a new country without registration was removed from the draft proposals but has recently been re-inserted. The European Parliament is sympathetic with freedom of movement with the intent to simplify professional qualifications. The General Dental Council and other professional organizations are opposed and hopefully this article will be removed.

2. MEDICAL DEVICES DIRECTIVE

Work is in progress on revamping the Directive especially as regards dental appliances. Dentists do not have to comply or register. As Denturists are self-prescribing in most European countries, they would not have to register; however, they should register on the technical side and issue an MDD certificate to the patient. Medical Devices Directive in the United States is known as the Dental Appliance Manufacturing Audit Scheme (DAMAS). The perception is that this Directive is being pushed internally from the U.S. when in fact the Directive is global. Although the report forms are being standardized, each jurisdiction would still be able to “personalize” the information required.

3. GUEST: Helga Largren, Aarhus Universitet

Helga Largren presented an overview of the Dental School in Aarhus

4. EXAMINATIONS

The second clinical examination was held in Slovakia in July. The final draft of the examination protocol is to be reviewed by the Education Committee and presented to the AGM on October 13th.

Requests for examination have been received from Hungary, Poland, and information has been sent to Portugal. An increase in exam fees will be required in the future. There may also be a minimum number of students required in order to meet expenses.

5. GUEST: Antony Townsend, General Dental Council

Antony Townsend presented an overview of the role of the General Dental Council and the process of registration of UK Denturists.

6. NEXT MEETING

Fall 2005, Slovakia

Date and Location to be announced