

## ERO NEWS 13.

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Dear Colleagues,

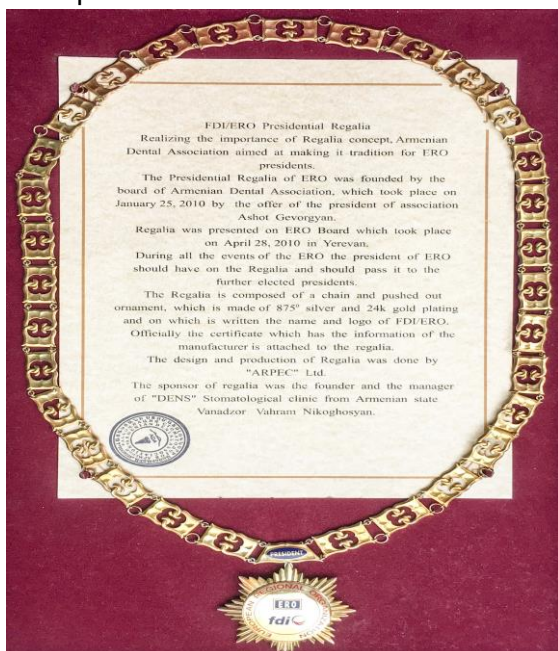
Late Summer and Autumn is a busy period for National Dental Organizations which usually hold their meetings and congresses.

It is also time for us at ERO to continue our activities which we will sum up at the next Plenary Session in April 2018.

With sadness I have to inform you of passing away of our colleague Ashot Gevorgyan, president of the Armenian Dental Association.

We will remember him from the many ERO and FDI meetings, especially the ERO Plenary Session in 2010 in Erevan which he organized so well together with other Armenian colleagues.

Ashot will also stay in ERO's memory for providing us with the Presidential chain which is now handed over every 3 years to ERO presidents.



## ERO's cooperation with ADEE

Nermin Yamalik, ERO's liaison for collaboration with ADEE, is continuing this important activity.

As a follow-up to the oral report on the collaboration between ERO and ADEE provided by Nermin in Madrid the project proposal entitled "A European Perspective on Interprofessional Education" was sent out to ERO member organizations. The FDI Document 'Optimal Oral Health through Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice' to which a reference is made was also distributed.

In the first phase, it is planned to carry out a wide consultation within ERO and ADEE on the definition and interpretation of interprofessional education taking this recent FDI document as the principal and reference document.

We are looking forward to comments on this subject.

Also, ERO provided its comments within the consultation on ADEE document „Undergraduate Dental Education: The European perspective" by making a reference to its statement on 'Continuing Medical Education' as well as recommending inclusion of gerodontology in undergraduate dental education.

As far as I know some NDAs, members of ERO, also provided their comments.



**New Executive Committee of the European Dental Students' Association**

In late August, during the 60th EDSA Meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania, the new Executive Committee was elected. Valentin Garyga from France was elected

as the President, Alyette Greiveldinger from France as the General Secretary, Daniel Merrick from Ireland as the Treasurer, Elen Rowlands from the UK, Ayberk Kara from Turkey and Linnea Borglin from Sweden as Vice Presidents. Congratulations to our young colleagues – we are looking forward to strengthening the ERO – EDSA collaboration.

### **Baltic Dental Days**

The Lithuanian Dental Chamber held its International Dental Congress „Baltic Dental Days" accompanied by the International Specialized Dental and General Medical Exhibition „BaltMEDICA 2017" in Vilnius on 22 and 23 September 2017.

The Congress gathered representatives of dental associations from the Baltic region with scientific presentations covering all dental specialties, i.e. periodontics, prosthodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry. The main topic of the Congress was “The best dental practice around the Baltic”.

The Round Table Discussion on 22 September was focused mainly on oral health care system for disabled and individuals with special needs.

The Discussion covered such questions as legal aspects of volunteering in dentistry and provision of oral health care outside medical and dental institutions, legal aspects and perspectives of dentistry as a liberal profession.

I had an occasion to provide a short presentation on the topic “Aging population - a challenge for contemporary European dentistry” wherein I underlined that ERO is dealing with this issue and that a working group chaired by Philippe Rusca was set up to analyze the current situation in Europe and to propose how to manage it from the point of view of dentists. I also pointed out that this issue is also subject to the attention of the FDI –

during the World Dental Congress in Madrid a separate symposium on oral health for aging population was held.



Participants of the Round Table Discussion in Vilnius

### **Central European Dental Exhibition (CEDE) in Poznań**

In September 2016 Polish dentists had the honour to host the FDI Congress in Poznań.

This year, at the same venue, Central European Dental Exhibition (CEDE) took place with large attendance and vast scientific programme within the Polish Union Dentistry Congress.

The Polish Supreme Chamber of Physicians and Dentists organized a whole day session devoted to a number of topics related to the exercise of the dental profession.

### **Ceremonial Assembly of the Czech Dental Chamber**

On 22 September 2017 the Ceremonial Assembly of the Czech Dental Chamber was organized in Prague to honour the outgoing Board and its president, Pavel Chrz.

The position of the Czech Dental Chamber's president was taken over by dr Roman Šmucler who was elected for the 2017 - 2021 term of office at the 66<sup>th</sup> assembly of the Czech Dental Chamber in November 2016.

### **23. International Dental Congress of Turkish Dental Association**

Between 21 and 23 September 2017 the 23. International Dental Congress of Turkish Dental Association, with more than 10 thousand participants, was held in Istanbul.

Within its frames for the first time a ERO FDI Session took place, organised by the TDA. It was a half-day session chaired by prof. dr Taner Yücel, ERO Board member, entitled "ERO FDI Continuing Medical Education in Dentistry". Invited lecturers from the medical associations provided presentations about importance of diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and medically compromised status management.



*ERO-FDI Session during TDA Int. Dental Congress in Istanbul*

#### **Dates:**

**29 November 2017**, Paris, FRA  
ERO Board meeting

**12 – 14 April 2018**, Salzburg AUS  
ERO Plenary Session

**September 2018**, Buenos Aires, ARG  
ERO Plenary Session (FDI WDC)

**Spring 2019**, Frankfurt, GER  
ERO Plenary Session

**September 2019**, San Francisco, USA  
ERO Plenary Session (FDI WDC)

**Spring 2020**, Kazakhstan  
ERO Plenary Session

Best regards,

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