

# ERO-FDI Working Group Liberal Dental Practice in Europe

## Report Spring Plenary Session

26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Limassol - Cyprus

The ERO-FDI WG Liberal Dental Practice in Europe did not meet during the 2023 FDI World Dental Congress in Sydney. However, Supervisor of the ERO Board Oliver Zeyer informed the Plenum about the work of LDPE in progress.

The WG LDPE met virtually on October 26<sup>th</sup>. A new topic for WG investigation was proposed by Angela Rovera and the participants convened on formulating a new questionnaire. Questions were to be delivered until November 19<sup>th</sup> and Thomas Wolf promised to check with the IT developer of the dental school in Bern

On December 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 a WG Meeting was held. The questionnaire was further defined and it was decided to have it available in several languages in order to reach a maximum of participants. Thomas Wolf reported that the collaboration of the University of Berne would be guaranteed. It was agreed on Thomas Wolf, Ralf Wagner and Gerhard Seeberger refining the questionnaire and then have the WG ratify the final survey. The survey would then be sent to the NDAs with a request for translation into their national language. The returning answers to the WG would be expected by end of February/mid-March at the latest. A presentation of the first results would be expected at the PS in Limassol.

The LDPE WG met again on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2024. The draft questionnaire was discussed. After the discussed changes to the questionnaire be made, Monika Lang will distribute the final version of the questionnaire to the to the Working Group members. The document will be adopted by the working group in writing. (A proper validation will probably not be possible for capacity reasons.) Translation of the questionnaire shall be made into German, French, Spanish, Italian and Russian. People who can do this translation need to be found. Thomas Wolf will provide the appropriate link to answer the questionnaire (survey program of the University of Bern). Finally dissemination of the questionnaire to the NDA's and from there to the target groups. regarding an online questionnaire and its evaluation. A timely response is expected to have the possibility of a first report in Limassol in April.

Humbly delivered by WG LDPE Chair Gerhard Konrad Seeberger

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