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Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

One month ago we had the opportunity to meet each other during the 2022 FDI World Dental Parliament and the ERO Plenary Session. The events took place in



Geneva, between September 18th and September 25th, at Palexpo and Hilton Hotel and welcomed more than 400 delegates from 74 countries. As always, the European Members have had a strong voice and had a major influence in all decisions taken during the General Assembly, or by the Council of FDI.

This year, the following FDI policy statements (available for download on FDI web page) have been adopted by the GA after consultations, discussions, and consensus among leading dental experts from around the world:

1. Bioactive restorative materials
2. Noma – eradicating a preventable disease to save lives
3. Prevention in sports dentistry
4. Sports mouthguards
5. The role of vaccinations in protecting the dental team

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Also, an important event was the official handover to the Australian Dental Association (ADA) for the first in-person FDI World Dental Congress (WDC) since 2019, which will run from Sunday 24th to Wednesday 27th September in Sydney, Australia. The Congress will advance the art and science of dentistry by delivering a leading scientific programme, interactive forums, and a dental exhibition. This will be an exceptional platform for the dental profession and the dental industry to be under one roof to deepen our existing relationship and to find innovative ways to deliver optimal oral health to populations everywhere. The registrations are open!

During the World Oral Health Forum (WOHF) the FDI World Dental Federation also launched a campaign that asks dental associations to make a commitment to delivering sustainable oral healthcare. Several issues were raised to ensure sustainability including issue of using plastic like in toothpaste, toothbrushes, with focus on oral health education to future dentists. Official partners presented their views on sustainability and assured that they are working with FDI to ensure sustainability in the industry.

Another session was the Oral Health for an Ageing Population Symposium highlighting the importance of increasing oral health literacy in efforts to learn how the dental profession is preparing to treat the growing population of older adults. Epidemiological studies show that older persons are particularly affected by poor oral health, with negative consequences on their general health.

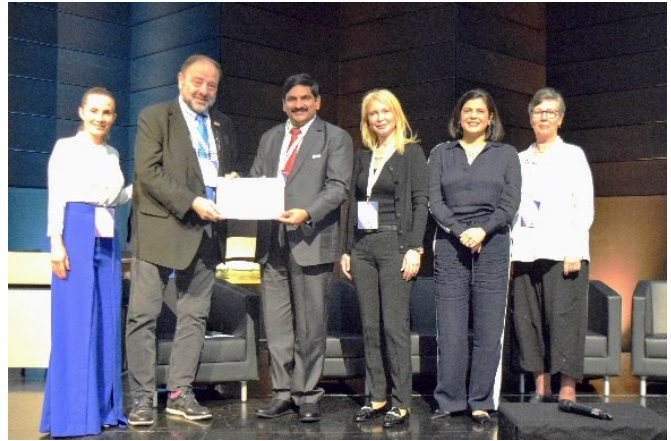


Another major event was the launch of the World Oral Health Day (WOHD) 2023 campaign, the final year of the 3-year campaign theme “Be Proud of Your Mouth”, initiated in 2021. In 2021, the focus was on the importance of oral health for overall health, in 2022, it was highlighted the fact that an unhealthy mouth can severely impact every aspect of life and it is needed for happiness and well-being and in 2023 the focus is on the importance of caring for your mouth at every stage of life: “BE PROUD OF YOUR MOUTH FOR A LIFETIME OF SMILES”. We must congratulate our colleagues and friends from the Hellenic Dental Association who received the price for “Best Media Campaign”,

after organizing a massive campaign at the national level, engaging different regional dental societies that amplified the campaign message on a local base. Their initiatives were featured on various online, print, radio and TV media. In addition, they projected the WOHD logo on several buildings, adapted the WOHD global campaign video in Greek and sign language and produced their own TV spot. A major highlight of their WOHD celebrations this year was the promotion of oral health messages at the 10th Athens Half Marathon. Finally, the campaign also made a huge impact by engaging governments and policymakers to champion better oral health for all.

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Another event which gathered most of us was the 2022 NLO Forum. After the opening speech of the FDI president Prof. Dr. Ihsane Ben Yahya, the Executive Director Enzo Bondioni started the panel discussion by giving brief presentation on Minamata convention emphasizing the importance of phasing down of amalgam or phasing out. This was followed by presentations on the same topic from Bulgaria, Colombia and Nigeria. The NLO report for 2021 and MLSC activities and plans was also presented. The tobacco control panel discussion contained presentations from NDAs of India, France and Tanzania. The event was concluded with group sessions where MLSC members, CE Regional Directors and NLOs had the opportunity to interact. Again, our European group was the largest and the discussions was moderated by Prof. Dr. Paula



Perlea, as MLSC responsible for Europe, and Prof. Dr. Hande Şar Sancakli, as FDI CE Director for Europe. A very important moment was the certificate of appreciation presented for the involvement in the Project “Member Supports Member” to Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani ANDI (provided support to Laos, Burkina Faso, Uzbekistan and Mali Dental Associations, by paying their 2022 membership fees), Bulgarian Dental Association (provided support to Association Médicale Scientifique Républicaine de Stomatologie – Bulgaria, by paying its 2022 membership fee) and Croatian Dental Chamber (provided support to Botswana Dental Association, by paying its 2021 and 2022 membership fees).



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An important event during the FDI World Dental Parliament 2022 was the appointment of council and committee members during the GA and council elections:

- Council Members: Dr. Carol G. Summerhays (United States of America) and Dr. Nahawand Thabet (Egypt)
- Membership Liaison and Support Committee Members: CHAIR Prof. Dr. Paula Perlea (Romania), Dr. Makiko Iwasaki (Japan), Prof. Dr. Yi M Liu (China), Dr. Manuel Sergio Martínez Martínez (Mexico), Dr. Oluwarotimi Akanbi Clement (Nigeria)
- Dental Practice Committee Members: CHAIR Dr. Mick Armstrong (United Kingdom), Dr. Stefanie Tiede (Germany), Assist. Prof. Kinga Grzech-Lesniak (Poland), Dr. Jina Lee Linton (Republic of Korea)
- Education Committee Members: Prof. Dr. Katalin Nagy (Hungary), Dr. Meshari Faraj Alotaibi (Saudi Arabia)
- Public Health Committee Members: Dr. James Taylor (Canada)
- Science Committee: Dr. Jeffrey Platt (United States of America), Dr. Samira Osailan (Saudi Arabia)

Our European colleagues who currently serve in FDI Council and Standing Committees are:

- TREASURER - Assist. Prof. Dr. Nikolai Sharkov (Bulgaria)
- COUNCILOR - Prof. Dr. Paulo Melo (Portugal)
- COUNCILOR – Dr. Sophie Dartevelle (France)
- COUNCILOR – Assist. Prof. Dr. Duygu Ilhan (Türkiye)
- COUNCILOR – Dr. Anna Lella (Poland)
- SPEAKER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Dr. Susie Sanderson (United Kingdom)
- MEMBERSHIP LIAISON AND SUPPORT COMMITTEE CHAIR – Prof. Dr. Paula Perlea (Romania)
- DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Mick Armstrong (United Kingdom)
- DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER – Dr. Doniphan Hammer (France)
- DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER – Dr. Azamat Baigulakov (Kazakhstan)
- DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER - Assist. Prof. Dr. Kinga Grzech-Lesniak (Poland)
- DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER – Dr. Stefanie Tiede (Germany)
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR - Prof. Dr. Marzena Dominiak (Poland)
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBER – Dr. Enrico Lai (Italy)
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBER - Prof. Dr. Katalin Nagy (Hungary)
- PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBER – Dr. Marco Mazevet (France)
- SCIENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR - Prof. Dr. David M. Williams (United Kingdom)
- SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEMBER - Prof. Dr. Falk Schwendicke (Germany)
- SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEMBER – Dr. Wendy Thompson (United Kingdom)

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Last but not least is to mention the exquisite social program event of the FDI World Dental Parliament 2022 organized by our colleagues from the Association Dentaire Française. The dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues Geneva was hosting most of the participants and it was memorable.



ERO is looking forward to meeting you all at the spring ERO-Plenary session 28/29 April 2023 in Istanbul, Turkey and the following ERO-Plenary Session during the FDI WDC in Sydney, September 2023!

Prof. Dr. Paula Perlea