

## The Council of European Chief Dental Officers

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## Chief Dental Officers from all over Europe met in Edinburgh

**Edinburgh**, 25<sup>th</sup> **April 2013** - The Council of European Chief Dental Officers (CECDO) spring-meeting 2013 took place in Edinburgh from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April hosted by the Scottish Government. Delegates were welcomed by Aileen McLeod, a Member of the Scottish Parliament for South of Scotland.

During the first day CDOs visited the Digital Design Studios and the CDOs got a clear view of the innovative and ground breaking 3D technology, which could transform the teaching and understanding of anatomy in Scotland and potentially further afield.

The afternoon was dedicated to oral health care and workforce planning in Scotland, highlighting the child oral health improvement program (Childsmile) and emergency dental care program (NHS24).

On the second day a presentation was given on oral cancer, highlighting this major problem in Europe. A workshop was held on quality indicators, leading to a list of topics, which will be further refined before next meeting.

Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health, welcomed the CDOs at an evening reception in Edinburgh Castle.

The CECDO thanks the Scottish Government for hosting the meeting. The next meeting will take place in Malta from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of November. It will be held in conjunction with the XVIII EADPH (European Association of Dental Public Health) conference.

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