IFD

International Federation of Denturists

Who is IFD

Mission Statement

The International Federation of Denturists (IFD), founded in 1956, consists of National Denturist organizations from around the world interested in providing a forum for the promotion of the profession.

The objectives of the IFD are:

- Promote the development of federations or associations of Denturists in each country and political subdivision of each country to represent the views of Denturists to government and governmental authorities and agencies;
- Promote the interest and general welfare of Denturists throughout the world;
- Create and maintain favorable national and international climates within which Denturists can practice their profession;
- Promote research in career training programs for Denturists;
- Promote high educational standards, and develop a code of ethics for Denturists;
- Collect statistical and other such information, and disseminate it to its members;
- Conduct general promotional activities, including advertising and publicity on international and national levels;
- Disseminate information of a general, economic, social, educational and governmental character and to secure and present the views of the members to other organizations, governmental agencies, legislatures and the public;
- Promote the recognition and acceptance of the services provided by Denturists.

Please browse our site and feel free to contact us. We would be very happy to answer any questions you may have. Our meetings are open to all Denturists and we welcome new members.

If your country does not have legislation allowing the profession of Denturism and you wish to know how this may become a possibility, contact us now…we can help.

Executive Board

Urban Christen-Méndez (Switzerland)
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Advantages of being an IFD Member

Being a member will allow you access to the following information and to influence the future of your profession:

- Certification of membership for associations and individuals
- Access to by-laws and IFD constitution
- IFD's strategic plan
- Privileged information on Denturists and how they address issues
- Library of support information and statistics
- Education reports as they become available
- Guidelines for hosting an IFD meeting
- Guidelines for hosting a World Symposium
- Minutes of meetings
- Archives of country reports
- Photos from Annual General Meetings and other events
- Access to website
- Receive Newsflash
- Receive Newsletter

Education Committee

The members of this committee, as of August 21st 2020, are

- Mr. Jamshid Zehtab-Jadid – Chair
- Ms. Jenine Bradburn
- Mr. Johan Jarvinen
- Mr. Todd Young
- Mr. Bill Sharpling (joined october 2022)
- Mr. Colum Sower – consultant
- Mr. John Salamone Reynaud – consultant
- Mr. Efthymios Makis Vakalis – consultant

The mandate of the Education Committee is as to:

- Advise the IFD on the changes in Denturist education;
- Evaluate new school's curriculum relative to the base line;
- Provide education for countries in need of it;
- Facilitate and conduct examinations for interested new countries;
- For the purpose of continuing education, be the IFD facilitator when a new immediate training is required;
- Keep member countries abreast of changes in the baseline education;
- Ensure the baseline education is aligned to the current and evolving needs of the profession
  and help the profession stay relevant; and
- Act as an advisor to the IFD in matters concerned with education.

Member Countries 2025

Europe

Europe	Delegate for IFD	Regulation
Albania	Altin Mele	Regulated
Belgium	Umberto Rotondi	Seeking Regulation
Denmark	Bettina Nielsen	Regulated
Finland	Tapani Korkeala	Regulated
France	Thierry Supplie	Not Regulated
Ireland	Colum Sower	Regulated
Malta	John Salamone Reynaud	Not Regulated
Spain	Mario Viveros	Not Regulated
Switzerland	Urban Christen-Méndez	Regulated
The Netherlands	Toine Klaassen	Regulated
*United Kingdom**	Bill Sharpling (Member Education Committee)	Regulated

**No country member as off October 2023*

North America

Canada	Jaro Wojcicki Jr.	Regulated
St.Kitts & Nevis	Paul Levasseur	Seeking Regulation
United States	Tad Burzynski	Regulated State

Australia/Africa

Australia	Jenine Bradburn	Regulated
Cameroon	Emmanuel Mbarga	Not Regulated
Morocco	El Mahdi Belabbes	Not Regulated
New Zealand	vacant	Regulated
Nigeria	Adeniran Adeniyi Aliu	Not Regulated
South Africa	Oliver Meier	Not Regulated

Cooperation Partners

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As one of the world's leading dental companies and part of the Mitsui Chemicals Group, Kulzer has been a reliable partner for all dental professionals for more than 80 years. Whether analogue or digital dentistry, aesthetic or tooth preservation, prosthetics or periodontology – as a polymer specialist and digital solution provider, Kulzer stands for trusted and innovative dental solutions. This is us. This is Kulzer.

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Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers

It was at Sterkenburg Castle in 1971 that Dutch Denturists first started their education and training for professional status. The Dutch Denturist pioneers started courses that were, initially, run over two years with attendance once a week. Very soon, Denturists were attending the courses for entire weekends. Sterkenburg Castle became their weekend school and home! Because of their comprehensive training, Denturists retained their right to educate themselves and pressure the government for legal status. After official recognition, they decided to form a brotherhood of Denturists from those original pioneers, to honor those who were committed to Denturism and education.

The Sterkenburger philosophy is to help and support the education of Denturists and honor those who have shown an unyielding commitment to the Denturist profession worldwide.

Candidates for induction are nominated by the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers through the Executive of the IFD, and the Abt, who is appointed for life. This prestigious position was held by Pieter Brouwer until his death in 2005. The International Federation of Denturists has agreed that no one person would ever be able to take Mr. Brouwer's place. The administration of the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers is now with the Executive of the IFD.

The Sterkenburger has been bestowed on:

Australia
Mr. Stephen Boxhall, DD
Mr. Graham Key, DD
Mr. John Rogan, DD

Belgium
Mr. M.L.L. Kortleven, TP
Mr. Matthias Luypaert, DD

Canada
Mr. Michel Gamache, DD
Prof. E.Michael Vakalis, DD
Mr. Tony Sarrapuchiello, DD
Mrs. Gerry Hansen
Mr. Robert Pereault, DD †
Mr. Mario Wojcicki, DD
Mr. Martin Damphousse, DD
Mr. Carlo Zanon, DD
Mr. Michael Vout, DD
Mrs. Esther Schwenning, DD †
Mr. Daniel Robichaud, DD
Mr. Jamshid Zehtab-Jadid, DD

Denmark
Mr. Viggo Bramstoft, DD †

Finland
Mr. Harri Aalto, Eht
Mr. Ilkka Amad Garaisi, DD

Ireland
Mr. Colum Sower, DD

Malta
Mr. John Salamone-Reynaud, DD

Slovak Republic
Mr. Stefan Masik, DD
Mr. Stanislav Skoda

South Africa
Mr. Duffy Malherbe †

Switzerland
Mr. Urban Christen-Mendez, DD

The Netherlands
Mr. J.A.Bandel, TP
Mr. L.A. Bertens, TP
Mr. P. Brouwer, TP †
Mr. W.M. Busse, TP †
Mr. E.W. Engelbrecht, TP
Mr. W. te Gussinklo, TP
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Mr. J.H. Jansen,TP
Mr. R. Leeseman, TP
Mr. J.C. van Leeuwen, TP
Mr. J.Th.J.M. van der Linden,TP†
Mr. M. Mattiassen, TP
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Mr. H. Pool, TP
Mr. J.P.A. Rossel, TP †
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Mr. H. de Vries, TP
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Dr. H.H.P. Vergouwen
Dr. W. Sneeuwloper
Mr. M.A. van Oudheusden
R.J. David

United Kingdom
Mr. Chris Allen, TP
Mr. Ph. J. Tucker, TP †
Mr Maxted. D. Jones †
Mr. Patrick Nicholls, MP
Mr. John Goodman, DD
Mr. Peter Meeds DD †

United States
Mr. William Buxton Sr., DD †
Mr. Frederick Gerrity, DD †
Mr. Austin Carbone, DD
Mr. Paul Levasseur, LD
Mr. Bruce Anderson, DD †
Mr. Tad Burzynski

Pieter Brouwer Award of Merit

The highest honor of the International Federation of Denturists (IFD) is the Award of Merit. This is presented to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary and exemplary service to the profession of Denturism on an international level. Pieter Brouwer was a pioneer of the IFD, and Apt of the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers until his death in 2005. As a tribute to Pieter, the IFD re-named the Award of Merit the Pieter Brouwer Award of Merit.

To date, it has been presented to:

Pieter Brouwer †	The Netherlands
Michael Vakalis	Canada
Chris Allen	United Kingdom
Austin Carbone	United States
Paul Levasseur	United States
Eric Engelbrecht	The Netherlands
Gerry Hansen	Canada
Tony Sarrapuchiello	Canada
Duffy Malherbe †	South Africa

Ambassador and Honorary Ambassador

Ambassador:

Mellanie Vonk	The Netherlands	2025 - 2028

Honorary Ambassador:

Eric Engelbrecht	The Netherlands	2025 - Lifetime

AGM & World Symposium

The World Symposium on Denturism is an educational and networking event registered to the International Federation of Denturists. A World Symposium is held every two years at a location to be decided by the members of the IFD. To date, AGM and World Symposia have been held:

- 1980 - Dublin, Ireland: IAZ General Council Meeting
- 1981 - Blackpool, England: IAZ General Council Meeting
- 1982 - Katwijk on Sea, The Netherlands: Congress
- 1983 - Geroldswil Zürich (Switzerland): IAZ General Council
- 1984 - Dublin (Ireland): AZ General Council
- 1985 - The Hague, The Netherlands: IAZ General Council Meeting
- 1986 - Helsinki, Finland: IAZ General Council Meeting
- 1987 - Montreal, Quebec, Canada: IAZ General Council Meeting
- 1988 - Vienna, Austria: First Meeting of International Federation of Denturists
- 1989 - Mandelieu, France: Meeting of International Federation of Denturists
- 1993 - Aarhus, Denmark: IFD AGM
- 1994 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada: IFD AGM
- 1995 - Birmingham, England: IFD AGM
- 1996 - Brussels, Belgium: IFD AGM (Extraordinary meeting)
- 1997 - Helsinki, Finland: IFD AGM
- 1998 - Montréal, Québec, Canada: 1st World Symposium
- 1999 - Hobart, Tasmania: 2nd World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2000 - London, England: IFD AGM
- 2001 - Brussels, Belgium (canceled due to 9/11)
- 2002 - Las Vegas, United States: 3rd World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2003 - Utrecht, The Netherlands: IFD AGM
- 2004 - Montreal, Québec, Canada: 4th World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2005 - Bratislava, Slovak Republic: IFD AGM
- 2006 - Ghent, Belgium: IFD AGM
- 2007 - Coventry, United Kingdom: 5th World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2008 - Sliema, Malta: IFD AGM

- 2009 - Las Vegas, United States: 6th World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2010 - Helsinki, Finland: IFD AGM
- 2011 - Darwin, Australia: 7th World Symposium
  - Amsterdam, The Netherlands: IFD AGM
- 2012 - Ghent, Belgium: IFD AGM
- 2013 - Montreal, Québec, Canada: 8th World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2014 - Dublin, Ireland: IFD AGM
- 2015 - Alexandria,, United States: 9th World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2016 - Luzern, Switzerland: IFD AGM
- 2017 - Montreal, Québec, Canada: 10th World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2018 - Cape Town, South Africa: IFD AGM
- 2019 - Brisbane, Australia: 11th World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2020 - Online (due to COVID) - IFD AGM
- 2021 - Online (due to COVID) - IFD AGM
- 2022 - St. Kitts & Nevis - IFD AGM
- 2023 - Las Vegas, USA: 12th World Symposium and IFD AGM
- 2024 - Helsinki, Finland: IFD AGM
- 2025 - Amersfoort, The Netherlands: IFD AGM and ONT 50th Ann. & Jubilee
- 2026 - Victoria, British Columbia, Canada - IFD AGM

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Leading the denturist world into the future.

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Consultative Status

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