

ERO-FDI Working Group
“Liberal Dental Practice in Europe”
Report 2015/2016

Participants of the Tbilisi meeting 2015

- Germany Otterbach Ernst-Jürgen; Sadowski Wolfram; Wagner Ralf
- Italy Lai Enrico
- Switzerland Rusca Philippe
- Turkey İlhan Duygu

Participants of the Bangkok meeting 2015

- France Mojaiski Catherine; Deniaud Jaques; Mazevet Marco
- Germany Otterbach Ernst-Jürgen; Wagner Ralf; Wolf Thomas
- Greece Tsiogas Georgios
- Italy Lai Enrico
- Switzerland Rusca Philippe

Participants of the Basel meeting January 2016

- France Deniaud Jaques; Mazevet Marcpo
- Germany Otterbach Ernst-Jürgen; Wagner Ralf; Wolf Thomas
- Greece Tsiogas Georgios
- Switzerland Rusca Philippe

Items treated:

- Liberal dental practice in practice partnerships, practice networks and medical care units

During the Plenary Session in Bangkok the ERO working group “Liberal Dental Practice” worked out and presented a statement under the headline “Liberal Dental practice in partnerships, practice networks and medical care units”. This statement (www.erodental.org) was adopted unanimously by the plenary session in Bangkok.

Under the realization, that working conditions in cooperation and depending employment will rise in future and a tendency of institutional care includes the hazard to become more and more commercial, the ERO

President: Dr. Ph. Rusca (Switzerland) • President-Elect: Dr. Anna Lella (Poland) • Secretary General: Dr. Hans Schrangl (Austria) • Treasurer: Dr. Michael Frank (Germany) • Councillor: Prof. Taner Yücel (Turkey)

ERO-Sekretariat, Monika Lang, P.O. Box 664, CH-3000 Bern 7, Tel. ++41 31 313 31 61/Fax ++41 313 31 40
mail: ero-sekretariat@sso.ch

Bank account: CREDIT SUISSE AG, 3001 Bern, Switzerland - Account No. 1872503-32, IBAN CH14 0483 5187 2503 3200 0, BIC CRESCHZZ80A
in the name of European Regional Organisation of FDI, 1216 Cointrin, Switzerland

WG “Liberal Dental Practice” decided to observe and discuss permanently the development of new forms of dental practice. So we tried in our last meeting in Basel to design a frame in which liberal practice should be established in the future. As defender of the principles of liberal dental practice we cannot introduce restrictive measures. We have to accept the evolution of trends in our profession but we have to defend and point out several particular aspects:

- We have to figure out the difference between “Collaborative Dentistry” provided by a team of professionals in various relations and “Merchants Investors” as owners of dental clinics whose sole purpose is the profit;
- To prevent pure commercial activities in dental healthcare, legislation has to be equal for all actors in healthcare;
- Therefore dental associations are necessary and dental practices have to be member of the same body to safeguard the same working conditions;
- “Liberal Practice” has to be explained to dental students and colleagues;
- It is under the responsibility of ERO and other dental associations to inform the local dental associations and state authorities about the danger in the change of offering dental services and their supposed business advantages.

In cooperation with Marco Mazevet, past president of the European Dental Students’ Association, it can be realized to publicize the basics of Liberal Dental Practice in the social networks of EDSA. Additionally it is planned to install a task force “Liberal Dental Practice” in the EDSA to transfer the aims of this important theme to the European Students.

Dr. Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach

Chairman of the ERO-Working Group “Liberal Dental Practice”