

## ERO-NEWS 6

Dear Colleagues,

December 2015

After a short summer break, the ERO activities restarted quickly with the events around the AWDC in Bangkok. Once again, our position as ERO was reinforced on FDI level. Even if we were not successful in supporting the position of ERO for President elect, we still have a strong influence in many key positions, the new FDI President is well known in the ERO, and we will certainly have a privileged relationship.

ERO members in FDI functions:

**Council:**

- P. Hescot, as president
- E. Cavalle, N. Yamalik as councilors and
- G. Seeberger as speaker.

**Standing Committees:**

- Communication and member support:  
N. Sharkov, A. Tolmeijer, D. Ilhan,  
G. Tsiogas
- Dental Practice:  
W. van Dijk, R. L'Herron, M. Sereny,  
B. Yavru-Sakruk
- Education:  
J. Fedderwitz, H. Sar Sancakli,  
J. Trouillet
- Public Health:  
J. Frencken, P. Melo, S. Dartevelle
- Science C.:  
Ph. Calfon, D. Williams, R. Hickel



New FDI President Patrick Hescot  
with President–elect Kathryn Kell

During our ERO plenary session in Bangkok we had some difficulties on organizational level. We could not start our meeting on time, because the previous event ended with an important delay and the distribution of lunch trays to the participants by the staff, which transformed the conference hall into a dining room. Another disturbing factor was the interruption by candidates for FDI functions asking the floor to make their presentations. In the future, we have to find a different solution. If we still maintain such a possibility during ERO plenary, even though all the candidates have the opportunity to intervene

during Open Forum 2, we cannot tolerate interruptions of candidates who are not present at the scheduled time due to being involved in other tasks. I beg your pardon for these inconveniences.

The «Council of European Chief Dental Officers» met on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of October in Berne. This important European body represents mainly the health authorities; much more than dentists of our NDA's. In many points, they are facing similar problems as we do and it was a fruitful exchange. You can find more details about this organization on:

[www.cecdo.org](http://www.cecdo.org)



CECEO meeting in Berne

At the end of October, I was invited by the BZÄK to participate at their main assembly in Hamburg. This traditional autumn event is always connected with a reception of international guest and on this occasion Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Sprekels, well known all over Europe, was honored for his engagement in dentistry during so many years.



BZÄK plenary session Hamburg

On 20 November I have participated at the CED's general meeting in Brussels.

During the plenary session, the CED members elected Dr. Marco Landi (Italy) as new CED President for a three-year term. **Dr. Hans Schrangl** (Austria) and Dr. Piret Väli (Estonia) were elected as Directors and Dr. Alexander Tolmeijer (Netherlands) was re-elected as Director. They join the current Directors Dr. Pirkko Grönroos (Finland), Dr. Roland L'Herron (France), Dr. Peter Engel (Germany) and Dr. Susie Sanderson (United Kingdom). I would like to congratulate Marco Landi for his election and wish him all the best and a constructive collaboration with ERO. At this point, I also thank Wolfgang Doneus for the great work he did as President of the CED during many years and for the good cooperation with ERO.

Since four of five ERO board members participated at CED meeting, we had our ERO board meeting the day after and treated current affairs:

- The ERO board noticed with satisfaction that the document concerning the profile of dental hygienists adopted in Tbilisi is very useful. The dentist's position has been clearly stated and it is a real advantage

since the European Union is now regulating this profession.

- The decision taken by FDI council on 21th of September 2015 (see minutes B.4 ERO Plenary session Bangkok) has been analyzed and the ERO board has decided to write a letter to FDI Council to ask them to reconsider this decision, which is likely to have negative consequences, because this situation undermines the common trust between our member organizations.
- Until now, we have very few candidates for the new WG « aging population ». Soon this problem will concern all our NDA's and it is important to anticipate the upcoming problems. This WG will not be a group of experts, but a discussion panel where we can share experiences and register what we have to do.
- For the other WG we have many projects under work and we hope to have final documents in Baku.
- The preparations regarding next plenary in Baku are in final elaboration and documents will be spread at the beginning of 2016.
- The ERO board has to be reelected during the next plenary session. Please prepare our future and present valuable candidates. Thank you in advance.

As invitee, I have participated at the French ADF congress in Paris. The organizers had decided to maintain this event despite the tragic assassinations of Friday 13th of November.

**Important dates :**

- 29th of January 2016  
WG « liberal dental practice » in Basel
- 29 and 30th of April  
ERO plenary session in Baku

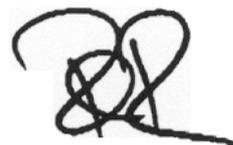
Dear Colleagues and Friends, in few days we start in 2016.

I would like to thank all of you for your collaboration and work, particularly the members of our working groups, the chairpersons, the ERO board members and last but not least Monika!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

My best wishes to all



Philippe Rusca