



ERO Working Group

« Ageing Population »

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Since our last face-to-face meeting in Geneva in September 2022, when I was elected as the chair of this working group to succeed Henk Donker, our working group has met 4 times by video conference. The main topic that concerned us was the creation of a web application for the nursing staff of the nursing homes. The content of this application is simple and well structured and should help them in the oral care of the residents of these homes. This content was presented at one of the previous ERO plenary sessions. In a first step, it is planned to deliver this application in 5 or 6 languages. It will be easy to add all the required languages in a second phase.

Different offers have been requested from IT companies. The ERO Board has agreed to cover the cost of developing this web application. The problems associated with the maintenance of the application, in particular the recurring costs involved, are a major concern. These costs cannot be carried by the ERO. The only solution is to involve a sponsor or find a generous donor.

However, so far, unlike the FDI, the ERO has never approached sponsors from the dental industry. We have therefore consulted the main board once again and they have indicated that they are open to working with the industry on this project.

We have not yet decided who we will commission to create the web application and have made initial contacts with potential sponsors for its maintenance. As soon as the last offers for the creation of the application have been studied and the financial aspect of the maintenance has been secured, we will be able to launch the realisation of the project, which will take at most two to three months.

Once the application is completed, the next project will be to spread it to all ERO member countries and ensure the necessary translations.

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