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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

The ERO Plenary session in Rome was unanimously declared a great success, both for the quality of the work accomplished and for the number of delegations present.

We are all well aware that this success imposes upon us a number of duties, particularly that of assuming our responsibilities, as defined during this meeting.

This newsletter provides an update on the progress of the triennial programme established in 2007.

An active contribution to the ever-growing influence of the FDI and support to each and every national dental association remain our priorities.

I wish you all a pleasant summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in Singapore.
Sincerely yours,

Dr Patrick HESCOT
ERO-FDI President

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ERO

THE ERO WORKING GROUPS

Each Working group is supervised by one of the Board members:

Bartolomeo GRIFFA – *Parity and The Dental Team*
Philippe RUSCA – *Liberal Dental Practice in Europe and Women in Dentistry*
Gerhard SEEBERGER – *Quality and Prevention*
Alex MERSEL – *Education*
Vladimir SADOVSKI – *Enlargement*

Prevention

Group chaired by Prof. Denis Bourgeois.

12 June 2009:

First European Conference on Oral Cancer

The purpose of this very first European Conference, organised in Paris by the ERO in collaboration with the French National Cancer Institute (INCa), was to discuss the role of the dental profession in improving the prevention and early detection of oral cancer. The Conference was attended by over 200 practitioners who showed a great interest in the various lectures and the round table presentation. Eighteen countries were represented.

The main conclusions of the Conference will be available shortly on the ERO website and should enable us to establish other priority actions, based on the various experiences described.
An update will be given in Singapore.

EGOHID – European Global Oral Health Indicators Development project

Following the presentation in September 2008 of the summary and conclusions of phase II of the EGOHID project, the creation of a European Oral Health Observatory was recommended. Its three main purposes would be to:

- Emphasize the value of the data accumulated (health indicators) and contribute to its dissemination
- Provide readily available resources and expertise to the health sector and to decision-makers.
- Establish a network of sentinel dentists.

Denis Bourgeois presented the project goals during the ERO plenary session in Rome and clearly indicated that what was expected of the national dental associations was a purely intellectual contribution and not a financial one.

The dental associations that would like to implement this project in their country should contact the ERO secretariat.

World Oral Health Day – 12th September 2009

The topic chosen by the FDI for this year's World Oral Health Day being oral cancer, documents and information resulting from the European Conference will be disseminated to help the ERO member countries in the organisation of the event.

A fact-file on the subject will be sent shortly to all national dental associations for use, if they wish, in their countries.

Education

Group chaired by Prof. Alex Mersel.

The Continuing Education Programme has been launched in Romania and is reported to be a great success.

ERO accreditation system for lecturers – the subject is currently being discussed by the working group who will later submit various proposals.

Parity

Group chaired by Dr Anna Lella.

The chairlady believes her working group has entirely fulfilled the task it was assigned.

The group now wishes to focus on a new topic, the relation between university and professional life.

A proposal to this effect will be presented at the next plenary session in Singapore.

Liberal Dental Practice in Europe

Following the resignation of Dr Voicu David, the WG currently has no chairperson.

Philippe Rusca and Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach will lead the group for the time being to continue the work on "Selective contracts with publicly funded or private insurance companies". A report should be presented in Singapore and a new topic proposed: "Dentists and Retirement in the different countries of Europe".

Enlargement

Group chaired by Dr Bedros Yavru-Sakuk.

The group will pursue its work to improve oral health and dentistry after it has analysed its first series of visits to representatives of the professional organisations, universities and health authorities of several Eastern countries. The first two countries to be visited will be Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Women in Dentistry

Group chaired by Dr Vesna Barac-Furtinger.

During the ERO plenary session in Rome, Vesna Barac-Furtinger presented a report on the work accomplished by her group. The report, which is available on the ERO website, highlights:

- The feminisation of the dental profession and its impact on the practice of dentistry.
- The number of women practitioners, which has considerably increased in western countries and has reached a total of 70% in Europe.
- The need to establish full respect for women dentists (equal rights, equal access to education...)

The WG is currently preparing statements for Singapore.

Quality

Group chaired by Dr Gerhard Seeberger.

During the ERO Plenary session in Rome, Gerhard Seeberger detailed the topics projects underway in his working group:

- The definition of Quality, which must be given by the profession and not imposed from the outside, keeping in mind that quality is part of the profession.
- The drawing up of a list of common errors.

The fact that "Quality", "Education", "Prevention" and "Safety" go hand-in-hand was strongly emphasized.

The Dental Team

Group chaired by Dr Edoardo Cavallé.

Edoardo Cavallé is very enthusiastic about his group's task, which he finds very interesting.

During the plenary session in Rome, he presented an overview of the various oral health care professions that make up the dental team (the report is available on the ERO website) and explained that research on already existing studies (one reference was the EU Dental Manual) and the collection of new data has shown that there are differences among the European countries

The WG has set up a work schedule and will soon meet again to draw up a statement. Of course, the collaboration of all ERO member associations is greatly needed.

The group will present a report in Singapore.

ERO PLENARY SESSIONS

2nd 2009 session – Singapore – during the FDI World Dental Congress

The General Assembly will take place on Wednesday 2nd September from 14.15 until 17.15.

ERO 2010 Plenary Session – Armenia

The 2010 plenary session will take place in Yerevan from 28th April until 1st May 2010. Accommodation will be at the hotel MARRIOTT.

The agenda will be as follows:

❖ 28th April 2010

13.00-14.00: Lunch

14.00-17.00: ERO Board meeting

19.00: Dinner – ERO Board and Organising Committee of the Armenian Dental Association

❖ 29th April 2010

10.00-13.00: Working groups

13.00-14.00: Lunch

14.00-18.00: Plenary session

19.00: Welcome cocktail

❖ 30th April 2010

09.00-13.00: Plenary session

13.00-14.00: Lunch

14.00-17.30: Plenary session (Scientific programme)

19.00: Gala dinner

❖ 1st May 2010

09.00-19.00: Tours and lunch

❖ 2nd May 2010: Departure

ERO 2011 Plenary Session

Bulgaria is candidate for the 2011 Plenary.

PAN-EUROPEAN DENTAL CONGRESS

3rd Pan-European Dental Congress, Kiev, Ukraine – 9-11 December 2009

The Memorandum of Understanding between the ERO and the IADP is currently being finalised.

The 4th Pan-European Dental Congress will be held in 2010 in Poland.

FDI

During the ERO plenary session in Rome, the FDI President Burton Conrod presented the projects and various activities of the Federation, which include:

- Global health promotion
- Advocacy for tobacco control
- Continuing Education programmes
- Various publications
- Scientific programmes, exhibitions, and various other events that contribute to the advancement of dentistry all over the world (A highlight will be the Singapore Congress in September)
- The organisation of the World Annual Dental Congress

Projects and priorities:

- The Global Caries Initiative
- The Rio Caries Conference – 15-17 July 2009 (a joint project with the ABO in collaboration with the IADR and the IFDEA)
- The Live.Learn.Laugh project for the promotion of oral health across the world.

Burton Conrod also mentioned the financial situation of the FDI. The global crisis has not spared the Federation, but the President is confident that with the help of the new financial manager, finances will stabilize and improve again.

Next FDI Annual World Dental Congress: Singapore – 2-5 September 2009

The ERO Calendar

2 - 5 September 2009: FDI Annual World Dental Congress – Singapore

Wednesday 2nd September:

ERO Board meeting: 10.45-12.45

ERO General Assembly: 14.15-17.15

12th September 2009: World Oral Health Day

9-11 December 2009: 3rd Pan-European Dental Congress – Kiev, Ukraine

28th April-1st May 2010: ERO Plenary Session – Yerevan, Armenia

2-5 September 2010: FDI Annual World Dental Congress – Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

The ERO Board

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Scientific Advisor: Prof. Alex MERSEL