

REPORT of the ERO Working Group Relations between dental practitioners and universities

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Distinguish ERO Board members, dear ERO delegates,

herewith I submit the WG Relations between dental practitioners and universities report for the ERO Plenary session in April 2019.

The topic that WG members are currently dealing with is **IPE and CP (InterProfessional Education and Collaborative Practice)**

We have done a lot of work in last time in research of IPE and CP.

To introduce the topic by its definition in a simple way we may say, that IPE means to train two or more professionals together in a relevant topic that has been not covered before.

We feel that IPE is needed, but we have to state that nothing could be effectively done on IPE if not financially appropriately founded (by stakeholders).

Having deeply explored all the chances we have to state, that no research funding has been allocated until now for IPE education, despite the fact that the governments proclaim that it is useful and needed and it may save resources and money in the future.

IPE is the matter of concerns by the governments, also the WHO is asking to start experiments on IPEducation and Collaborative Practice, but there is no money allocated to study how to do it

Nowadays we may see vertical type of IPE functioning quite well, but it is not the best in regards to IPE. It should also be horizontal type of education and mutual-double-sided/double-way.

For sure there are risks involved, we will discuss about the in detail. We have been able to agree on core principles valid for contemporary IPE and CP.

The task as the WG sees it is to define the scope and extent of knowledge to be transferred and include its education in to the pregraduate and postgraduate curricula.

The WG members has brought some good examples of nowadays functioning IPE.

In the next period we will focus on finding more of good examples of IPE around Europe.

Conclusion:

We are kindly asking ERO to go on with this topic of IPE and CP.

Our goal is to produce an ERO statement, if possible a joint statement with ADEE .