

Report 2020

ERO-WG « ageing population »

First of all, many thanks to all members of our WG. Everyone is a precious member and I have always a unanimous support in our important task.

During the AWDC of FDI in SF I have presented the outcomes of our questionnaire and we can consider with satisfaction that problems related to the ageing population become more and more a priority in our ERO member-countries. But the tremendous challenge remains and our profession has to fulfill many duties to come up to expectations.

WG meeting held on Friday 31st of January 2020 in Zurich Airport



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Main information from the WG meeting:

- All the WG members have to reconfirm their attendance to the WG until 15.2.2020.
- The members of the WG “ageing population” are interested to collaborate with the CED (Council of European Dentists).
- On FDI level the WG “ageing population” is starting the season 2 (2020 to 2022). Priority is tool dissemination and awareness of patients and professionals.
- In France the FDI tools have been translated into French and an e-learning program has been created to help colleagues to implement the procedures.
- In Germany more and more institutions have a contract with local dentists to assume dental care.
- In Switzerland the priority is to reach the “NOGO” population which do not stay in institutions. The WG members also support the principle that the dentist must be aware to keep in touch with long-term patient which do not follow recalls.
- In Italy a congress will be organized in that field and an important gradient exists between situation in north and south regions.

- In the Netherlands the NDA faces similar problems as in Switzerland and they try to reach the “NOGO” population. Evolution in robotics should improve oral health in ageing population.
- In Israel conservative dentistry is free of charge for the population over 75 and removable dentures with 2 implants free for the population over 80.
- In Turkey dental care is included in general medicine insurance but only in public health clinics.

Future tasks for the WG “ageing population”:

- Tools, checklists, guides for auxiliaries
- In collaboration with health authorities prevention programs with smart management of sugar and salt consumption
- Depending on national legislations training programs for auxiliaries in oral health for ageing population
- Plans for NOGO-patients staying at home
- Awareness of oral health for medical doctors
- Spreading FDI tools

This is my last report as chairman of ERO-WG. I had the privilege to collaborate during 21 years on ERO, FDI and CED level and I say thank you and goodbye to all delegates, colleagues and friends.

Best regards

Philippe Rusca 7.2.2020