



European Regional Organisation of  
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# ERO-NEWS 1

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Dear Colleagues,

Approximately two months have passed, since I took over the position of ERO president. First of all I congratulate the 2 new board members, Hans Schrangl and Taner Yücel and wish them a warm welcome among the “old” members.

We are facing a lot of new challenges and we have started our duties. From 16 to 18 of May I was invited by Saule Seriknova (Association of Kazakhstan Stomatologists) to participate at the XI. Congress of Dentists CIS in Almaty (Kazakhstan). My first mission as new ERO-president was very fruitful. I had the opportunity to meet representatives of most of our East-European member countries and discuss many issues with them. With the efficient support of FDI president Orlando Monteiro da Silva and the FDI past-president Michèle Aerden we had the chance to work on several problems concerning our profession. We have also reached an agreement between the 2 Kazakh dental associations to establish a national committee, following FDI and ERO constitutions. During a meeting of the WG “integration” under the leadership of Elena Ivanona I had opportunity to hear about the problems NDA face in Eastern countries. I made a presentation of the Swiss model of dental care based on prevention (since

more than 50 years) and liberal practice. I thank our hosts for this invitation.

Please see report of WG “Integration” and FDI website concerning this event.



Working group Integration



Excursion to the countryside

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## Information Letter by Elena Ivanova

In the 15-17<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 the meeting of ERO FDI Working group "Integration" and the meeting of the Presidents of Dental associations of CIS countries took place in Almaty in Kazakhstan. As a guests of honor the President of FDI Orlando Monteiro da Silva and the President of ERO FDI Philippe Rusca have attended this event.

The purpose of ERO FDI Working group "Integration" is the integration of Western, Central and Eastern Europe by the most actual dental topics such as dental prevention, education, liberal dental practice in Europe, control of quality, dental team, relation between Universities and dental practitioners, women in dentistry. The main principle of integration is taking the best experience from each ERO FDI country.

The meeting of ERO FDI Integration working group in Almaty was started from the report of FDI President Orlando Monteiro da Silva dedicated to VISION 2020 - The way forward. After that the President of ERO FDI Philippe Rusca reported of ERO FDI Integration view. The results of WG Integration meeting in Potsdam was informed by Chairperson of the WG Elena Ivanova where the main result was adopted resolution by Plenary Session of the partnership between Ministry of Health and NDAs. As WG members decided previously to start ERO integration from dental prevention issue the President of ERO Philippe Rusca kindly represent successful experience of prevention program in Switzerland. The honor member of ERO FDI Integration WG and Past-President of FDI Michele Aerden prepared presentation of indicators for prevention and reported of ERO FDI membership, National Committee and work in National Dental Associations. As the actual result of the WG Integration meeting in Almaty was a signed agreement for a creation of

National Committee of Kazakhstan due to a second Kazakhstan association wants to become member of FDI and currently is preparing documentation for FDI Executive Committee to adopt on FDI Congress in Istanbul. After common discussion and recommendation of ERO FDI President Philippe Rusca the WG members will devise the questionnaire for Eastern European countries by EU Manual of dental practice for the next WG Integration meeting in Istanbul.

During the CED meeting (Council of European Dentists) in Dublin 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2013, I started discussions with important CED members to optimize cooperation between the two organizations. Four of five ERO board members were present in Dublin and I invited them to have an informal breakfast to prepare the upcoming regular board meeting in Geneva.

The first ERO board meeting was held in the FDI headquarters in Geneva, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2013.



The meeting started with several administrative explanations and setting of the agenda for the future board meetings. After the daily ERO business we moved quickly to the reorganization of the WG, one of the day's main topic.

All the present and future WG members have to (re)confirm their

membership in the WG until 31th of July 2013 to ERO secretariat. See "Rules of procedures"

<http://www.erodental.org/assets/documents/Rules-of-procedure-of-ERO-WG.pdf>

## 1. Prevention

This WG has to develop under the leadership of Denis Bourgeois preventive programmes for East European countries. There is an important need for such know-how; in a second step these programmes will be implemented in collaboration with Alex Mersel (CE Programme Director for East European Region).

## 2. Education

This WG is abolished and a new WG called "CMD Continuing Medical Education" created. Their first task will be the discussion about specialization in dentistry. Is there a need for specialists from the point of view of the NDA? "Generalist versus specialist".

## 3. Relation between dental practitioners and universities

Nermin Yamalik will present a final report in Istanbul about the outcomes of their work.

## 4. Liberal Dental Practice In Europe

The WG, chaired by Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach, is preparing a final draft for an amendment to the FDI "Vision 2020". This document should be adopted during our next plenary session. I have also invited Alexander Tolmeijer from the Dutch Dental Association to make a presentation about the failure of the "free dental fees in NL".

## 5. Integration

Elena Ivanova, chairperson of this WG, has been advised to collect some data about East European Countries. Of course this will not be as extensive as "CED Manual of Dental Practice", but some basic data could be very useful to spread information and coordinate with prevention programmes.

## 6. Women in Dentistry

After the publication of "Is European Dentistry becoming a female Profession?" in Acta Stomatologica Croatia the WG has fulfilled its task and I would like to thank Vesna Barac Furtinger and her team for their excellent work. This WG is abolished in ERO, but is still going on in FDI.

## 7. Quality

This WG has not really succeeded in the past years. The new board has decided to stop the activities of the WG and has mandated Mrs Barbara Bergmann-Krauss from the BZÄK to summarize the previous results. After her analysis a new direction will be given to this important WG.

## 8. Dental Team

The position of the dental hygienist has to be clarified. This tricky task, DH is self-employed in certain member countries and not recognized at all in several others, has to be treated under the guidance of Eduardo Cavallé.

In Geneva the ERO board also had the opportunity to have a discussion with Jean-Luc Eiselé, executive director of FDI. I expressed our thanks for hosting this board meeting in Geneva and stated that ERO wants to collaborate more intensively with FDI. We

represent approximately 1/3 of the FDI members and have to take more influence in FDI business. In connection with this intention we invite all our NDA to communicate to ERO secretariat when they present a candidate to any FDI function. We often hear very late about such decisions and our support could be much stronger if we would have information a bit earlier. For the upcoming elections in FDI we support our ERO past-president Patrick Hescot, running for the position of FDI President-elect, Nermin Yamalik for council, Alexander Tolmeijer for Communication Committee, Hans Schrangl for Dental Practice Committee and Joël Trouillet for Education Committee.

We discussed also about a misunderstanding which arose in Potsdam during our plenary session. The document distributed by Gerhard Seeberger "Your Personal Health Improvement Card" with ERO and FDI logo has not been approved neither by ERO plenary nor by FDI council and has to be considered as an ERO working document.

Dear Colleagues, I remind you that the FDI-AWDC will be held in Istanbul from 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2013. Istanbul and the Turkish Dental Association hosted our plenary session in 2008 and it was a great event. I hope you will all join again the fantastic city at the Bosphorus.

ERO Plenary Istanbul:  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August - 14.15 -17.15  
Meeting room: 3B06&3B07

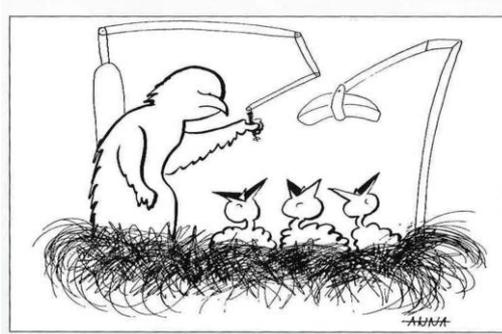
ERO Plenary Paris: 11/12 April 2014

I wish everybody a restful summer-break and hope to meet you all in Istanbul!

Kind regards,



Philippe Rusca



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