

Stefanie Tiede's role within the FDI

Taking on international responsibility

Since June 2025, Stefanie Tiede has been a member of the extended Executive Board of BDIZ EDI, bringing the association closer to the global dialogue on oral health and dental policy through her active involvement in the Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI).

In this interview, she discusses her responsibilities and their importance for Europe and beyond.

You are President of the Chamber of Dentists of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and a member of the BDIZ EDI Executive Board, as well as holding an international position within the FDI. What exactly are your tasks and responsibilities as head of the German delegation to the FDI?

I have led the German Dental Association (BZÄK) delegation to the World Dental Federation (FDI) for the past three years and also serve as the appointed National Liaison Officer, the official contact person between the FDI and our national association. These roles are similar and closely linked. On the one hand, I facilitate the exchange of information and enquiries between the BZÄK, the FDI and other

national dental associations. On the other hand, I represent and explain the German position on various topics at an international level, acting as the first point of contact for all related matters. As delegation leader, I also coordinate Germany's contribution to FDI Policy Statements and help to organise the activities surrounding the annual FDI General Assembly.

Which topics and challenges are currently most relevant for dentistry in Europe?

There are numerous ongoing debates and challenges facing the dental profession across Europe. One key issue is the increasing digitalisation and integration of artificial intelligence in dentistry. Equally important is the fight against non-communicable diseases, including oral diseases, which is gaining greater recognition in international health policy. The FDI plays an active role in all these areas, helping to shape global health policies in line with a progressive and prevention-oriented approach to dentistry that focuses on patient welfare.

What developments in international dentistry do you foresee in the coming years, and how could the European dental community benefit from them?

The challenges and emerging trends mentioned above also point the way forward for dentistry in Europe. If we proactively and responsibly help shape these developments, keeping patient well-being at the centre of our efforts, we can benefit. By doing so, we can ensure that dentistry remains a strong and respected profession that provides high-quality care and promotes prevention. This is precisely what I aim to support through my work at an international level.

Thank you for your interesting contributions.

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