

**ERO - Plenary session
6th September 2018, San Francisco**

**Hotel Intercontinental, San Francisco, United States
14h00 – 17h00**

Minutes

A Welcome / opening of the session

Michael Frank welcomes all present and opens the meeting.

A. 1 Special Point: Discussion of FDI Vision 2030 with Professors David Williams and Michael Glick

Professors David Williams and Michael Glick present the "FDI Vision 2030" (see also: <https://www.erodental.org/organs-and-bodies/plenary-session/httpserodental-orgorgans-and-bodiesplenary-sessionsanfrancisco-2019/minutes>). The aim is to support and complement other important global health and development plans, and to support the FDI and its national dental associations in shaping longer-term lobbying strategies. Vision 2030 focuses on our profession and proposes strategies to help achieve optimal oral health for all.

Those are the priorities:

- Delivering available, affordable and accessible oral healthcare services
- Integrating oral health within the general health agenda
- Ensuring an oral health care workforce fit for the SDG era
- Educating a responsive and resilient profession

At the World Dental Congress in September 2020 it should be possible to vote on the "Vision 2030" in the General Assembly.

Regarding Mick Armstrong's comment, it is emphasised that the talks will of course be with both the sugar and tobacco industries. Great importance is given to interdisciplinary cooperation and, of course, in addition to treating patients, this also includes promoting prevention.

We have contacted the WHO to identify and discuss exactly these points for Europe, informs Michael Frank.

Now there are no further recommendations or questions, but we will be happy to pass on ideas so that they can be incorporated into the paper.

A draft should be ready by the "Midyear Meeting". According to Williams and Glick, the paper will be revised again and again and should be a living, dynamic document. They are grateful for the opportunity to present it here.

B Agenda of the business meeting

Michael Frank now also welcomes the special guests (former presidents and members of the FDI Executive Committee).

B.1 Roll call – Establishment of the quorum

As at the last meeting, the names of the registered delegates and alternate delegates will no longer be read out but published on the screen. Any discrepancies or missing names must be reported to the secretariat. No changes are desired. With 62 delegates present, the meeting has a quorum.

Nomination of the tellers - Hans Schrangl and Christian Berger are ready to take over this function.

B.2 Approval of the agenda

No changes are demanded to the agenda, which is therefore approved.

B.3 Approval of the minutes of Frankfurt

No changes or additions to the minutes are desired. The Minutes have therefore been approved.

B.4 Information board

The board has met twice since Frankfurt. The main goal was to define how we imagine future work and how we can improve efficiency and processes so that there is more time in the Plenary sessions for the important things.

Michael Frank introduces the planned changes (see also <https://www.ero dental.org/organs-and-bodies/plenary-session/httpserodental-orgorgans-and-bodiesplenary-sessionsanfrancisco-2019/minutes>).

Spring plenary session - as usual, the annual reports of the member associations will be published on the ERO website. However, the Secretary General's summary will not be presented at the meeting as before but will be published on the website about two weeks before the meeting together with the resulting 3-4 most important topics. This leaves more time in the meeting to discuss the important issues.

The working groups will continue to present their results at the spring meeting. The responsible person from the board will take over the moderation. Furthermore, on the day before the spring meeting (Thursday afternoon) a meeting of the working group chairs with the ERO board will take place. This should strengthen the contact between the WG chairs and the board. The working group meetings will take place as usual on Friday morning.

No working group reports are to be presented at the autumn meeting, unless there are important news to report or decisions to be taken. In this way, the focus could be placed on FDI issues.

To the working groups: At the beginning of each legislature, the members and chairs are reconfirmed or elected. We are too late for the current legislature. That is why there is now a year of transition. The rules should be applied more strictly. The board really wants to have the people in the WG who have been delegated and confirmed and not those who once come and once not. This is the only way to work efficiently. In exceptional cases a subsequent registration can take place. The Board would like to try to improve structures. Everyone should only work in one WG. Here, too, there may be exceptions. As a rule, the working group should not have more than 10 members. The board will revise the rules again and then send the letter to the member federations.

These ideas are well received and supported by the delegates. Doniphon Hammer and Michèle Aerden would like FDI issues to be discussed and candidates for FDI offices to be presented at the Spring Assembly. The member associations can certainly propose discussion points for the meeting, explains Michael Frank. The board is open to ideas and suggestions.

Ralf Wagner asks whether the board is interested in intensifying relations with the CED. Michael Frank confirms this. A joint board meeting ERO-CED had been proposed. The ERO does not want

to interfere in politics, but there are actions that can be done together. The same applies to the WHO. Here, too, contact had been made with Dr Petersen (WHO Regional Office for Europe) and a meeting will be held as soon as possible to discuss common issues.

Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach and Roland L'Herron also express their support for the ERO Board's ideas. It is suggested to give the working groups more time for their meetings on Friday mornings.

B.5 Reports of the Working groups

Philippe Rusca presents the results of the survey of the working group "**Ageing Population**" (see <https://www.erodental.org/organs-and-bodies/plenary-session/httpserodental-orgorgans-and-bodiesplenary-sessionsanfrancisco-2019/minutes>). At 73%, the response rate was exceptionally high and very encouraging. At the next General Assembly, more information and documents will follow.

In general, Philippe Rusca also welcomes the changes proposed by the Board, in particular those for the working groups.

Hande SarSancakli, Chairwoman of the AG "**Continuous Medical Education in Dentistry**" is excused. At the same time another meeting takes place, at which she cannot be missing.

The Working Group "**Relations between Dental Practitioners and Universities**" always meets before the plenary session, as it did this morning, informs Simona Dianiskova. She announces that Mare Saag has taken over the chair. For her part, Mare Saag presents the new project of the working group "Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice". A survey on "How is interprofessional education defined?" has already produced some results (see ERO website - link above). She hopes that other member associations will also comment on this so that a statement together with the ADEE can be made at the end.

She also supports the Board's efforts to improve the structure of the working groups. Results can only be achieved if the working group members also cooperate.

After a short introduction to the topics of the working group "**Dental Team**" Edoardo Cavallé gives the floor to Doniphan Hammer. He, too, presents a survey that should help to understand the differences between the dental workforces in Europe. The results (see ERO website - link above) are very interesting. Unfortunately, there is too little time at this meeting to discuss them. However, this will certainly be done at the spring meeting.

Vladimer Margvelashvili reports from the working group "**Integration**". There are various activities and projects. Unfortunately, the progress is not as desired and the reasons for this must be analysed. The integration process is based on 2 main factors: education and legislation (regulations). To make progress you need financial and mental independence. He presents some possible solutions (see presentation on ERO website - link above). He hopes for the support of the ERO and its member associations.

Roland L'Herron (Chairman of the WG "Quality in Dentistry" closes the point of the working groups. Their survey also received many responses and he thanks everybody for their active participation. The answers have not yet been evaluated and he calls on all those who have not yet answered to do so. It is not too late yet.

B.6 Next meetings

- Plenary session 2020 (spring) – Almaty/Kazakhstan – 24th /25th April
- Plenary session 2020 (autumn) – Shanghai/China (during FDI congress – September 1-4.2020)
- Plenary session 2021 (spring) – Bucharest/Romania – 16th /17th April

B.7 Miscellaneous

Once again, the link to the questionnaire of Ralf Wagner (http://www.consulimus.de/umfragen/kb_2019_kzv_nordrhein.html) is pointed out - this has already been presented in Frankfurt. The aim is to find out what the young dentists' ideas are regarding their professional activities. Everyone is asked to distribute this survey link in their national associations.

The dental societies of Russia (represented by Dr. Iaremenko) and Moldova (represented by Dr. Stanuva) are interested in an ERO membership and present their association or their country here.

B.8 Information on FDI matters

Candidates for FDI council or committees have the floor.

C Close of the meeting – adjournment

Simona Dianiskova thanks the delegates on behalf of the President and the Board for their good and active cooperation and the translators for their much-appreciated support.

The meeting is adjourned at 17.10.

The President:

Dr. Michael Frank

For the minutes:

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