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## **WG Women in dentistry – report 2005-2007**

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Working group Women in dentistry was reestablished in 2005, on the plenary session in Athens, as a part of the FDI section Women dentists worldwide.

We made the questionnaire, and sent it to all ERO members. We received the answers from 17 members – associations.

Report of the WG was presented on the plenary session in Porto in 2006, as well as on the FDI WDW session in Shenzhen same year.

**The number of women in European dentistry reached 69%.**

### **Results of 1st questionnaire**

- **Professional development** - more than 65% are working in preventive dentistry
- **Specializations** - Orthodontics  
- Preventive dentistry
- **Positions on the decision-making level in the associations/chambers/councils,**

Despite distinct number of women in our profession, only **24%** are on the making decision level.

- **Career break** – maternity leave, family reasons
- **Incomes** – officially, there are no differences between incomes, but difference is the result of poor postgraduate education and specialization.
- **Retirement** – there is no significant difference

### **Conclusions**

- **Increase of women in dental profession is changing the nature of dentistry.**
- **Feminization in dentistry, united with less and less money for dentistry produce a very dangerous situation for the future.**
- **It is necessary to establish the women-net in all countries, to investigate all positive and negative influences of this process**
- **Our WG propose to open the special file for woman-dentists on the ERO web site**