



## ERO NEWS 34

Dear ERO family,

After a long summer, autumn has now announced itself.

In the following we would like to report briefly on the latest activities of ERO.

### **ERO Board meeting in Sydney during FDI congress 2023**

The ERO Board met in the run-up to the FDI Congress to discuss the most important business.



ERO Board (prof. Taner Yücel missing in the picture)

### **Meeting with the Working Group Chairs**

This meeting, where the most burning issues of the individual working groups are discussed, is now well established and has proven to be very productive. Among other things, it serves to coordinate the tasks of the individual groups and, of course, as a valuable exchange of information.



The Executive Board was able to observe that many interesting topics are underway. It was also noted once again that the working groups can only work efficiently if all their members are active.



ERO Board and Chairs of the Working Groups

### **ERO Plenary Session**

We were pleased to see that many ERO delegates found their way to Sydney and the Executive Board was able to welcome a good number of participants (55 delegates) to the autumn ERO plenary session 2023.

Besides the statutory agenda items, the working groups were also able to present their activities.

The Toothbrushing info sheet, first part of the project of the Ageing Population group, will soon be available on the ERO website.



The working group Relation between Universities and Dental Practitioners has submitted for publication the article “Dental Students' and Graduates' Practical Skills: An International Survey of Perceptions of National Dental Associations in Europe”.

The ERO Plenary session 2023 has approved the recommendation paper on The Use of AI in Dentistry, elaborated by the working group Digitalization in dentistry – E-Health and AI.

Some members of the WG Liberal Dental Practice in Europe are actively involved in the joint CED-ERO task force with the important topic of corporate dentistry.

ERO WG Continuing Medical Education in Dentistry informed the auditorium about progress of their work on the survey regarding dental students, who will be the emerging group in the following years requiring the continuing professional development.

Dental Team working group has presented their latest study on Digitalisation and Dental team. You may find the presentations on the ERO web site.

The chairman of the new working group Oral Health & General Health, Mick Armstrong, informed about their first meeting and defining the relevant topic for Europe in the frame of Vision 2030.

The PS approved the creation of new Ethic committee, that will be acting under the chairmanship of ERO President Elect, Edoardo Cavalle.

### **Outlook on the next events**

The ERO Board is meeting monthly for short (mostly online) meetings.

As next we will meet and work in person in Brussels on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

Dear ERO delegates, at the end of April 2024 we will hopefully meet you all at the ERO spring Plenary session. We will send you more information about the PS until the end of the year.

Finally, the ERO Board would like to express its deep concern over the disturbing and sad events unfolding in the Eastern Mediterranean and their impact on the personal and professional lives of colleagues, their families, and all citizens. We wish to our colleagues all strength and wisdom in these difficult times and hope for a swift return to peaceful life. May the peace be with all people in the world!

Best wishes,  
Simona Dianiskova  
ERO President