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Dear ERO members,

The ERO General Assembly was very successfully held in April 2022 in Bucharest/Romania. We, as the ERO board, have shared the annual NDA reports underlining that liberal independent dental practices are mostly in threatening danger.

Corporations which are not owned by dentists are increasing their shares in the dental sector day by day, and unfortunately it is observed that they act on the basis of profit rather health interest. This situation jeopardizes the independent choice of therapy indications and the quality of treatment, which are fundamental features of free dentistry. Another important aspect is the possibility of working as an employee for a low wage and the risk of over-treatment.

Our main objective is to ensure that every individual in their country has access to high quality dental services based on the ethical codes of the FDI/ERO and the principles of the "Charter of the Liberal Professions" of the Council of European Dentists (CED); even if we have to make important changes to the "Dentistry Act" in our own countries.

As NDAs in the ERO, we need to step up our efforts to secure legislation that puts all profes-sional practices under the responsibility of the dentist and allows independent and non-commercial treatment under ''chamber'' supervision.

As for the countries in the ERO zone, dental chains are still very critical as they can operate outside the existing regulations to protect our patients.

On the morning of 23 September, the meetings of the working groups will take place at the Hilton Hotel in Geneva. In the afternoon we will hold our plenary session at Palexpo Geneva. Please see all the details on the website Geneva 2022 - European Regional Organisation of the Fédération Dentaire Internationale (erodental.org).

The board would be pleased to welcome as many of you as possible there.

Yours sincerely,

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Dates

23 September 2022
Geneva, Switzerland
ERO-Plenary Session

28/29 April 2023
Istanbul, Turkey
ERO-Plenary Session