

# 1964 - 2014

# ERO: Fifty years

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The European Regional Organization  
of the FDI World Dental Federation  
is a non-profit association  
established in accordance with the FDI Constitution,  
registered in the Swiss Canton of Geneva.  
It associates FDI member organizations from the European Area.



European Regional Organisation of  
the Fédération Dentaire Internationale



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**«laudamus veteres sed nostris  
utimur annis»**

**Ovid «fastes» 1,225**

**«We praise our past but are  
acting in the present»**



Dear Colleagues

The ERO is fifty years old and it is time to celebrate this event. For 50 years colleagues have worked intensively to promote oral health and defend our professional interests. Of course our history is strongly related to the FDI, which celebrated its first century in 2000 in Paris. It seems that Paris is the place to highlight jubilees. This brochure is published to summarize the history of the ERO, to show the huge evolution since its beginnings and to remind us of the colleagues who have worked for us. In the historic part you can see that our evolution is intimately correlated with the development of the EU.

Since the fall of the iron curtain in 1989 our regional organization has dramatically changed and now we are very proud and satisfied that the Eastern European countries have joined the ERO and are regular members.

More than ever we presently feel a dramatic change in dental practice. Globalization also has implications in our daily dental life. The traditional “one man practice” seems to belong to the past, advertising is changing our way of interacting with our patients, wild liberalisation without ethical guidelines brings a lot of new problems, the free moving of workforces in dentistry leads to conflicting situations. The shift “patient to client” represents a pioneering challenge. We have to face all these aspects and defend more than ever the values of our profession.

Philippe Rusca,  
ERO president, January 2014

### ERO objectives

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The ERO aims at promoting the concept of dentistry as an independent profession based on the principle of freedom of choice in the relationship between the dentist and the patient.

The ERO works under the supervision and mission of FDI, developing policies, reports and resolutions in order to influence the activities of FDI.

The ERO supports its member organizations by providing the best possible oral and general health to patients.

The ERO promotes and supports European and national health policies that respect ethical principles and professional standards.

The ERO resolutions, expressing the views of European dentists, are valuable documents serving as background and supportive papers for national dental organizations in their contacts with local authorities.

### ERO early days

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**Special Commission for European Cooperation**

**Regional Commission for Europe**

**Regional Organisation for Europe of the FDI**

**European Regional Organisation of the FDI**

The beginnings of the ERO date back to 1955 when the Special Commission for European Cooperation was established in response to the request of some European member associations of the FDI to have a common body to defend their interests and views and to foster their cooperation and links. The Commission took up its activities in 1956 and focused in particular on matters related to social security and illegal dental practice.

In 1958, the Commission was renamed as the Regional Commission for Europe and its activities were orientated primarily towards the development of the necessary conditions of a common health policy of the member countries of the European Economic

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Community (EEC) and the coordination of the dental curricula of the six member countries at that time. However, difficulties concerning dental studies in Italy led to the establishment of a Dental Liaison Committee (DLC) charged in particular with the negotiations with the EEC authorities in Brussels in this respect and the development of the directives on recognition of qualifications of dentists.

In 1962, a permanent Secretariat of the Regional Commission was established in Cologne in Germany at the headquarters of the German Dental Association (Bundesverband der Deutschen Zahnärzte). Its successor, the Bundeszahnärztekammer took over the task of running and financing the Secretariat.

In 1964 the FDI General Assembly adopted a resolution setting up Regional Organisations within the FDI. Accordingly, in January 1965 the Regional Organisation for Europe of the FDI, later renamed “European Regional Organisation of the FDI (ERO)”, was effectively established. It was the first regional organisation of the FDI and thus served as a model for the other regional organisations to be created later in Latin America, the Asian-Pacific Region and more recently in Africa and North America.

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## ERO development

The political change in Europe and the fall of the Iron Curtain also had a great impact on the functioning of the ERO. Dental organizations from Central and Eastern Europe applied for membership and the ERO quickly expanded both in terms of membership as well as in the scope of its activities.

The new member associations requested assistance in establishing their own dental care systems and their organisational structures, sometimes within national medical organizations. Assistance was also sought in adjusting and modifying national dental curricula and examinations. The ERO provided experts for specific professional topics who co-operated with new member organizations – visiting these countries and giving valuable advice. In addition some ERO associations from Western Europe gave their direct assistance within a mutual partnership or within the framework of specific cooperation agreements.

## ERO membership

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In 1965 - its first official year - the ERO had 12 member associations. The number of members has increased continually. In 1966 the dental organization from Israel was admitted – the first country beyond the physiographic Europe.

Following the fall of communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe and the opening of Europe towards the East in 1989 organizations from most of the former Communist countries also gradually joined the ERO, incl. the former USSR republics from Caucasus and Central Asia (WHO European Region).

Currently the ERO counts member associations from 37 countries and has set as a goal to help dental associations from all 53 European countries (WHO European Region) to join the ERO.

## ERO governance

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Before 1998, the stakeholders of the ERO formed its Executive Body, which was composed of 3 officers – President, Vice-president and Secretary General. It developed a Constitution following the FDI-Statutes and a Standing Order for the routine work and the running of meetings. This Constitution was modified and adjusted several times.

A far-reaching reform was completed in 1998 which had been prepared by a working group on the ERO-Constitution and which led to the adoption of a new Constitution which was more in line with the FDI-Statutes than the former one. The Standing Order was replaced by the Rules of Procedure.

The most significant constitutional innovation was the establishment of a Board consisting of five members: President, President-Elect (following the FDI model), Secretary General and two Board members (in particular responsible for the working groups). Secretary General and Board members are re-eligible in their functions. This new enlarged Board was first elected in 1998. The next elections took place in 2001. The President-elect took over the presidency and all other Board members were new in their functions.

The ERO is financed only by fees of the member associations. A budget is prepared annually and the effective expenses are

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assessed to the member associations on the basis of the number of their members.

The Plenary Session – the ERO’s supreme authority composed of delegates of all member organizations – gathers twice a year. According to its Constitution, the ERO holds at least one plenary session per year in one of the member countries (traditionally in April). Another Plenary Session takes place within the FDI World Dental Parliament and Annual World Dental Congress.

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### **ERO office**

Since December 16th 2010 the ERO’s official headquarters are, at the FDI headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The ERO-Secretariat, initially located in Germany, is located in Bern, Switzerland since 2004 and hosted by the Swiss Dental Association SSO.

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### **ERO activities**

The ERO sticks to its mission of being a forum for information and experience exchange and a means for distributing papers on these topics as well as of giving support to the new countries in their negotiations with public authorities.

The ERO publishes presidential letters (formerly circular letters) 3 to 4 times per year.

The ERO has a website with comprehensive information about the organization (documents, contact details of Board members and member organizations, Working Groups etc.): [www.erodental.org](http://www.erodental.org)

### ERO resolutions

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Since 1982 at the request of many member organizations the ERO and in particular its working groups have developed and adopted several resolutions and statements on key issues of national and European interest and concern.

These documents are meant to serve as a background and as supportive papers for member associations and countries in potential controversies and negotiations with national health and governmental authorities. In particular they are of help for Central and Eastern European countries in their endeavours to reform their dental care systems.

### ERO Working Groups

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Due to the manifold and great variety of topics of general interest, it was considered necessary to establish working groups within the ERO to study specific matters in detail and to report to the plenum at the meetings.

Working Groups are set up and composed of experts nominated by the Plenary Session. Working Groups consider and examine in detail matters of particular importance to the dental profession, gather relevant information and elaborate drafts of ERO resolutions and other documents. Following completion of their mandate, Working Groups either focus on other issues or are dissolved. Much of ERO work is carried out by the Working Groups in the period between the plenary sessions – members of the Working Groups who are colleagues from ERO member associations work on voluntary basis without remuneration.

There are currently 7 ERO Working Groups:

1. Prevention
2. Relation between dental practitioners and universities
3. Liberal Dental Practice in Europe
4. Integration
5. Dental Team
6. Continuing Medical Education
7. Quality



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In the past a number of other Working Groups were set up which having completed their mandate either switched their attention to other issues or were dissolved. For example, the following Working Groups: WG Demography, WG Dentists, WG Telematics, WG Entry, WG for Constitutional Revision, WG Parity, WG Women in Dentistry.

The role and tasks of Regional Organisations of the FDI have been discussed over the past and are still subject to changes.

The European Regional Organisation of the FDI associates National Dental Organizations from the entire European geographic area as defined by the WHO.

Thus the area of the ERO's activities reaches far beyond Western Europe, the European Union or the European Economic Area.

Consequently, as there are significant differences between the European regions and countries represented in the ERO, the scope of the ERO's activities and goals to be achieved is large enough for the next 50 years of successful work.

## gallery



 1975 Stuttgart / T. Aggeryd, W. Eggers, R. Braun, E. Huber, Minister Mrs. A. Griesinger.

 1978 Brussels / R. Braun, T. Aggeryd, H. Freihofer, J. Ahlberg.



1986 Munich / H. Zedelmaier, P. Schulz, A. Schneider, G. Sauter, H. Sebastian, B. Bergmann-Krauss-Trump

1986 Munich / J. Jardiné, J. Monnot, P. Colombet, V. Pellegrin.

1986 Munich / R. Freiding A, R. Matheis A, W. Hägler CH.

## gallery



1992 Herzliya / ERO board and FDI invitees.

1992 Herzliya / S. Hanson, A. Schneider, J. Bjørnvad, M. Bader.

1992 Herzliya / New ERO board: S. Hanson, A. Schneider, J. Bjørnvad.






1997 Istanbul / common meeting ERO-DLC C. Genin, C. Gersching, J. Reignault, J. Monnot, S. Hanson, H. Schneider-Chaloux.

## gallery



 1998 Reykjavik / ERO board with guests.

 1998 Reykjavik / old and new Presidents.

 1998 Reykjavik / new ERO board J. Reignault, E. Schmölker, P. Müller-Boschung, E. Cimbara, E. Filippi and B. Bergmann-Krauss, M. Bader.



2000 Paris / 100 Years FDI / J. Monnot, H. Benessianno representing mayor of Paris, P. Müller-Boschung

## gallery





2001 Berne / new ERO board: P. Hescot, A. Rodica, E. Schmölder, A. Mersel, J. Font-Buxó

2005 Athens / S. Dianiskova, P. Hescot, J. Font Buxó, Ph. Rusca and M. Lang (secretary)

2002 Dubrovnik / M. Bader, A. Rodica.





-  2007 Moscow / new ERO board : B. Griffa, Ph. Rusca, P. Hescot, M. Lang, G. Seeberger, V. Sadovski.
-  2008 Istanbul / Bosphoruscruise : P. Hescot, T. Yücel, Ph. Rusca.

## gallery



 2009 Rome / busy board members.

 2009 Rome / ERO board.

 2009 Rome / Plenary session..





 2009 Rome / ERO family.



2010 Yerevan / Gala dinner.





2010 Yerevan /new ERO board: B. Yavru-Sakkuk, Ph. Rusca, A. Lella, M. Frank, M. Lang, G. Seeberger.

2010 Yerevan / German delegation.

2011 Sofia / Plenary session.

## gallery




 2012 Prag / Ladies' discussion.

 2012 Prag / Plenary session.



 2013 Potsdam / Plenary session.



 2013 Munich / new ERO board: M. Frank, A. Lella, H. Schrangl, Ph. Rusca, T. Yücel, M. Lang (secretary).

## 1. Main (spring) meeting venues of the European Regional Organisation (ERO) of the FDI

Year	Venue	Country	Year	Venue	Country
1965	Luttich	Belgium	1990	Corfu	Greece
1966	Copenhagen	Denmark	1991	Francfort/M.	Germany
1967	London	U.K.	1992	Herzliya	Israel
1968	Vienna	Austria	1993	Zurich	Switzerland
1969	Stockholm	Sweden	1994	Budapest	Hungary
1970	Zurich	Switzerland	1995	Sliema	Malta
1971	Amsterdam	Netherlands	1996	Sevilla	Spain
1972	Oslo	Norway	1997	Istanbul	Turkey
1973	Helsinki	Finland	1998	Reykjavik	Iceland
1974	Tel Aviv	Israel	1999	Bled	Slovenia
1975	Stuttgart	Germany	2000	Prague	Czech Republic
1976	Paris	France	2001	Berne	Switzerland
1977	Rome	Italy	2002	Dubrovnik	Croatia
1978	Brussels	Belgium	2003	Warsaw	Poland
1979	Dublin	Ireland	2004	Bucharest	Romania
1980	Zurich	Switzerland	2005	Athens	Greece
1981	London	U.K.	2006	Porto	Portugal
1982	Copenhagen	Denmark	2007	Moscow	Russia
1983	Athens	Greece	2008	Istanbul	Turkey
1984	Lisbon	Portugal	2009	Rome	Italy
1985	Nice	France	2010	Yerevan	Armenia
1986	Munich	Germany	2011	Sofia	Bulgaria
1987	Scheveningen	Netherlands	2012	Prague	Czech Republic
1988	Salzburg	Austria	2013	Potsdam	Germany
1989	Rome	Italy	2014	Paris	France

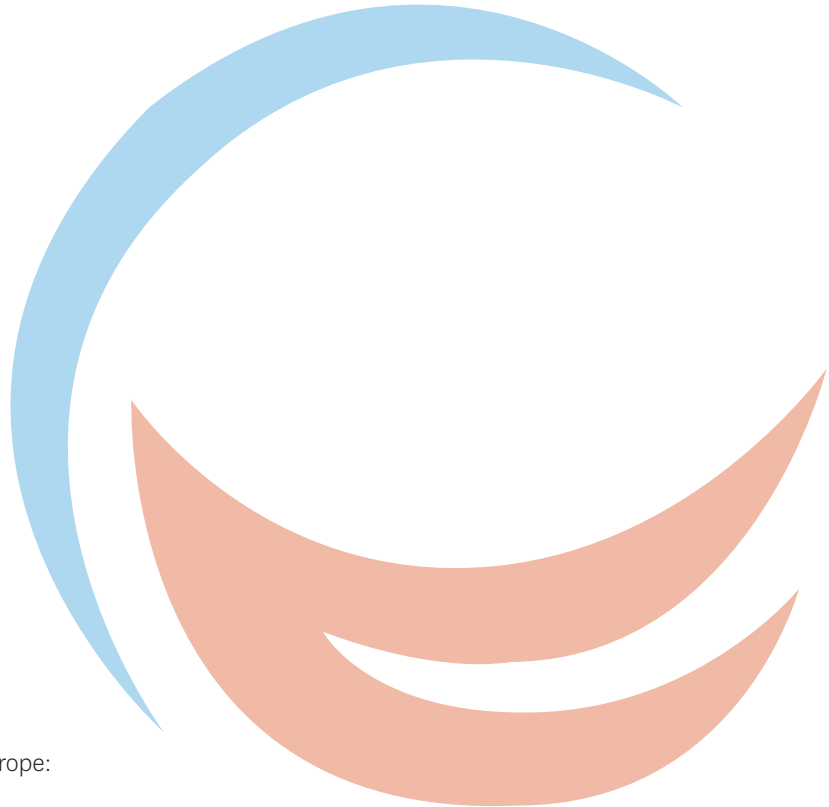


## 2. List of FDI Dental Parliaments and AWDC in Europe since 1964

1965	Vienna, Austria
1966	Tel Aviv, Israel
1967	Paris, France
1968	Varna, Bulgaria
1970	Bucharest, Romania
1971	Munich, Germany
1974	London, UK
1976	Athens, Greece
1978	Madrid, Spain
1979	Paris, France
1980	Hamburg, Germany
1982	Vienna, Austria
1984	Helsinki, Finland
1985	Belgrade, Yugoslavia
1989	Amsterdam, Netherlands
1991	Milan, Italy
1992	Berlin, Germany
1993	Gothenburg, Sweden
1998	Barcelona, Spain
2000	Paris, France
2002	Vienna, Austria
2008	Stockholm, Sweden
2013	Istanbul, Turkey

Next FDI Dental Parliaments and AWDC in Europe:

2016 Poznań, Poland



### 3. ERO-Stakeholders - Executive and Board (1956 - 2013)

Day-to-day management of ERO is the responsibility of the Board – President, President-Elect, Secretary General and 2 Board members (one as Treasurer) elected for 3 years at the Plenary Session.

**President,  
Vicepresident,  
Secretary General**

#### 1956

Dr. E. Müller (Germany)  
Dr. Stork (Netherlands)

#### 1962

Dr. H. Freihofer (Switzerland)  
Dr. W. Brenner (Austria)  
Dr. R. Braun (Germany)

#### 1971

Dr. T. Aggeryd (Schweden)  
Dr. R. Allen (U.K.)  
Dr. J. Jardiné (France)

#### 1980

Dr. R. Allen (U.K.)  
Dr. H. Zedelmaier (Germany)  
Dr. J. Jardiné (France)

#### 1982

Dr. R. Allen (U.K.)  
Dr. H. Zedelmaier (Germany)  
Dr. H. Erni (Switzerland)

#### 1986

Dr. J. Monnot (France)  
Dr. E. Karlsen (Norway)  
Dr. H. Erni (Switzerland)

#### 1992

ZA A. Schneider (Germany)  
Dr. St. Hanson (Belgium)  
Dr. J. Bjørnvad (Denmark)

#### 1996/97

ZA A. Schneider (Germany)  
Dr. St. Hanson (Belgium)  
Dr. E. Cimbura (Czech Republic)

#### 1998

ZA A. Schneider (Germany)  
Dr. E. Cimbura (Czech Republic)

**Board  
President,  
President-elect,  
Secretary General,  
2 members)**

#### 1998 – 2001

Dr. P. Müller-Boschung (Switzerland)  
Dr. E. Schmølker (Denmark)  
Dr. E. Cimbura (Czech Republic)  
Dr. J. Reignault (France)  
Dr. E. Filippi (Italy)

#### 2001 – 2004

Dr. E. Schmølker (Denmark)  
Dr. J. Font-Buxó (Spain)  
Dr. Rodica Aldica (Romania)  
Dr. P. Hescot (France)  
Dr. A. Mersel (Israel)

#### 2004 - 2007

Dr. J. Font-Buxo (Spain)  
Dr. P. Hescot (France)  
Dr. Ph. Rusca (Switzerland)  
Dr. S. Dianiskova (Slovakia)  
Dr. B. Yavru-Sakkuk (Armenia)

#### 2007 - 2010

Dr. P. Hescot (France)  
Dr. G. Seeberger (Italy)  
Dr. Ph. Rusca (Switzerland)  
Dr. B. Griffa (Italy)  
Dr. V. Sadovski (Russia)

#### 2010 - 2013

Dr. G. Seeberger (Italy)  
Dr. Ph. Rusca (Switzerland)  
Dr. A. Lella (Poland)  
Dr. M. Frank (Germany)  
Dr. B. Yavru-Sakkuk (Armenia)

#### 2013 -

Dr. Ph. Rusca (Switzerland)  
Dr. A. Lella (Poland)  
Dr. H. Schrangl (Austria)  
Dr. M. Frank (Germany)  
Dr. T. Yücel (Turkey)

## 4. Presidents

1956 – 1962	Dr. E. Müller (Germany)
1962 - 1971	Dr. H. Freihofer (Switzerland)
1971 – 1980	Dr. T. Aggeryd (Sweden)
1980 – 1986	Dr. R. Allen (U.K.)
1986 – 1992	Dr. J. Monnot (France)
1992 – 1998	ZA A. Schneider (Germany)
1998 – 2001	Dr. P. Müller-Boschung (Switzerland)
2001 – 2004	Dr. E. Schmølker (Denmark)
2004 - 2007	Dr. J.Font-Buxo (Spain)
2007 - 2010	Dr. P.Hescot (France)
2010 – 2013	Dr. G.Seeberger (Italy)
2013 -	Dr. Ph. Rusca (Switzerland)

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### **ERO members**

Armenian Dental Association  
Österreichische Zahnärztekammer  
Azerbaijan Stomatological Association  
Verbond der Vlaamse Tandartsen  
Chambres Syndicales Dentaires Belgium  
Dental Chamber of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Bulgarian Dental Association  
Croatian Dental Chamber  
Croatian Dental Society  
Cyprus Dental Association  
Czech Dental Chamber  
Danish Dental Association  
Ass. of Public Health Dentists Denmark  
Estonian Dental Association  
Association Dentaire Francaise  
Bundeszahnärztekammer  
Georgian Stomatological Association  
Hellenic Dental Association  
Stomatological Society of Greece  
Icelandic Dental Association  
The Israeli Dental Association  
Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani  
Associazione Italiana Odontoiatri  
Kazakhstan Stomatological Association  
Stomatological Association of the Kyrgyz Rep.  
Latvian Dental Association  
Association des Médecins-Dentistes du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg  
Dental Association of Malta  
Moldavian Association of Stomatologists  
Dutch Dental Association  
Polish Chamber of Physicians+Dentists  
Polish Dental Society  
OMD - Ordem dos Medicos Dentistas  
Sociedade Portuguesa de Estomatologia e Medicina Dentária  
Romanian Dental Ass. of Priv. Pract.  
Romanian Society of Stomatology  
Russian Dental Association  
Slovak Chamber of Dentists  
Slovenian Dental Association  
Consejo Gen. Colegios de Odontologos  
Schweiz. Zahnärzte-Gesellschaft (SSO)  
Turkish Dental Association  
British Dental Association  
Ukrainian Dental Association  
Uzbekistan Dental Association  
Freier Verband Deutscher Zahnärzte  
European Society of Dental Ergonomics