FDI meeting set to be held in Brazil

During its mid-year meeting last month, the World Dental Federation (FDI) Council selected Salvador, Brazil, to host the 2010 FDI Annual World Dental Congress (AWDC).

The Congress, which is still subject to contract, will be held in the Bahia Conference Centre and the Associação Brasileira de Odontologia (ABO) will serve as FDI’s partner in organizing the congress.

There was strong support by member associations for a congress in the region.

The last FDI Congress held in South America was in 1987. The region accounts for about a quarter of the FDI’s individual membership, with 210,000 dentists in Brazil alone.

With the high number of dentists in the region and the excellent support already received, especially by those in South America, the FDI feels confident that there will be a healthy turnout at this congress and of its success.

FDI bids are evaluated on a number of factors, including the population of oral health professionals in the region and the amount and quality of industry activity. Reports on bids to Council are prepared by the FDI Head Office, specifically, the FDI Events Department.

A press release quoted FDI leadership as saying they were “delighted that the 2010 AWDC will be held in the exciting and vibrant city of Salvador, Brazil.”

The South American geographic area is of great importance to the FDI,” the statement continued, “with almost 50 percent of dentists from the FDI Member Associations living and working in that region. The collaboration and tangible support from the FDI’s Member Association in Brazil, the ABO, the Government of Bahia and the owners of the Convention Centre, Bahiatursa, have been outstanding. We look forward to working with them in organizing an unforgettable congress.”