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FDI ERO Continuing Medical Education in Dentistry Working Group 2023 working plan

Dear ERO President and Valuable Board Members,

During our latest activities with my WG Continuing Medical Education in Dentistry aimed to facilitate the online working collaboration to functionaries more more actively as we had our fruitful results with contribution of our Policy Statement. Therefore I want to repeat our intervention as we have previously shared our new prospects for our WG with my supervisor Prof.Dr.Taner Yücel to conduct new activities for next couple of years on the light of FDI Vision 2030. We believe this is such crucial to take solid steps ahead.

As you are actively in the oral health arena you may realise that so far today as we see and also clearly demonstrated in FDI 2030 VISION Report, almost a decade after the FDI published its landmark Vision 2020 report, oral health is still not acknowledged as a priority within global health agendas by governments or by individuals. Today, Vision 2030 is needed to reassert the important link between oral health and general health and wellbeing, to unite the oral health care community behind a range of common goals, and to ensure that all stakeholders understand and recognize that oral health is an essential component of overall health and well-being, Vision 2030 report is to highlight actual and anticipated transformational changes and trends in the global healthcare environment that will affect our profession, and to provide 1 strategies for the inclusion of our profession and oral health care professionals as integral members within the emerging person-centred health care team The

structure of Vision 2030 presents, The Vision 2030 Report provides arguments to support the integration of oral health into the wider context of health and sustainability. It is in line with the global public health discourse, hence the need to identify ways to be part of this global movement and dialogue.

As one of the FDI Vision 2030 main pillars is addressing building a resilient oral health workforce for sustainable development , the primary goal of NDAs needs to promote the longer-term advocacy strategies and policies. Thus, we deeply believe that wboth the undergraduate and continuing education needs to be shaped through this prospect to provide a strong advocacy to implement for future.

Recent working plan outcomes of the WG Continuing Medical Education on how we can proceed to support the current CE events of ERO Member NDAs both online and on-site aiming for any possible collaboration to organize interdisciplinary educational activities. However so far there is still a tendency towards the conventional educational methods for the on-going profession and this shows us that there is big discrepancy between today's educational methods that the new generation profession is mostly prefer to reach their proficiency level.

As the latest activity of the WG, we have enrolled a survey especially regarding students who will be the emerging group in following years with lack of theoretical and practical educational gaps. We also aim to determine what can be implicated and determine the absence especially to be compensated through their medical-dental relation based education as well. Meanwhile this survey was also shared with EDSA to reach an extended number of replies among the European Dental students. Received data which will be presented during the General Assembly will sure be undoubted extremely promising to present within ERO Plenary Session as a strong evidence to publish a resolution statement for a possible future contribution with FDI.

Kindest Regards,

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On behalf of WG Continuing Medical Education in Dentistry