

ERO-FDI Working Group
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Still is the main theme in our working group the preservation of a liberal professional practice now and in the future, especially in times when form and manner of practice in our profession change into mercantilism and speculation of shareholders and private equity. This we expressed in the ERO-FDI Resolution 2018 in Buenos Aires in the resolution: “Third party financed dental ambulatory healthcare centres run by non-dentists” which was unanimously adopted by the ERO Plenary Session.

Our important step to transport this item to the level of FDI was the successful try to implement an additional sentence into the policy paper: „National Health Policy with the Inclusion of Oral Health“ which tells us amongst other things:

Stakeholders and public health authorities together with member NDAs

- **should aim to prevent the establishment of profit-oriented corporations/entities that disallow the independent and ethical practice of our own dental profession**

Our next step in this topic is the attitude of the next generation to practice their profession, because this is the group that needs to be sensitized to work under free conditions. A related investigation is in progress. The “Memorandum of Understanding” between ERO and EDSA will be a helpful support in this action.

A new suggestion was introduced to the working group by our French members: “Shared dental practice, another form of liberal dental practice”. We will discuss this item in our coming WG meeting in Frankfurt/Main.

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