



Statement of intent

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It is a great privilege to have the opportunity to stand for the position of Board Member of the European Regional Association (ERO).

As part of my role within various BDA committees, I have developed a deep understanding of the issues faced by dentists in the UK and across Europe and the world. I would like to take my dedication to this work further as I can see that I would bring a helpful perspective on the issues for a new generation of dentists to the organisation.

Specifically, I would list the following points to describe my reasons to stand for office:

- To aid in international cooperation to promote the interest of dentists, and ultimately to ensure that these interests are for the betterment of oral and general health
- To promote the voices of young dentists across Europe. The profession needs to invest in its future and recognise the value of dentists from a range of backgrounds and demographics
- To make sure dentistry is keeping up with the demands of increased globalisation and digitalisation, and is ready to meet the challenges of the future
- To support and strengthen ERO's efforts to develop policies towards the further integration of oral and general health, and to ensure good cooperation within and across the dental and other healthcare professions to ensure this aim is met

At a time of great change in the world of politics and healthcare, I am grateful for this opportunity and hope that you will support my candidacy so that I can contribute to the ERO's work across the European Region to address the issues facing the dental profession and our patients now and in the future, and find positive solutions for all.