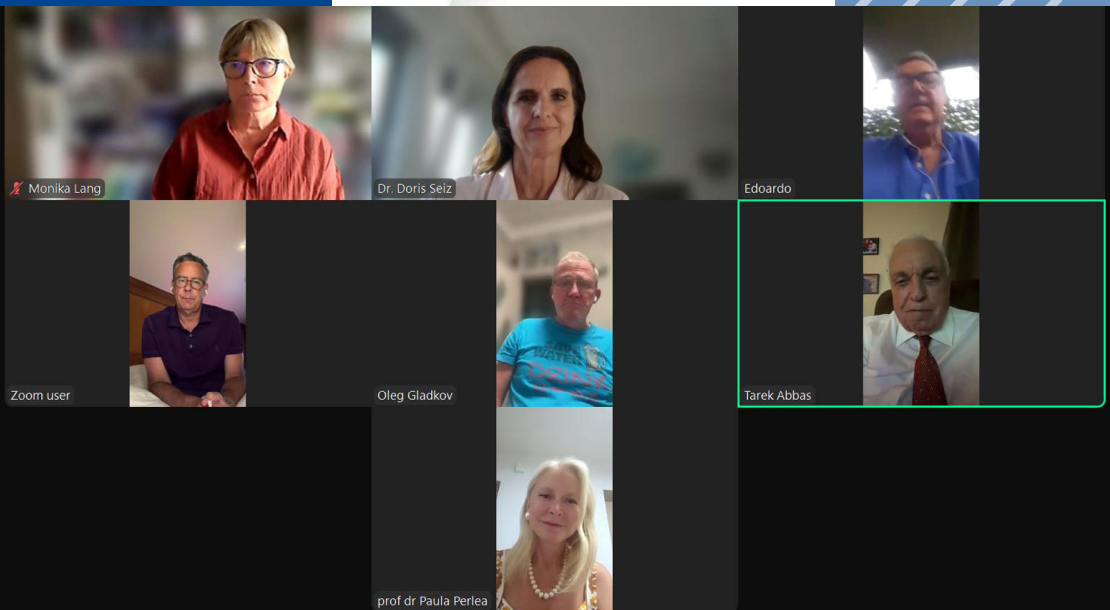


# ERO NEWS



## ERO and ARO Launch a New Chapter of Interregional Cooperation



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EUROPEAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION  
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The European Regional Organization of FDI (ERO-FDI) and the African Regional Organization (ARO-FDI) held their first strategic meeting on 29 June 2026, marking the beginning of a promising partnership aimed at strengthening collaboration between the two regions.

Led by ERO President Dr. Edoardo Cavallé and ARO Vice-President Prof. Dr. Tarek Abbas, the discussions focused on building long-term cooperation through knowledge exchange, professional development, and joint initiatives that will benefit the dental profession and oral health worldwide.

Dr. Edoardo Cavallé welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of strengthening the relationship between ERO and ARO. He noted that a better understanding of each organization's structure, activities, and priorities would provide the basis for meaningful future cooperation. The ERO Annual Report, the ERO website ([www.erodental.org](http://www.erodental.org)), and the European Manual of Dental Practice (European Manual – CED Council Of European Dentists) were presented as key sources of information and will be shared with ARO.

The members of the ERO Board introduced themselves and outlined their respective responsibilities, including continuing education, quality management, communications, finance, international relations, and professional affairs.

Prof. Dr. Tarek Abbas introduced himself and provided an overview of ARO's current activities and priorities.

On behalf of ERO BOARD, ERO President Elect Prof. Dr. Paula Perlea proposed the following key areas for collaboration:

- Joint campaigns for World Oral Health Day;
- Exchange of successful prevention programs, particularly for children and vulnerable populations
- Joint webinars and continuing professional education;
- Exchange of best practices in quality management and dental practice standards;
- Student and young dentist exchange programmes, including cooperation with EDSA;
- Speaker exchanges for scientific congresses;
- Joint publications in international Journals;
- Dental Associations twinning program pairing European and African dental associations;
- Sharing ERO's organizational experience and working group model.

ERO President Dr. Edoardo Cavallé and ARO Vice-President Prof. Dr. Tarek Abbas agreed that a good starting point could be a Memorandum of Understanding between ERO-FDI and ARO-FDI.

ERO Secretary General Dr. Doris Seiz highlighted the value of professional exchange programmes as opportunities for mutual learning. ERO Treasurer Dr. Oleg Gladkov underlined the importance of cooperation between National Dental Associations regarding international lecturer exchanges and continuing education. ERO Councillor Dr Ariel Slutsky outlined the importance of the ERO-ARO joint meeting for future cooperation.

The meeting confirmed the mutual interest of ERO and ARO in establishing a structured and sustainable partnership. Both organizations agreed to strengthen communication, exchange expertise, and develop joint initiatives in education, professional development, and organizational cooperation.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to transform these ideas into concrete projects. A follow-up meeting will take place in Prague, where both organizations will review practical implementation plans and further strengthen their strategic partnership.

Together, ERO and ARO are building bridges across continents-promoting education, innovation, and excellence in oral healthcare for the benefit of dental professionals and patients alike.

Prof. Dr. Paula Perlea  
President-Elect  
on behalf of ERO BOARD

