

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
5TH SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE OF
THE TANZANIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION
HELD FROM 20TH TO 23RD FEBRUARY,
1985, AT THE MSIMBAZI COMMUNITY
HALL, DAR ES SALAAM.**

1. There is a need to train a new cadre of dental auxiliary who will work in primary oral health care at grass root level in rural areas.
2. There is a need for collaboration with the Tanzanian Food and Nutrition Centre and other governmental agencies to formulate a sugar policy in order that the per capita consumption of sugar can be kept at a low level.
3. Fluorosis is a significant public health problem in identified parts of Tanzania and that the standard set by Ministry of Water at 8 ppm only accentuates the problem. The standard should be adjusted to accepted international figure of 1p.p.m.
4. An epidemiologic survey of oral tumours is called for to enable the early detection and treatment of tumours.
5. Prevention and a non-surgical mode of therapy is the treatment of choice for periodontal disease in the Tanzanian population.
6. Regional and district dental officers are requested to immediately plan and implement preventive programmes in their places of work, and to inform the Central Dental Unit of their implementation.
7. A liaison between Central Dental Unit, TDA and the toothpaste manufacturers should be made and a safe policy about the marketing of flouride toothpastes in high flouride areas in Tanzania evolved.
8. Members recommend that our dental health education to the public should be expanded to include:
 - (a) Proper information of the benefits/risks of fluorides.
 - (b) Advice to seek early diagnosis and treatment of small lesions that could progress to tumors
 - (c) Advice to seek treatment for traumatic injuries to teeth, and the periodontium.

**RESOLUTIONS MADE AT THE A.G.M. OF
THE TANZANIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION
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ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 1985

1. A Health Secretary should be appointed to liaise between the Dental personnel and the Chief Dental Officer who would be responsible for advising the Ministry of Health to appoint a Manpower Management Officer for the affairs and overall welfare of the dental personnel.
2. The posts of R.D.O. and D.D.O. should be established immediately in order to coordinate dental health services in the district/region concerned. They should be accorded responsibility allowances.
3. The issue of promotions has been a 'bone of contention' at all Annual General Meetings. It is time deserving dental personnel were given promotions due to them.
4. Efforts should be consolidated to complete The Dental School Buildings as soon as possible in order to facilitate the teaching programme.
5. A Dental Officer appointed for duties in the Southern region after serving for a period of 3 years should be transferred. Immediate disciplinary action should be taken against dental officers failing to comply with the transfer order.
6. A provision should be made to cover the Dental personnel with Health Hazard Allowances.
7. School Teachers involved with primary oral health care education should be provided teaching allowances.