

Letter to members of CEN/TC 55/ WG 8 Dentistry – Occupational risk assessments

Göteborg/Tromsø 090217

Dear All

I hope everything is well with you and I sincerely hope to see you all in Bratislava. I am sorry that I haven't write a letter to you before and told you about latest news. The work this year has mainly been done by FEPPD (Hana Dohalova) concerning preparation and delivery of the questionnaire among dental technicians (please see below). As for myself the ISO congress in Göteborg took a lot of time and I was quite exhausted after that and have to catch up with other urgent matters. Still, things are in progress.

Please, find attached the second draft of a report on the issue we are working with. The draft is the summary that we decided should be done so far. The new text is marked in green and the comments in yellow. Please look at it before the meeting. Especially the part about different "Regulations concerning work with thermosetting polymer materials in dental profession in different EU countries". We talked about the issue in Brussels last year and it was also mentioned in a letter before that meeting. At the meeting it was discussed and decided that information about regulations should be collected by members of the WG for the countries that they represented for incorporation in the document. I know that time is running and everybody has far too much to do but it would be valuable to have that information from you, if not at the meeting so at least during the spring. I should have reminded you about the issue but my concerns have been mostly focused on the questionnaire.

The mentioned questionnaire is the one that FEPPD told us about last year as an instrument of collecting valuable information. FEPPD made a questionnaire together with me based on other questionnaires used for evaluating prevalence of skin and airway symptoms. It took a great deal of last year with planning etc. The study had ethical approval and the questionnaires have been distributed, but no results have been achieved yet. More information of the study is written in the 2:nd Draft document.

This second draft will be discussed in Bratislava together with a report from FEPPD (attached documents to this letter).

We will also have a oral presentation and a discussion about the questionnaire. The work with the draft can not be finalized this year since we have to have the results from the questionnaire study but we can certainly make some progress.

The other thing that has to be discussed is the new Scope for the WG since the task for our group is widened quite a lot. I will try to have a suggestion ready for presentation at the meeting.

Looking forward meeting you all in Bratislava



Ulf
Ulf Örtengren
Professor
Convenor WG 8