



Members of the Canadian delegation attending the World Dental Parliament (l. to r.) Dr. Jack Cottrell, CDA president, and Mr. George Weber, CDA executive director.

FDI General Assembly for Canadian dentists was the election of Dr. Burton Conrod of Sydney, Nova Scotia, to the position of FDI president-elect. He won the election with the support of 73% of the General Assembly electorate. Dr. Conrod is the first Canadian dentist elected to this position. He will begin his 2-year term as FDI president in 2007.

Among other business, the General Assembly approved regular membership for the Lithuanian Dental Chamber, a country where almost 75% of the 2,700 practising dentists are members of the national association.

FDI Policy Statements

Each year, the General Assembly debates and approves policy statements on oral health. In Montreal, 7 new statements were prepared by FDI committees and approved by the General Assembly:

- Sterilization and cross infection control in the dental practice
- Occupational health in dentistry
- Bleaching materials and tooth whiteners
- Post-exposure prophylaxis for HBV, HCV and HIV
- Dental unit water systems and microbial contamination
- Guidelines for dental volunteers
- Saliva as a diagnostic fluid



World Dental Parliament in session.

In addition, 2 existing policy statements were updated:

- Need and demand for oral health care
- Improving access to oral care

The FDI policy statements adopted at the Montreal World Dental Parliament are published in this edition of *JCDA* on p. 727–31. ○

Public Health Section of FDI

The Public Health Section of FDI brings together the chief dental officers from around the world as well as other individuals interested in dental public health. This year, chief dental officers representing 43 countries were present in Montreal, making it one of the most well-attended public health FDI sessions in recent history. The meeting of this group on August 26 brought together more than 150 participants.

Of note for Canadian dentistry was the nomination of Dr. Peter Cooney, Canada's chief dental officer, to the FDI Public Health Section Executive. Dr. Cooney joins his counterparts from the Netherlands, Israel and Malaysia on the executive. ○

World Military Dental Congress



This year's World Military Dental Congress took place from August 20 to 23. Traditionally, the FDI Section of Defence Forces Dental Services (SDFDS), which is the military component of the FDI, holds a Congress of uniformed dental professionals immediately before the AWDC, allowing the military delegates to participate in the main FDI event.

The SDFDS remains one of the key strategic partnerships of the Canadian Forces Dental Services (CFDS). The CFDS benefits from membership in SDFDS through the exchange of ideas and information concerning various clinical, operational and organizational topics.

Past protocol and tradition is such that the military dental service of the host country organizes the World Military Dental Congress. The theme of this year's Congress was "Evolution in Military Dentistry." Sixty foreign delegates from 21 countries, many of them the chiefs of their respective Dental Corps, and 30 CFDS dental officers attended.

This event consists of scientific presentations, meetings of the international SDFDS executive and a social day showcasing the heritage and military culture of the host nation. The spirit of international cooperation and strategic partner-