



ERO-FDI Working Group Liberal Dental Practice in Europe



Report of the Chair
Spring Plenary Session
Limassol – Cyprus
April 25th-27th 2024



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Activities:

- Autumn PS in Sydney in September 2023: WG Supervisor Oliver Zeyer (ERO Treasurer) informed about the work on progress during the FDI World Dental Parliament.
- WG LDPE virtual meeting on October 26th 2023 proposal of new topic: What are the selection criteria for choosing an employment in liberal dental practice or in an ambulatory dental healthcare center?
- WG LDPE virtual meeting on December 11th 2023: Questions collected for survey; support of University of Berne guaranteed. Draft survey to be refined by January 2024.
- WG LDPE virtual meeting on January 29th 2024: Survey reviewed and proposal to make available in 6 languages: English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian.



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CED & ERO Task Force Zoom Meeting 31st October 2023:

Participants: Simona Dianiškova, Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg, Anna Lella, Elisabeth Scarpello, Oliver Zeyer, Thomas G. Wolf, Gerhard K. Seeberger, CED Staff members

Decisions: Joint activities focused on:

- Supporting materials (e.g., a brochure, info sheet etc.) for associations and dentists on some of the main implications regarding corporate dentistry.
- Policy-makers lobby activities to raise awareness and call for action to address the dental profession's concerns on the topic.
- gather more scientific evidence on the topic of corporate dentistry.



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CED & ERO Task Force Zoom Meeting 9th April 2024:

Participants: Simona Dianiškova, Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg, Anna Lella, Elisabeth Scarpello, Oliver Zeyer, Thomas G. Wolf, Gerhard K. Seeberger, CED Staff members

Actions: Joint Two national standpoints (ANDI, Italy and KNMT, Netherlands) discussed already at the latest CED Internal Market Task Force meeting have been considered for defining further steps to develop.



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Future Activities: Prof. Dr. Thomas G. Wolf



ERO-FDI-Survey on Young Dentists' Workplace and Employment

Dear colleagues,

The dental profession plays a crucial role in the healthcare systems of many European countries, providing comprehensive prevention of oral diseases, high-quality treatments and promoting general oral health.

Recently, however, we have seen a noticeable change in the structure of our profession, driven by the increasing influence of private investors or private equity in the healthcare sector. This development raises important questions about the long-term impact on the scope, delivery and quality of dental care and the career choices of young dentists.

Your opinions and experiences are needed now more than ever to get a complete picture of the current situation and its implications for the future. By participating in this important ERO-FDI study, you will not only help to develop a clear understanding of current conditions, but also help to set and secure the course for a future-proof dental profession in Europe.

It is crucial that we understand how young dentists perceive their working environment and what factors influence their professional decisions. This will enable us to better respond to the challenges and opportunities presented by changes in the healthcare sector.

Please take a few moments (approx. 2-3 minutes) to take part in our questionnaire. Your answers will be collected anonymously and will play a crucial role in safeguarding the interests and well-being of the dental profession both now and in the future. Your voice counts - help shape the future of dentistry.

On behalf of the ERO working group "Liberal Dental Practice in Europe", we thank you in advance for your participation.

Dr. Gerhard Konrad Seeberger

ERO Working Group Chairman "Liberal Dental Practice in Europe"

<https://survey.zmk.unibe.ch/surveys/?s=39HXJDFJ38NKTXDM>



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Thank you very much!