

Report 2019

ERO-WG « ageing population »

First of all , many thanks to all members of our WG. During the WG meetings, the discussions and contributions are always very interesting and there is a clear motivation to find solutions for our elderly patients.

The WG has prepared recommendations, which were adopted by the ERO plenary session during the AWDC in Buenos Aires. These general recommendations should be useful for all NDA to implement policies in the field of « ageing population ».

WG meeting, held on Friday 1st of March 2019, in Zurich airport
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The FDI task team « ageing population » has presented advocacy tools in Buenos Aires for health authorities and politicians. For the next AWDC in San Francisco they prepare tools for dentists and patients. By the way there will be a conference held in SF on « oral health for ageing population ».

Sophie presented the French project « oralien » which allows a long time observation of residents in institutions with simple electronic tools (smartphones).

Vladimir from Georgia presented a survey of the situation of « ageing population » in Georgia and, as everywhere, there is important need of dental treatment.

These two contributions will be presented in the next ERO plenary in Francfort.

Alex from Israel reported that the insurance for dental treatment should be extended to population over 70 years and that the know-how in prosthodontics, mainly full and partial denture, is poor in the circle of young dentists.

In Switzerland the written press informed that nursing people have not enough time for patient's teeth and that, in 95% of the residents, oral hygiene is not sufficient with consequences on general health.

Futur tasks for the WG :

- Survey of situation of « ageing population in ERO member states

- Support for organization of a conference in gerodontology
- Curriculum of basic education in gerodontology
- Examples of lectures in continuing education in gerodontology

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