

Letter of intent and motivation

The ERO is part of FDI and as such for dentist in Europe a very important organization which links regional (European) interests with a broader worldwide perspective. Although each region faces its own challenges similar situations exist in many respects on an international level. Amongst them, improving oral health worldwide and strengthening and protecting the position of the dentist, are no doubt the most important. To achieve these important objectives we do need an organization like ERO which takes a stand on, to name a few: quality of care, care for the aging population, new challenges and technologies in dentistry and the position of dentistry as a liberal profession.

As a dentist my major concerns are the developments that threaten the independent position of the dentist, the rise of corporate dentistry and (at the moment a major issue in the Netherlands) the change in role of dental hygienists. I consider prevention as imperative and where we face an ageing population, as I already mentioned, the care for the vulnerable elderly patients.

ERO has an important role to play in these and other for the dental profession important areas.

As a member of the board of ERO I would like to make my contribution to policy and solutions for the challenges facing our profession. My curriculum vitae shows that I have always combined working as a dentist with administrative activities. I have the right leadership skills and extensive experience of successfully and effectively managing an organization on national and international level. Since 2016 I am vice-president and treasurer of the KNMT. As may follow from the enclosed letter of the president of KNMT I can count on their full backing and support.

Dr. Henk Donker

Royal Dutch Dental Association



ERO
Attn. Monika Lang
P.O. BOX CH-3001
BERN
Zwitzerland

Date March 4, 2019
Our reference mcor-b9xgsk5
Dial direct +31 30 6076 205
E-mail m.coster@knmt.nl

Subject: Dr. Henk Donker as candidate for the position of board member of the European Regional Organization of the FDI (ERO)

Dear Sir/Madam,

KNMT is delighted to present Dr. Henk Donker as candidate for the position of board member of the European Regional Organization of the FDI (ERO).

Henk Donker has been Vice-Chairman and Treasurer to the Royal Dutch Dental Association (Koninklijke Nederlandse Maatschappij tot bevordering der Tandheelkunde, hereinafter KNMT) since 2016. Being a KNMT board member, he is in particular entrusted with the implementation of KNMT's International policy, which includes maintaining all International contacts and participating in the various international consultations. Since 2016, he has also acted as delegate on KNMT's behalf in the Plenary Sessions of ERO and the General Meetings of the Council of European Dentists (CED). Starting November 2018 Henk Donker was elected as a member of the board of CED.

As evident from his Curriculum Vitae, Henk Donker is a highly experienced director with broad experience in national and international organisations, both within and outside the dentistry sector. He has profound and in-depth knowledge of the issues that are key to the dentistry sector and is known for his proactive approach.

On top of that, he has excellent interpersonal/communication skills which makes Henk Donker a particularly suitable candidate for a position on the board of ERO.

Yours sincerely,



W.G. (Wolter) Brands, DDS, JD, PHD president

Curriculum vitae of H. Donker

Date of birth: 7 November 1950

Place of birth: Amersfoort

Marital status: Married to C.E. Donker-Boekhorst.

Two daughters (Emely and Marilyn).



- 1963-1970 Secondary school (*Rijks-HBS-B*) in Amersfoort.
1970-1972 Military service in the Cavalery.
1972-1977 Dentistry programme at Utrecht State University.
1975 Member of the almanak editorial board of the dentistry student association “John Tomes”.
1978- General practice in Hengelo (Province of Gelderland) for three days per week,
1978-1981 for two days employed with the Faculty of
1978-1982 Dentistry in Utrecht, Parodontology Department.
1979-1989 Organiser of the New Year’s concert for Unicef.
1980-1981 Trainer at the Dental Hygienists’ Training Foundation (*Stichting Opleiding Mondhygiënist*).
1980-1983 Dentists’ representative in consultations with the OGZO health insurance fund.
1981- Fully employed in the general practice.
1981-1984 Board member of the Health Insurance Dentist section of the Royal Dutch Dental Association (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Maatschappij tot bevordering der Tandheelkunde*, KNMT), Gelderland division.
1981-1987 Member of the Dental Supervision Institute (*Tandheelkundig Controle Instituut*).
1982-1984 Treasurer for the KNMT, Gelderland division.
1983-1989 Member of the governing board of the OGZO health insurance fund.
1984-1990 Chairman of the KNMT, Oost-Gelderland division.
1987-1991 Member of the permillage funds management committee of the KNMT.
1989-1995 Treasurer of the Keppel Golf Club.
1991-1995 Member of the financial committee of the KNMT.
1996-2002 Treasurer of the Dutch Dentists’ Association (*Nederlandse Vereniging van Tandartsen*, NVT).
1997 two-month posting in Guatemala as a dentist for the Rotary Doctors Bank.
1998-2002 Treasurer at Scientific Dental Work (*Wetenschappelijke Tandheelkundige Arbeid*).
2002-2004 Treasurer for the NVT 100 years Anniversary Committee.
2002- Member of the NVT investment committee.
2002-2013 Treasurer of the Doctors’ Association (*Vereniging van Artsen*, VvAA).
2003-2014 Member of the Supervisory Board of the VvAA group.
2003-2018 Treasurer of the foundation board of the VvAA Emergency Healthcare Training Institute (*Opleidingsinstituut Spoedeisende Geneeskunde*).
2003-2010 Member of the product development innovation group at Gaba GmbH in Basel.
2004-2013 Various publications about healthcare in *Arts en Auto*.
2004- Course organiser (postgraduate education) in Madonna di Campiglio.
2005-2010 Treasurer of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.
2006 Member of the International College of Dentists (ICD).
2006-2014 Member of the VvAA group audit committee.
2008 NCD-Nyenrode Supervisory Board Cycle programme (Nyenrode University).

- 2011 Update for the NCD-Nyenrode Supervisory Board Cycle programme (Nyenrode University).
- 2008-2011 Board member for the Dentists' and Dental Specialists' Pension Fund Foundation (*Stichting Pensioenfonds Tandartsen en Tandarts-Specialisten, SPT*).
- 2009-2011 Vice Chairman of SPT.
- 2010-2016 Member of the American Equilibration Society.
- 2010-2016 Board member of the Friends of Dental Heritage Foundation (*Stichting Vrienden Tandheelkundig Erfgoed, SVTE*).
- 2011-2018 Chairman of the Keppel Golf Sport Foundation (*Stichting Golfsport Keppel*).
- 2014-2017 Treasurer of the ICD European Section.
- 2015-2016 Treasurer of SVTE.
- 2016 Knighted in the Royal Order of Oranje-Nassau.
- 2016- Vice Chairman/Treasurer of the KNMT.
- 2016- KNMT delegate at the Council of European Dentists (CED).
- 2017- Chairman of the Oral Health working group of the CED.
- 2017- Honorary member of the Dutch Scientific Dentists' Association (*Nederlandse wetenschappelijke Vereniging van Tandartsen*).
- 2018- Board member Council of European Dentists

