



Board of Directors Nomination Form (2024-2026)

Please print.

I nominate: Sharon Heidmann
(Nominee's name)

to serve as: Vice-President
(Title of IFDH Office)

of the International Federation of Dental Hygienists for the 2024-2026 term of office.

Nominee's current IFDH position Secretary

Resume attached (check one): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominator Name: Carmen Kanoway Country: Germany

Signature of Nominator: [Signature]

Nominator's IFDH position: Delegate Germany

Signature of Nominee (if available) _____

Please describe your reasons for nominating this person on a separate sheet.
Include, for example, their education, work experience, organisational experience,
and other expertise and qualifications:

Worked with Sharon on the Social Responsibility committee
her leadership & knowledge was amazing with
her passion to help others is amazing.

She goes the extra mile for hygienists &
the general population.

She is a guiding presence at the IFDH.

**Return this completed form and resumes by email
to the Nominations Committee via:**

Jill Rethman, President Elect at: PresidentElect@IFDH.org

DEADLINE: Nominations should be received by IFDH by April 9th, 2024.

International Federation of Dental Hygienists

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FOR POSITION AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF IFDH

INTRODUCTION

After nearly three decades of involvement in the dental hygiene profession, which I am deeply passionate about, my vision is to further introduce extensive expertise, building a solid record in leadership, advocacy and innovation to the role of Vice-President of the International Federation of Dental Hygienists.

My experience in both national and international leadership roles has given me insight into the global dental hygiene challenges and opportunities.

I am eager to further contribute to the IFDH, our member countries, professionals and the public worldwide, using my knowledge and skills to their fullest potential.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- **2022-2024 - Secretary, IFDH Board**

Currently serving on the IFDH Board as Secretary, sharing in the governance and strategic direction of the federation.

- **2018-2023 - CEO, Israeli Dental Hygiene Association**

As CEO, instrumental in guiding the association through significant improvements in national dental hygiene standards and professional development. Advocator for the rights and recognition of dental hygienists, organized national and international conferences and successfully recruited sponsorships. Producer and organizer of the 2018 annual meeting of the European Dental Hygienists Federation (EDHF) in Jerusalem, Israel, hosting delegates from 17 countries. Spearheaded national social responsibility projects.

- **2014-2018 - President, Israeli Dental Hygiene Association**

As President, determined the association's strategic initiatives and enhanced its visibility and impact both nationally and internationally. Oversaw the development and execution of significant programs aimed at advancing the dental hygiene profession.

- **2014-Present - Member, Advisory Committee on Dental Hygiene, Ministry of Health**

Provide expert advice on national dental hygiene policies, legislature, and practices.

- **2007-2014 - Secretary, Israeli Dental Hygiene Association; Editor of the Professional Journal, associations website management**

Served as Secretary of the IDHA, involved in the association's operational excellence. Editor of the scientific journal.

- **2013-2018 - Health Educator, "Smiles Project" by Joint, Hadassah, and the Israeli MOH**

Educated kindergarten and daycare infants on dental health, contributing significantly to early dental care awareness.

- **2010-2022 - Delegate, International Dental Hygiene Federation (IFDH) and European Dental Hygienists federation (EDHF)**

Advocated for Israeli dental hygiene professionals on an international platform, participating in addressing global challenges in dental care practices and education.

- **1996-Present - Dental Hygienist, Private and Public Dental Clinics**

Delivered comprehensive dental care with a focus on preventative measures and patient education. Pioneered special needs oral health treatment through a dental hygienist course.



EDUCATION

- 2023-2024 : **Wellcoaches Training**, Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer
Advanced coaching techniques for promoting health and wellness.
- 2023 : **Directors' Course**,
Faculty of Business Administration, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Focused on strategic leadership and corporate governance.
- 2011-2013 : **Master of Health and Business Administration (MHA)**,
Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Specialized in health and business management. Graduated with honors.
- 2007-2010 : **Bachelor of Health Systems Management, (BHA)**
Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem
Excelled in studies, received the Dean's Scholarship for outstanding performance.
- 1994-1996 : **Dental Hygiene Studies**,
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Faculty of Dental Medicine-Hadassah Ein Kerem

Continues courses on dental hygiene, conference attendance, webinars etc.

- Affiliations: member of CEF and EADPH

VOLUNTEER WORK:

- 2022-Present: Promoting oral health in women's shelters and their children.
- 2018 Oral health awareness for children in refugee communities.
- 2011 Pediatric dialysis department at Shaare Zedek, teaching oral hygiene and gum disease prevention to the patients, their families and the nursing staff.
- 2008- Present: Promoting oral health and prevention through oral health drives and initiatives

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

Speaker at domestic and international conferences, seminars, universities to professionals and general public on dental topics, dental hygiene and the promotion of dental health as part of general health.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST – ON THE PERSONAL SIDE

I am a proud mother of 14-year-old twins, a son and daughter. This role is the highlight of my life. I constantly focus on their education and aim to inspire them by demonstrating that with diligence, high moral values, genuine desire, and passion, great achievements are possible. I strive to show both my daughter and son that women can be career-driven and highly successful. I would be delighted if they chose to promote health in their lives.

Above all, appreciating what you have and being kind to yourself and others is most important

In my leisure time, I enjoy my family & friends, music concerts, spinning, and nature hikes.