

# ERO REPORT FOR THE FDI GA PRAGUE 2026

Dear FDI President, dear Councillors, dear FDI Delegates, please let me report about the most relevant achievements and actions of the European Regional Organization (ERO FDI) from September 2025 to June 2026.

ERO had 2 Plenary sessions in Shanghai on Sept 8, 2025, and the second one on April 24/25, 2026, in Sofia, Bulgaria, the next Plenary will be held in Prague on Sept 5, 2026 (morning), WG meetings and Board meeting on Sept 3, 2026.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - most important issues during the mandate after Shanghai till June 30, 2026, by the ERO Board.**

## **Board meetings after Shanghai:**

- 2025 - 3 meetings - 1 in presence / 2 online
- 2026 - 8 meetings (including this in Sofia) - 1 in presence / 7 online

Meetings in Presence:

Shanghai late Summer 2025

Berlin Oct 30, 2025

Sofia Spring 2026

## **SOFIA ERO PLENARY 2026**

### **Welcome of guests**

We had the privilege that Nick Sharkov (President-FDI), Enzo Bondioni (CEO FDI) and Duygu Ilhan (Liaison Officer FDI-ERO) attended the assembly.

We were also honoured to welcome the Vice Minister of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria, Petar Gribnev, and the Deputy Mayor of Sofia, Irina Dakova, who delivered special greetings in person. In their addresses, they emphasized the crucial role of oral health within the broader framework of public health and underlined its significance at the highest levels of health policy and leadership. They acknowledged the valuable work being done by dental professionals and international organizations to advance oral health globally.

Warm thanks to the Bulgarian hosts — Dr. B. Milanov, Dr. R. Iliev, Dres. O. and I. Gladkov/a — for their hospitality and excellent organization of the meeting and accompanying events.

### **Achievements in general built on the work of the Former ERO Board**

- Development of new website, to fill it with information from the Dental World and NDAs, Zoom Meetings FORA with NDA and to increase contacts with FDI Regional Organisations. On June 29, the ERO Board had an online meeting with ARO.
- Social media – ERO is active on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter - a dedicated Task Team was established.
- Finances are in a good state, and a Finance Task Team was established.
- Results of taskforce of ERO and CED named “Corporate dentistry”.
- The EU Manual of Dental Practice was updated by ERO Countries.
- The Text of the ERO “Ethic code” was approved by the Sofia Plenary unanimously.
- FDI relationship and coordination in management and policy was increased.
- ERO/EDSA award – liaising with EDSA and defining this year’s topics: *The Role of Dentists in Tobacco Cessation and Oral Health for Elderly Patients* – support of Dental Education Survey.
- The ERO Board is organising with EDSA a webinar in October 2026 on dental practice management.
- Re-Establishment of the contacts with ESDE (European Society of Dental Ergonomics).
- AI platform for simultaneous translation has been identified and tested with success. It will be used in the very near future to increase and develop relationships in mother tongue language.

- Main topics of concern emerging from the reports of NDAs: corporate dentistry, education of young dentists, insufficient insurance systems, increase of costs, dental education and practice quality.
- New Members: Irish Dental Association, Association of Dentists in the Republic of SRPSKA, The Republic of SRPSKA Chamber Doctors in Dentistry and Uzbekistan Dental Association / NDAs that left: Belgium: Chambre de Médecine Dentaire (Belgium), Dental Chamber of Kosovo
- Board Members attended at “The Central European Congress in Prague Oct 10, 2025 ; BZAK General Assembly in Berlin Nov 13, 2025; CED Plenary Nov 19, 2025 in Bruxelles; ADF Nov 25, 2025 in Paris ; IDA Annual Congress Dec 9, 2025 in Tel Aviv; Congress of Preventive Dentistry March 19, 2026 in Bucharest; National Congress of Romanian Society of Stomatology March 20, 2026 Bucharest at Romanian Parliament with FEDCAR President; ADEE ERO CED FEDCAR Meeting on education of the future in Dentistry Feb 25/26, 2026 Copenhagen; GC celebrating 105 anniversary and opening a new factory March 25, 2026 Bruxelles; ERO Plenary Sofia April 24,25, 2026; Balkan Stomatological Society May 7-9, 2026 Thessaloniki, Greece; Szeged Symposium May 12, 2026 ; CED Meeting May 21-23, 2026 Limassol; First Georgian Dental Innovation Forum, Tbilisi May 29/30, 2026 ; BaSS June 12/13, 2026 Larnaca; Meeting at the Head Quarters of FDI June 16, 2026 Geneva.

#### Working groups:

- **Ageing population** – toothbrushing app on ERO website [www.erodental.org](http://www.erodental.org) and poster in preparation
- **Relations between dental practitioners and universities** – Several projects: Inter professional education and collaborative practice/the procedure of specialization/Organization and regulation of orthodontic specialization in the ERO member countries/Collaboration in bridging theory and practice – several articles have been published
- **WG Oral Health and General Health** – a short guide to the relevant themes and ideas on how to support ideas and advocacy for better integration and the move to prevention of the risk factors of dental disease/integration of oral health care into primary health care/preventive oral care and its funding
- **Liberal Dental Practice** – relaunching survey on corporate dentistry/dental chains – a survey to find out what younger dentists preferably chose as working structure and a survey on advertising practices.
- **Integration** - unification of undergraduate education, according to education standards and educational programs; approximate equalization of requirements for postgraduate education in Eastern European countries and approximation to the European or world standard of certification and accreditation; ensuring the widespread implementation of preventive programs, educating the public, especially children of pre-preschool and school age, governmental preventive programs, responsible attitude to oral health.
- **Continuing medical education in dentistry** - survey on the future needs of undergraduate dental students and another one on theoretical and practical gaps in training and how deficits can be remedied.
- **Dental Team** – digitalisation of dentistry - survey on continuing education for dental assistants – survey regarding increasing bureaucracy in dentistry.
- **Digitalization in dentistry** – E-Health - Artificial Intelligence – survey on the topic of “Basic education in digital dentistry in dental courses in Europe/Tele dentistry – Tele consultation/definition of digital dentistry – position paper of the use of AI in dentistry.

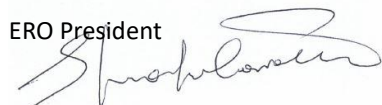
#### ERO Board is composed as follows:

Edoardo Cavallé – President  
 Paula Perlea – President-elect  
 Doris Seiz – Secretary General  
 Oleg Gladkov – Councillor  
 Ariel Slutsky – Councillor

ERO Board is very grateful to the FDI, namely to the President, Nikolai Sharkov, the Executive Director, Enzo Bondioni and to all FDI Office staff for excellent cooperation and support during the whole year and incoming future.

On Behalf of ERO Board

ERO President



Dr Edoardo Cavallé

Monza, June 30, 2026