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# WG ERO Integration **fdi**

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- We know that “everything new is well forgotten old.”
- Therefore, let me start from the recent past

- ✓ The priority of our WG was to involve in ERO dentists family NDAs from new democratic countries from European region.
- ✓ The goal was achieved in 2011 and at that time more than 10 NDAs became ERO regular member

The aim of our WG is to improve the  
role of NDA's in New Democratic  
Countries.

For achieving the aim

the first step should be the legislations and regulations, which will be in harmony with the legislations and regulations in developed countries.

## We need more financial power and independence of NDAs

- + The survey, which was conducted by us four years ago between ERO member NDAs show that:
- + Membership fee in new democratic countries is very low (5-10 Euros per year)
- + Membership of NDAs for practitioner dentists is not mandatory
- + CDE in majority of NDCs is not mandatory
- + License for practicing is necessary only in 42,8% countries

- + License in time is limited only in 28,5% countries
- + CE credit points are mandatory only in 64,2 % countries
- + NDAs should take real responsibility of quality of treatment of patients in their countries, which considers:

NDAAs should take real responsibility of the quality of patients oral health in their countries, which considers:



- ✓ Having the crucial role in making decision of certifying and licensing of practicing dentists in their country
- ✓ Planning and implementing of CDE and making essential involving of all dentists in CDE.
- ✓ Ensure of cross infection control in dental clinics in their countries
- ✓ Collaborations with the parliament and ministry of health in order to be involved in harmonization of regulations/legislation in the field of dentistry. (in accordance with the regulations of developed countries).
- ✓ Prompt delivery of new practical, scientific and legislation information to their members





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## *Essential:*

- ✓ real financial independence of NDAs
- ✓ mental independence of NDAs

The main factor - make mandatory for dentists/dental practitioners to be member of NDA



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We know that:

- ✓ The work of NDA is successfully, when membership is mandatory for practicing.
- ✓ For high quality practice mandatory CE is real guarantee.
- ✓ Responsibilities for implementation CE and license examinations should be taken on NDA

But the implementation of integration process should be:

- + Fast
- + Step by step
- + painlessly

The aim of this is **financial independent of NDAs** of New Democratic Countries and fast creation and implementation of **mandatory CDE** programs, which will significantly increase oral health status of the patients.



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Next step of integration should become  
undergraduate dental education in universities of  
New Independent countries

- + Dentistry is a profession that requires a broad understanding of a spectrum of healthcare and basic sciences, together with specific education in oral sciences.
- + In preparation for graduation, students must demonstrate a variety of acquired learning outcomes, which in turn demand variety in learning and teaching methods.
- + In order to educate a dentist to become competent, learning and teaching methods should be based on educational needs.



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## main objectives of Working Group (WG)

- ✓ educational processes of New Independent Countries dental faculties move to a modern level.
- ✓ Curriculums should include PBL, CBL, OSCE.
- ✓ The development of all these educational approach is a result of the need to improve the outcome of higher education.
- ✓ implement vertical, horizontal and spiral integrations in dental programs in near future.
- ✓ significantly increase learning outcomes of the universities.



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Next steps at universities should be international authorization and accreditation involving international experts



These processes will support

- ✓ integration of highest educational dental programs
- ✓ increase educational quality of graduates

undergraduate dental education aims to produce

➤ **safe, competent and ethical practitioners**

equipped with the necessary

➤ **knowledge, skills and behaviors (attitudes)**

appropriate to the

➤ **safe, effective and independent practice of dentistry.**

## Main conclusions

Mandatory membership of NDA for receiving the right of dental practice in the country.

- It will give more financial power and independence to NDA and will support the organization to perform its highest duty - professional development of all dentists all over the country.

## Main conclusions

### Obligatory Continuing dental Education for all practicing dentists.

- Today, when new materials enter dental market, when technologies, methods, guidelines and protocols of diagnoses, treatment and prevention improve, any dentist needs professional advancement. The license received 20-40 years ago is not sufficient for being in dental service.

## Main conclusions

To transfer the rights of implementation of CDE processes and license examination to NDA.

- Together with Ministry of Health, NDA should be responsible for the quality of dental care of the country.

# Main conclusions

For implementation of above mentioned processes:

- ✓ ERO should be involved more actively – it is necessary to create special ERO Policy Statements which should be recommended documents for the Ministries of Health in New Democratic Countries.

**Thank you for your attention!**



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