Dr Victor Pensavalle, co-founder of Suvison, died Sunday, 22 June; no longer with us

Dr Pensavalle was a dental market data and to write extensively covered the globe to collect dental market data bank of the world. Dr Pensavalle was convinced that illness and death are one category of life. He did not want any funeral flowers or obituaries, but to leave as simply as possible and as much in silence as possible. He wished only his work to continue to speak.

“All we should bow our heads to Dr Victor Pensavalle and his outstanding achievements in life, wish his family all the best and that the pain at the bottom of their hearts will fade away with time. He truly was a great human being, we will miss Victor,” said Mr Friedrich A. Herbst, Executive Director of International Dental Manufacturers.

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12 September was chosen for World Oral Health Day for three main reasons. Firstly, as mentioned above, September is the most common month for existing Oral Health Days around the world. Secondly, the birthday of Dr Charles Godon, founder of the FDI, falls on 12 September 1854. Finally, the day is the anniversary of the FDI. The manual was launched and referred to by many of the speakers at the “Second Economics in Dentistry Workshop” in May in Cernobbio, located in the Lombardy region of Italy. The launch was also witnessed by the free circulation of professional figures in the dentistry sector.

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The Vasa was Sweden’s largest and most prestigious warship, the pride of the naval fleet and the Swedish nation. Unfortunately, her glory was short-lived. Shortly after having set sail on her maiden voyage in 1628, she sank within Stockholm’s harbour. She spent the next 353 years lying at the bottom of Stockholm’s harbour. She was incredibly well preserved and a painstaking operation to recover her from further damage has resulted in her own museum. The Vasa Museum is one of Stockholm’s top attractions and has become a very popular museum and restaurant to host international guests.

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The FDI encourages all member associations, governments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), media and other entities to use the occasion provided through World Oral Health Day to develop community

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1. Pre-registration coming to a close

Take advantage of reduced congress pre-registration rates by registering before 15 August. After which, registration will only be available on-site. For more information, please visit the FDI website at: www.fdiworldental.org/microsites/Stockholm/congress2.html.

World Dental Parliament

FDI World Dental Parliament meetings begin Friday, 19 September. Meetings include forums that are open to all interested parties and also the annual general assembly, committee, council, regional organisation and other business meetings that are only open to invited individuals. The World Dental Parliament schedule is available on the FDI website for viewing and can be downloaded at: www.fdiworldental.org/microsites/Stockholm/congress5.html.

World Dental Exhibition

This year’s exhibition promises to be one of the largest held in the region. The dental industry will bring their latest and greatest products and services to be showcased and a visit to the exhibition will provide the opportunity to see, sample and try new equipment and the latest products. To date, more than 250 companies have signed up to exhibit from over 55 countries, including a strong participation from the Swedish dental industry.

The exhibition opening hours are: 24 September, 08.00 – 18.00; 25 September, 08.00 – 18.00; 26 September, 08.00 – 18.00; 27 September, 08.00 – 14.00.

For more information on the World Dental Exhibition, please visit: www.fdiworldental.org/microsites/Stockholm/congress9.html.

Gala Dinner

The annual congress gala dinner will be held the evening of Friday, 26 September. This year’s dinner will take place in the spectacular and unique hall of the Vasa Museum, situated on Royal Djurgården.

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FDI Dental Ethics Manual in Italian

The “FDI Dental Ethics Manual” first published in October last year has been translated into Italian by the Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani (ANDI), a Regular Member of the FDI. The manual was launched and referred to by many of the speakers at the “Second Economics in Dentistry Workshop” in May in Cernobbio, located in the Lombardy region of Italy. The launch was also witnessed by the free circulation of professional figures in the dentistry sector.

The FDI Dental Ethics Manual provides global oral healthcare information online and offline on professional, technical, human, commercial and industrial resources as well as informative, promotional, advertising and marketing services to the world dental community. Its meticulous and hard-working style made Suvison what it is today, the most reliable and known dental market data bank of the world.