

IADMFR – Educational Track

The Advanced Educational Track has been developed to raise standards across Dentomaxillofacial Radiology (DMFR) field and to build capacity in regions that lack post-graduate programs in this area. However, with this certificate the candidate is not skilled to work as specialist in DMFR. Obtaining such acknowledgment from IADMFR is a prestigious achievement that demonstrates competency regarding basic and advanced diagnostics and imaging planning.

It is open to any dentist, registered as International Association of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology (IADMFR) member. Completing the Program is an achievable goal for anyone who is suitably qualified. The Educational Track supports the IADMFR's core aim of improving standards of education, clinical practice and diagnostic process. This Program provides a way of recognizing the skills and expertise of dentists practicing in DMFR field. However, this process is not valid or equivalent as a DMFR specialty recognition. Instead, it aims to demonstrate to colleagues and patients the commitment to providing high-quality dentomaxillofacial imaging and related diagnostics. In addition, it may open doors and enhance the profile of DMFR in those countries where DMFR is not recognized as a specialty.

1. Goals

1.1 To obtain acknowledgment from IADMFR by demonstrating competency and skills regarding basic and advanced diagnostics and imaging planning.

1.2 To build capacity in regions that lack post graduate training programs in DMFR.

2. Minimal entry requirements

The candidate shall hold an academic degree from an accredited dental school recognized by the ministry of health or the government of their own country.

3. Nature of the Advanced Educational Track

3.1 The training program will be launched on a remote study basis.

3.2 Candidates will be allocated to suitably qualified mentors who are IADMFR members.

3.3 The Educational Track will cover theoretical aspects of DMFR as well as diagnostic cases reading.

3.4 After the candidate has completed the program successfully, the mentor should receive an honorarium, to be defined by the education board members.

4. Program structure and content

4.1 The Education Committee of the Association should be requested to draft the educational content of the program. Modern principles in curriculum development for remote study programs should be followed. The program should include several modules which require initiative and an ability to source information from the internet.

4.2 The structure of the program should be provided to the mentor who will be tasked with guiding the progress of the candidate (Step 1).

4.4 The mentor should approve the examination readiness of the candidate.

5. Examination

The examination paper and oral will be set by the Education Board and presented to the candidates during the biannual IADMFR congress. This board will be composed by IADMFR members, with at least 20 years of experience in DMFR.

A first examination of the candidates will be taken online in 6 months' time after the beginning of the program and need to be approved by Education Board members.

6. Granting of the Advanced Educational Track in DMFR

Successful applicants are presented with their acknowledgment by the IADMFR President during an award ceremony at the General Assembly of the biannual scientific meeting.

7. Step-by-step: from enrollment to IADMFR Advanced Educational Track

Step 1: Request for Enrollment by mailing to the secretary of the IADMFR at IADMFR@aimgroup.eu, including a motivational letter and your CV. The motivational letter should indicate whether the DMFR is recognized, or not, in your current practice/living country.

The Education Board will study the application and allocate a mentor for the training process.

Step 2: Educational Track

Once the candidate is approved and allocated to a mentor, the following items should be forwarded to the Education Board:

Part A

1. Ten illustrated case studies, covering 2D and 3D images used for the diagnostic process. More details regarding the contents of the cases and the periods of

submission will be provided at the time of enrollment. All collected cases will constitute a future database that should be used for educational and research purposes;

2. Your personal DMFR portfolio (name of candidate, name of your mentor, lists of webinars followed, certificate of radiation protection course in dental radiology (<https://iadmfr.one/education/iaea.html>), and other courses, e-learnings and meetings followed in relation to DMFR (ie <https://iadmfr.one/education/iadmfr-courses.html>)).

This document must be signed by your mentor and yourself;

3. A statement of the mentor confirming the examination readiness of the candidate;

4. An application fee to be defined by the Education Board (covering the costs of the examination);

Part B

Candidates who successfully complete Part A and have presented interesting and well-documented cases will be invited to present them in a webinar.

The candidates will be invited to sit a multiple-choice examination and an oral examination in the next IADMFR Congress.

The multiple-choice exam will consist of 50 questions, and to succeed in this examination the candidate needs to score at least 70 per cent.

- The contents will be available in the website www.iadmfr.one, see IADMFR Educational Program workgroup members: Profs. David Mac Donald, Claudia Noffke, Reinhilde Jacobs, Sanjay Mallya, André Ferreira Leite, Anne Caroline Costa Oenning, Dania Tamimi, Karla de Faria Vasconcelos, Matheus Lima Oliveira, Saulo Leonardo Sousa Melo & Sergio Lins de-Azevedo-Vaz.

Part C

Having successfully completed Parts A and B, the candidate is ready for the final part of the program: the oral examination at the IADMFR congress.

For the oral examination, the candidate will have to prepare a PowerPoint / Keynote presentation of all ten cases to be discussed with the committee. The candidate will be argued concerning those cases. If the candidate successfully completes the oral examination, he/she will receive the acknowledgment during the awards ceremony presided over by the IADMFR President. Please note that the candidate must register to the congress in advance if wish to participate.

6. Reapplication

The Educational Track acknowledgment is valid for ten years. After ten years, a reapplication process is required, and it only involves an oral examination. In case of failing the reapplication, the candidate may apply biannually (following the IADMFR Congress schedule).