



## ERO NEWS 40

Dear ERO members,

On September 11, 2024, ERO board members and WG-Chairs met in Istanbul. Followed by a Plenary session on September 14.



51 voting delegates from 28 national associations attended.

Standard business points: Agenda and minutes from Limassol were approved. The President, Simona Dianiškova, expressed her gratitude to FDI for hosting. Paula Perlea called to national associations for providing their updates and news to keep ERO's website and social media active.

### Key Presentations:

The 2024 **ERO-EDSA Award** winners were announced. **Edoardo Cavallé** introduced the newly developed **ERO-Code of Ethics**, which aims to provide standardized ethical guidelines for dental professionals across the ERO member countries. **Oliver Zeyer** delivered a financial update, emphasizing that ERO finances remain strong and healthy.



ERO-EDSA Awards

### Working Group Updates:

- **Ageing Population:** A new toothbrushing app tailored to the needs of the ageing population has been successfully completed. A dedicated, responsive webpage to support this initiative is currently in development, aiming to promote oral health for older adults.
- **Liberal Dental Practice:** An upcoming publication, titled "*Changing Dental Profession in the WHO European Region*," explores evolving roles and challenges in dentistry across Europe. The article will be published in *Quintessence* and is expected to provide key insights for dental professionals.
- **Dental Practitioners & Universities:** Survey results on collaboration between national dental associations (NDAs) and dental faculties were shared, highlighting existing partnerships and potential areas for improved cooperation between academia and practice.

- **Integration:** The working group is focusing on key integration tasks in the Eastern European Region. Preparations are underway for a workshop in collaboration with the **European Society of Dental Ergonomics (ESDE)**.
- **Continuing Medical Education (CME) in Dentistry:** A consent paper on building a comprehensive continuing education structure, tailored to young dentists, has been approved.
- **Dental Team:** An ongoing survey on dental team training is underway, with the aim of better understanding the current training landscape and identifying opportunities for enhanced education.
- **Digitalization, e-Health & AI:** The working group presented, and the delegates approved the final text on implementing **Teleconsultation** in dentistry, a significant step toward integrating digital solutions and improving patient access across Europe.
- **Oral Health & General Health:** Outcomes of the discussion on advancements in **Universal Health Coverage** was presented, reinforcing the link between oral health and general health and the importance of inclusive health policies.

**Additional Points:**

The **Moldavian Association of Stomatologists** joined the ERO as a new member. Finally, candidates for the upcoming **FDI elections** were invited to present themselves.



**Next meetings**

- Plenary session 2025 (Spring) – Almaty – 2/3 May
- Plenary session 2025 (Autumn) – Shanghai – September – during the FDI congress and Dental Parliament

Warm regards,

Simona Dianiskova, ERO President



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