

The Council of European Chief Dental Officers

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Chief Dental Officers from all over Europe met in Athens

Athens, 5th **March 2014** - The Council of European Chief Dental Officers (CECDO) springmeeting 2014 took place in Athens from 4th to 5th March at the invitation of the Greek Minister of Health. The meeting was planned in conjunction with the meetings of Chief Medical Officers and the Chief Nursing Officers. The Delegates were welcomed by Mrs Z.M. Makri Deputy Minister for Health who discussed the new challenges of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

The first parallel CECDO-session was devoted to the oral health care provision for HIV/AIDS patients, clinical guidelines on recall intervals and quality indicators.

In the afternoon a joint session was held on cross border health threats.

On the second day the President of CECDO delivered a presentation on future collaboration amongst CDO, CMO and CNO-groups. The parallel session focused on the economic crisis and its impact on dentistry. Presentations and a workshop on the topic of oral health care workforce planning followed. More precise data will be required, to help in future workforce planning. The changes of demographics and the oral health services will have an impact on the future skill mix.

The conference was closed by presenting the conclusion of each group.

The CECDO thanks the Greek Ministry of Health for hosting the meeting. Dr. Giuseppe Ruocco, CMO for Italy, invited CECDO to Italy in October.

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