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Dear Colleagues,

Please find some information about ERO activities.



Springtime was highlighted by our plenary session in Paris where we celebrated ERO' 50th anniversary. This event was also an incentive to update our history and publish a booklet, considering the innovative visions of our predecessors. We have invited all ERO past-presidents, several sent their apologies, but many honored us by coming and took the opportunity to meet colleagues and have passionate discussions.

We had apologies from J.Jardiné (I had the pleasure to visit him in Strasbourg and to hand him over a ERO' 50th brochure), J.Monnot, A.Schneider and E.Schmølker.

I had the pleasure to welcome P.Müller-Boschung, J. Font-Buxó, P.Hescot and G.Seeberger. Thanks to all of them, it is great to feel their attachment to our organization. During the Gala-diner held on a "bateau-mouche" everybody has appreciated the fine French menu and the fantastic scenery of Paris. We started by sunset and turned back by illuminated monuments. Thanks to the organizers and all participants for the solemn atmosphere.



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Anniversary gâteau



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ERO-Presidents from l. to r.: P.Hescot, J.Font-Buxó, G.Seeberger, P.Müller-Boschung, Ph.Rusca



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### ERO Plenary session

The plenary session was held in the conference center of the Hyatt Regency Etoile Hotel in a constructive atmosphere. You can find the minutes and the main documents on our homepage.

You probably recall the emotional situation between the Spanish Dental Association and Henry-Schein Spain. After the plenary I brought the two parties around the table to find a compromise. These discussions were carried on in Madrid and the last information seems to confirm an end of the crises.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of June the ERO-board met in Warsaw to treat current affairs:

- In the activity-field of the working-groups there are many projects under construction. Please collaborate with the chairpersons and answer the questionnaires to help them to be successful in their intentions. The outcomes of these projects are important for our profession.
- The WG quality under the leadership of Roland l'Herron will have a restart in New Delhi. Please nominate motivated colleagues to collaborate in this important WG.
- The financial situation is perfectly under control. All the membership-fees for 2013 have been paid without

exception. Thank you for your collaboration.

- On request of the FDI our board is working on a new logo. You may remember that in the past we had some confusion because the original FDI logo is integrated in our logo. To avoid misunderstandings a designer has been mandated to work on this project. The ERO board has made some choices but the final decision will belong to you during our next plenary.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of June ERO, president-elect Anna Lella, represented our organization in Brussels at the: "European Workshop on Continuous Professional Development CPD". Please find her report attached.
- It was also decided to make efforts to integrate countries from the Balkan area. We would be grateful to have support from ERO member-countries, which have privileged relations with these countries. This procedure will of course be in accordance with FDI rules.



ERO-Board meeting in Warsaw

20<sup>th</sup> June 2014

The Technical Workshop on CPD and LLL for Health Professionals

Technical workshop on continuous professional development and lifelong-learning for health professionals in Europe took place in Brussels on 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2014. It was a unique opportunity to meet major medical professionals all together.

The technical workshop was held in the context of a study contracted by the European Commission and funded by the 2013 Health Programme. The organizer were:

- *Council of European Dentists (CED)*
- *Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)*
- *European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)*
- *European Midwives Association (EMA)*
- *European Public Health Alliance (EPHA).*

The ERO-FDI was invited and present as well.

Hosts announced that meeting as facilitating a discussion between organisations representing health professionals and policy-makers, regulatory and professional bodies to share information and practices on the continuous professional development of health professionals and to reflect on the benefits of European cooperation in this area for the good of the patients of Europe.

The lively discussions on “Trends; Barriers and Incentives; Accreditation and Patient Safety” among doctors - physicians and dentists, midwives, nurses and pharmacists from the EU and the EFTA/EEA countries should be very helpful in consolidating the preliminary findings and proceeding with the final phase of the study, in particular with a view to identifying recommendations for the European Commission. We have many

challenges however collaboration and working together can help to find inspiration and solution.

25<sup>th</sup> June 2014

The ceremony of signing a Central and Eastern European Chapter of The *Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future (ACFF)* took place in Warsaw on 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2014.

Experts in dentistry and public health representing eight countries Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania and Poland discussed Central Europe ACFF goals and signed regional declaration “Statement of Intent”. During the press conference Anna Lella (president elect ERO-FDI) as an opening speaker on “Caries as health problem” presented WHO and FDI statements and aims and stressed the importance of oral health highlighting the importance of tackling dental caries on a global health basis.

The *ACFF* is a worldwide group of experts who have joined efforts to promote integrated clinical and public health action to stop caries initiation and progression with the aim of moving towards a Cavity-Free Future for all age groups. The signatories of the declaration appealed to implement comprehensive prevention programs and treatment in the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

Anna Lella

In FDI matters, an important issue will be the upcoming elections. May I remind you that we Europeans are an important part of FDI. We represent many member-countries and many colleagues and I claim: we need a strong representation in FDI committees.

This year we have a large choice of excellent candidates, for FDI council we have 3 experienced colleagues, all chairpersons in ERO WG:

- Eduardo Cavalle
- Denis Bourgeois
- Vesna Barac-Furtinger

For speaker we have

- Gerhard Seeberger who speaks perfectly English, German and Italian and has an enormous knowledge of FDI and ERO dossiers.

For the standing committees we have:

- Georgios Tsiogas in Communication and Member Support Committee
- Roland l'Herron in Dental Practice Committee
- Philippe Calfon in Science Committee

In accordance to FDI rules and respecting all the sensitivities and traditions I invite you,

**as ERO-members to support European candidates**

they will defend our interests with more background knowledge and European spirit and tradition.

### Important dates:

Greater Noida (New Delhi)  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
14 h 00- 16 h 30 Plenary  
10 h 00- 12 h 00 ERO WG  
8 h 00- 10 h 00 ERO board

Tbilisi Georgia (Plenary)  
24 and 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2015

I wish everybody a restful summer-break and hope to meet you all in Greater Noida in September

Kind regards



Philippe Rusca

