

Report of activities in 2023/2024

ERO Working group „Relations between dental practitioners and universities“.

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Our working group has had since FDI Sydney meeting three Zoom meetings and one in-person meeting in Bratislava on 8-9th of December 2023.

During this period one article has been published: „Dental Students' and Dental School Graduates' Practical Skills: An International Survey of Perceptions of National Dental Associations in Europe". Wolf TG , Dianišková S , Cavallé E , Aliyeva R , Cagetti MG , Campus G , Deschner J , Forna N , Ilhan D , Mazevet M , Lella A , Melo P , Perlea P , Rovera A , Sculean A , Sharkov N , Slutsky A , Torres AR , Saag M. in Oral Health & Preventive Dentistry, 15 Jan 2024, 22(1):115-122. <https://doi.org/10.3290/j.ohpd.b4997035> . PMID: 38376435

The second article we are working on is on the finish line: "Interprofessional education and collaborative practice in dentistry". So far, a statement has been published on the ERO web page.

We have finalized and circulated a questionnaire „Cooperation between the national dental associations and faculties-2024. The questionnaire is compiled to understand how the collaboration between national dental associations and dental faculties is estimated by the NDAs – is there any improvement in communication since 2012? We have received answers from 22 NDAs so far. We are still working on getting more NDAs involved, also from the countries, which are not ERO members, using personal contacts. Therefore, it is too early to draw conclusions and report.

We have also worked on a new topic, which aims to evaluate how the organization and regulation of orthodontic specialization and the training of orthodontic specialists are managed in the member countries of the European Regional Organization of the FDI World Dental Federation. We have compiled a questionnaire about this topic, which will be circulated after the ERO plenary session.

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