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ERO-FDI President Dr. Edoardo Cavallé Highlights the Future of Dental Practice and Quality Management in ERO–EDSA Webinar

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Strengthening cooperation between European dental professionals and students through education, innovation and professional development

The European Regional Organisation of the FDI World Dental Federation (ERO-FDI), in collaboration with the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA), successfully organised a webinar on 21 October 2026, featuring Dr. Edoardo Cavallé, President of ERO-FDI, as the invited lecturer.

Entitled **"Dental Team and Practice Quality Management: Challenge of the Twenties"**, the webinar addressed the evolving landscape of dental practice, highlighting the growing importance of technological innovation, interdisciplinary teamwork, quality management and the development of new professional competencies. The event represented another valuable step in strengthening cooperation between ERO-FDI and EDSA, reflecting their shared commitment to supporting the next generation of European dental professionals.



Preparing Dental Professionals for the Challenges of Modern Dentistry

During his presentation, Dr. Cavallé explored the profound transformations affecting dental practice and the increasing complexity of managing contemporary dental teams.

He emphasised that technological progress is reshaping not only clinical procedures but also the organisation, administration and quality management of dental practices.

While education, professional training and established quality management systems remain essential foundations of dental care, they must be complemented by new competencies, technological adaptability and a broader understanding of practice management.

The presentation highlighted several important developments shaping the future of dentistry:

- **Digital transformation and technological integration:** Modern dental practices increasingly rely on sophisticated technologies and interconnected digital systems to improve clinical workflows and organisational efficiency.

- **Evolution of the dental team:** Dental professionals must continuously develop new skills and assume evolving responsibilities to respond effectively to technological and organisational changes.

- **Practice management and organisational complexity:** Larger dental practices may be better positioned to invest in advanced equipment, while simultaneously requiring more extensive administrative and management support.

- **Integrated digital ecosystems:** Practice management software will increasingly connect clinical equipment, dental laboratories, suppliers, patients, insurance providers and other professional partners.

- **Quality and patient safety:** Effective integration of technology, professional competencies and quality management processes can contribute to safer and better-organised dental practices.

Through these perspectives, Dr. Cavallé encouraged participants to consider the future of dentistry not only in terms of clinical excellence but also through the broader challenges of leadership, organisation, technological integration and sustainable professional development.

Excellent Feedback from Participants

The webinar received highly positive feedback from participants, confirming the relevance of its subject and the value of the practical perspectives presented.

In a message of appreciation addressed to Dr. Cavallé, **Piotr Niekra**, **EDSA Research Officer 2026–2027**, expressed the Association's gratitude for his contribution.

According to the feedback collected by EDSA, **100% of respondents rated the webinar as either good or excellent**, with many participants particularly appreciating Dr. Cavallé's insights and practical advice.

EDSA also expressed its appreciation for the opportunity to benefit from the experience and expertise of the ERO-FDI President and conveyed its interest in welcoming him again at future educational events.

This enthusiastic response underlines the importance of creating opportunities for direct dialogue between experienced dental leaders and students preparing to enter the profession.

Strengthening ERO-FDI and EDSA Cooperation

The webinar reflects the continuing cooperation between ERO-FDI and EDSA in promoting education, professional development and the active involvement of young dental professionals in discussions about the future of dentistry.

By bringing together established professional expertise and the perspectives of the younger generation, such initiatives contribute to building stronger connections within the European dental community.

For ERO-FDI, collaboration with dental students and young professionals represents an important opportunity to encourage knowledge exchange, professional engagement and a shared commitment to high standards of oral healthcare.

The challenges discussed during the webinar — digitalisation, quality assurance, multidisciplinary collaboration and evolving professional responsibilities — are particularly relevant to students who will soon enter an increasingly complex and technologically advanced professional environment.

Looking Towards Future Joint Initiatives

The successful webinar and the excellent feedback received demonstrate the value of educational cooperation between ERO-FDI and EDSA.

Both organisations have expressed their interest in continuing this collaboration, creating further opportunities for dialogue, education and the exchange of professional experience.

By connecting the expertise of today's dental leaders with the aspirations of tomorrow's practitioners, ERO-FDI and EDSA contribute to shaping a European dental profession that is innovative, adaptable, patient-centred and committed to continuous improvement.

The webinar stands as a successful example of how cooperation between professional organisations and dental students can support the future development of dentistry in Europe.

About ERO-FDI

The European Regional Organisation of the FDI World Dental Federation (ERO-FDI) represents the European regional dimension of FDI, bringing together national dental associations and promoting cooperation, professional development and the advancement of oral health across Europe.

About EDSA

The European Dental Students' Association (EDSA) represents dental students across Europe and promotes educational exchange, professional development, international cooperation and student engagement in the future of the dental profession.

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