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FDI Presidential Election:
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FDI Council nominations
The nominations deadline for FDI standing committees is now closed, but there is still time left for national organisations of the FDI to submit nominations for the FDI Council. There are five Council vacancies and one Speaker vacancy this year. Nominations for Council must be sub-
visited attraction: the Vasa Mu-
Gala Dinner
Friday, 26 September
19.30–22.30; Venue: Skansen
A true taste of Sweden. Walk through a replica of a traditional Swedish village and finish with a delicious meal and spectacular view of the city.
The next FDI Council meeting will take place during the 2008 FDI Annual World Dental Congress in Stockholm.
The draft policy gives strategic guidance in all areas of oral health care and disease prevention, including the scaling up of oral health workforce, integration of oral health care into primary health care, universal access to emergency oral care and improved infection control.
This event was funded by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CTC) of the Common-wealth Secretariat and by the FDI.
The two-day conference highlighted the fact that profession-
al and international conference on the regulation of health profes-
sionals, more than 500 dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physicians, physical therapists and gov-
ernment officials debated the critical importance of profes-
sional regulation as essential to safe, quality patient care. The conference was convened by the World Health Professions All-
iance (WHPA)* in collaboration with the FDI World Confederation for Physical Therapy.

The 2008 International Dental Ex-
hibition and Meeting (IDEM) was held in Singapore on 4-6 April. 1,370 trade visitors from 56 coun-
tries, 12 per cent more than in 2006, attended IDEM Singapore 2008.

Representatives from Koelnmesse, Singapore Dental Association and the FDI participated in IDEM's ribbon cut-
ting ceremony.

An international conference on dental education for clinicians, as the pivotal meeting in the Asia Pa-
cific region, continued to grow in popularity as the 22nd annual conference, Expanded exhibition.

The FDI, with the support of the Singapore Dental Association, has been promoting the global NoNoma initiative since 1995, and the first World NoNoma Day was celebrated in 2005.

FDI President, Dr Burton Conrod, President, Dr John Hunt, FDI Interim Executive Direc-
tor, Dr Habib Benraiss, Vice President, IDEM Development and Public Health Manager, Dr Julian Fisher, FDI Scientific Af-
fairs and Public Health Manager and Mr Jon Crali, FDI Development and Public Health Coordinator, Mrs Djordjevic, FDI Secretary Coordi-
inator, and Christine Thoresen, FDI Communications Coordinator.

The FDI calls for the global adoption of the International Harpichard and the 12 guiding principles on self-regulation for effective task shifting proposed by the FDI, which have been regularly reviewed by the WHPA.

The Global Health Care Forum (GHC) at IDEM 2008 provided a comprehensive range of seminars that covered the latest evi-
dence-based concepts in the prac-
tice of dentistry, and that attracted an attendance of 2,410 registrants.

Visitors and exhibitors of all sizes, including small companies from across the globe.

FDI delegates participate in the 61st World Health Assembly at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. The FDI delegation contributed to select agenda items through presentation of statements on the meet-
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IDEM Singapore in key meeting in Asia Pacific

FDI President, Dr Burton Conrod, meets with President of the event organiser, and Christina Lee Thorsen, FDI Communications Coordinator, and Christina Lee Thorsen, FDI Communications Coordinator.

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The A day for the young victims of Noma

Faces of children ravaged by malnutrition

The FDI joined the International No Noma Federation and the World Health Organization in organizing the first ever World Noma Day, which took place on 25 May at the UN Palais Noma, in Geneva, Switzerland.

FDI personnel, elected representatives of dental associations, ministers of health from Africa, members of the health profession, area school authorities, children and various press and media. World No Noma Day was established by Dr Burton Conrod, President of the World Health Foundation, and under the high patronage of the King of Norway, For-
er U.N. Secretary-General.

Noma, an atrocious disease that destroys the faces of thousands of children, still continues to leave rav-
ged and depleted with new cases and without a cure.

The 61st World Health Assembly

The World Health Organization’s (WHO) World Health Assembly (WHA) took place the week of 19 May at the UN Palais Noma, in Geneva, Switzerland.

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FDI President, Dr Burton Conrod, meets with Kristian Mäånes, President of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy. The FDI will build on this highly successful conference by providing information and tools for national health professional associations to strengthen self-regulation and work with their governments. The World Confederation for Physical Therapy and the International Council of Nurses have already produced model practices relating to regula-
tion that can be used as guidelines.

Kamal Misra, President of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (WIPF), considered holding another similar conference to follow up the issues we heard this weekend. The public needs to be aware that self-regulation is an effective way of stimulating good practice and preventing poor practice in the interests of the patient.

The full recording of the conference is available via the WHPA website.