



European Regional Organisation of
the Fédération dentaire internationale



**ERO - Plenary session
28th August 2013, Istanbul**

Istanbul Congress Center

14h15 – 17h15

Minutes

A Welcome / opening of the session

Philippe Rusca welcomes all the participants. A special welcome goes to Wolfgang Doneus, president of CED and Taner Yücel, president of the Turkish Dental Association and the organising committee of the congress, who is – because of his many obligations these days – not present at this assembly. Philippe Rusca appoints Roland L'Herron, Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach and Hande Sar Sancakli as vote counters.

The Bulgarian delegation vents its anger about problems of getting access to this plenary session. In fact, half of the delegation did not get badges and therefore could not enter the plenary session hall. They ask the board to find out where the problem is and to solve it, so it will not happen again.

B Agenda of the business meeting

B.1 Roll call – Verification of the quorum

Hans Schrangl makes the roll call. 64 out of 70 delegates are present and the quorum is therefore achieved. The delegates from Luxemburg sent their excuses.

B.2 Approval of the agenda

Philippe Rusca announces that Alexander Tolmeijer from the Dutch Dental Association will briefly inform about their experiment with free pricing under point B.4.1.

The agenda is approved.

B.3 Approval of the minutes of Potsdam

The minutes of the assembly in Potsdam are approved without changes. The president thanks the secretariat for this work.

B.4 Working groups

With the beginning of the new mandate, the working groups were restructured. "Women in dentistry" and "Quality" were suspended. Philippe Rusca informs that Vesna Barac-Furtinger will continue the work of WID on FDI level. As far as the WG "Quality" is concerned, it was decided that Barbara

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Bergmann-Krauss will resume the data worked out so far by the group. Once this summary is made, it will be decided how and with which topic the group will continue. Roland L'Herron will keep the chairmanship.

The lists of the working group members which were announced to the secretariat so far are presented. There is still time until September 15, 2013 to submit more candidates for the WG. The interest to be member of a WG which is shown by many delegates is highly appreciated and welcome, but Michael Frank reminds that we expect the people to be present at the WG meeting and not just to put themselves on the WG list.

1. Prevention

Denis Bourgeois presents a brief history of the 4 years of study they had conducted and which treated oral health and diabetes and oral health and cardiovascular diseases. It is important that medical doctors and health care workers pay attention to dental problems with their diabetes and cardiovascular patients. He remarks, that the WG's experience on the educational level can now be shared with the Eastern countries. In collaboration with Alex Mersel who is director FDI Eastern Europe Continuing Education Program trainings for prevention could be organized, studies could be conducted.

More people could be included in this process. We could as well focus on subjects as quality insurance; seminars can be held. There are quite a lot of ideas and Denis Bourgeois has already had some discussions with colleagues.

2. Relation between dental practitioners and university

Nermin Yamalik reports about the "analysis of the extent of collaboration between NDAs and dental faculties within the ERO zone" which has been conducted by her working group. The outcome was two articles that have been published in the IDJ and that have been shared by all the participating dental faculties. Unfortunately the forum on the ERO website about the question "how can we close the gap between dental education and dental practice?" failed. Nevertheless the working group elaborated a statement regarding the collaboration between national dental associations and dental faculties which she presents and puts up to vote. The delegates unanimously accept this statement (published on the website) which concludes the work of the last mandate.

In an internal discussion the WG already turned to a new subject which is "evidence-based dentistry". With the help of a questionnaire on the implementation of evidence based dentistry into daily dental practice a helpful list of resources and a guide for the individual dental practitioner shall be developed which finally could be shared with the ERO dentists through NDAs web sites.

Nermin Yamalik concludes her report by thanking her colleagues in the working group for their precious collaboration.

3. Liberal Dental Practice in Europe

Alexander Tolmeijer informs about an experiment on deregulated pricing of dental care in the Netherlands. It started on the 1st January 2012 and was supposed to last three years. At the beginning the results were fantastic. But after 6 months it showed that prices for dental care had increased by 9.6%, while everywhere else prices were cut down. So the

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government terminated the experiment after only half a year. Now the Netherlands are back to prices of 2011 plus indexation and stipulated maximum prices for dental care.

FDI's vision 2020 has been debated in many assemblies and forums. Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach resumes in a few sentences the goal of the paper which has already been presented in Potsdam and explains once again why the current concept of "FDI Vision 2020" cannot be applied in all points to the majority of the ERO member countries. This statement, which is in the working documents for this plenary session, is put up to vote. It is adopted with 3 dissenting votes and 3 abstentions.

The new topic of the working group will be „data protection and the handling of patient data“. There is need for action in this field and the topic is worthwhile being discussed and should be everybody's interest.

4. Integration

Elena Ivanova reports about a meeting of the WG Integration in Almaty on 15th-17th May, 2013. An outlook on futures projects like starting integration from dental prevention, the creation of a national committee of the Kazak dental association as well as a questionnaire for Eastern European countries with the goal of establishing their data collection of dental practice were points of discussion. Elena Ivanova presents the outcome of this questionnaire which has been answered by the NDAs of Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan and Georgia.

5. Dental Team

Edoardo Cavallé presents a new topic for this new mandate: the professional profile of the dental hygienist. He and his working group are aware that this is a delicate subject and he asks the delegates to give his WG a full mandate on this.

Right at the beginning he makes clear that their profile will not foresee a DH working independently; the WG says 'yes' to delegation and 'no' to substitution. The WG is against any standardisation and therefore every country according to its oral health system should feel free to adopt or decline the model that will be established. He is fully aware that this issue is a challenge, but on the other hand the current situation of the DH in Europe, which is extremely diverging, cannot be ignored.

A short debate of this topic shows that not all countries are very much in favour of discussing this matter at all. The French delegates express their concern about this proposition and the profession of DH in general. But in some countries already exist independent DHs, in others they can get a bachelor degree, whereas there are countries where this profession does not exist at all. Stefan Hansen suggested change the title of planned work from: *'the professional profile of the dental hygienist'* for *'ERO vision of DH'*. This is why Edoardo Cavallé and Michael Frank support the idea of studying the profile of this profession with the aim to have our own model in order to keep it under control and supervision of the dentists as much as possible.

6. Continuing Medical Education

The board decided to restructure this working group. With a new supervisor and a new chairman (who will be determined at the first WG meeting) it will start with new topics. A report will be given at the next plenary session.

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Philippe Rusca asks the delegates to approve these partially new structured working groups, their members and their tasks. The voting shows a clear approval; there are 4 abstentions.

B.5 Plenary session 2014

The plenary session in Paris, France will be held on 11th/12th April, 2014. Next year ERO will have its 50th anniversary and the plenary session will be an occasion to celebrate.

2015 Tbilisi, Georgia will be the venue of our spring plenary session (date not yet known) and for 2016 there is the candidacy of Azerbaijan. Sabina Aliyeva shows a very nice presentation of “her” city. She and the national dental association she is representing would be very glad to host the plenary session 2016 in Baku.

B.6 Miscellaneous

There seem to have been some problems with the opening of the documents on the Website. Philippe Rusca informs that this will be looked at and changed.

B.7 Information on FDI matters

Having in mind the assembly A of last Monday it might be worthwhile if ERO once gave a thought about structural improvement of the FDI tasks, remarks Michael Frank. ERO is a strong part of FDI. The board will think about possibilities of improving the efficiency of procedures. He promises to be back with this in a future assembly.

All the candidates for the posts in the FDI council as well as all the European candidates for positions in FDI committees have now the floor. These were: Patrick Hescot, Kathleen Roth, Jack Cotrell, Nermin Yamalik, Ihsane Benyahya, Jun-Sik Moon, Mahmood Shah, Ashok Dhoble, Alexander Tolmeijer, Michael Sereny, Hans Schrangl, Joël Trouillet, Ilshat Yuldashev, Hande Sar Sancakli, Jürgen Fedderwitz, Vladimer Margvelashvili, Jo Frencken.

C Close of the meeting – adjournment

Philippe Rusca thanks the participants, his colleagues from the Board, the secretariat and the interpreters and the technicians for their precious work. He adjourns the meeting at 17.00 h.

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