



## Why become a member?

FDI is

- **Unique:** FDI is the only global organization representing dentists worldwide
- **Influential:** FDI influences the dental profession environment
- **Standard-setting:** FDI sets the global scientific standards in the dental field
- **Activist:** FDI has the power to mobilize the public through its member associations, campaigns and extensive media outreach
- **Global advocate:** FDI drives global advocacy in dentistry and oral health
- **Respected:** FDI is in official relations with WHO and other agencies of the United Nations

## How to apply

You can find out more about membership application at [www.fdiworlddental.org/how-to-apply](http://www.fdiworlddental.org/how-to-apply)

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# MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

**Join us in leading the world  
to optimal oral health!**



## Who we are

FDI World Dental Federation serves as the principal representative body for more than one million dentists worldwide. We develop health policy and continuing education programmes, speak as a unified voice for dentistry in international advocacy and support member associations in oral health promotion activities. Over the years, we have developed programmes, initiatives, campaigns, policies and congresses in pursuit of FDI's vision of leading the world to optimal oral health.

We work at national and international level through our own activities and those of our member dental associations. We are in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and a member of the World Health Professions Alliance WHPA.

We bring our vision to life through activities inspired by FDI's four mission statements.

- **The Voice of Dentistry:** to be the worldwide authoritative and independent voice of the dental profession
- **Optimal Oral Health:** to promote optimal oral health for all peoples
- **Members' support:** to promote the interests of member Associations and their members
- **Information Transfer:** to advance and promote the ethics, art, science, and practice of dentistry



We are the largest membership-based dental organization in the world. Our membership comprises almost 200 member dental associations and specialist groups in some 130 countries.

## Four types of FDI membership

**FDI Regular Members** are national dental associations recognized by FDI as principal associations and significant representatives of the legal and certified dental profession in their own countries.

**FDI Associate Members** are national dental associations recognized by FDI as significant representatives of the legal and certified dental profession in their own countries, which, for reasons acceptable to the FDI, do not wish to hold regular membership.

**FDI Affiliate Members** are not-for-profit international dental associations representing dental organisations whose missions are in line with those of FDI.

**FDI Supporting Members** are not-for-profit international organisations and national organisations with an international role, which have objectives in, or are related to the field of dentistry.

## Membership benefits

- **Networking:** opportunities for worldwide networking with other oral health professionals;
- **Decision-making:** participation in decision-making on oral health at global level;
- **Education:** access to the FDI Global Continuing Education Programme (GCEP);
- **Oral health promotion:** opportunities to join in FDI global oral health promotion programmes (e.g. World Oral Health Day);
- **Membership logo:** right to use the specially-designed FDI membership logo
- **Training:** access to training, toolkits;
- **Funding:** opportunities for funding national oral health projects through the World Dental Development Fund;
- **Grants:** eligibility to apply for the annual Travel Grant to attend the FDI Annual World Dental Congress (applies only to NDAs in low income and low-middle income countries);
- **Free registration:** one free registration to the FDI Annual World Dental Congress (applies to FDI Regular Members only);
- **Nominations:** eligibility to nominate candidates for FDI Standing Committees and Council (applies to FDI Regular Members only);
- **Congress hosting:** opportunity to host the FDI Annual World Dental Congress or an FDI Regional Congress;
- **IDJ:** free online access to the International Dental Journal