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## **ERO - Plenary session 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Greater Noida**

**India Expo Centre**  
Greater Noida, NCR New Delhi, India

### **Minutes**

#### **A Welcome / opening of the session**

Philippe Rusca welcomes all delegates – especially Wolfgang Doneus, president of CED.

As vote counters are elected: Sophie Dartevelle and Georgios Tsiogas.

One member of the ERO Board is not present. Philippe Rusca reads the letter of Michael Frank that explains his absence.

#### **B Agenda of the business meeting**

##### **B.1 Roll call – Verification of the quorum**

Hans Schrangl reads the names of the registered delegates and alternates. The quorum is achieved. The delegations of Denmark, Great Britain, Luxemburg, Romania and Slovakia sent their excuses. He reminds that the early submission of the delegation list facilitates the preparation and organization of the general assemblies.

##### **B.2 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda is accepted unanimously.

##### **B.3 Approval of the minutes of Paris**

The minutes of the plenary session are approved without amendments.

##### **B.4 Information board**

Philippe Rusca is happy that the 50th ERO anniversary brochure proved to be a big success. It has been put on the websites of ERO and FDI and has been fully printed in the FDI GA Binder. The ERO News 3 were distributed at the beginning of July 2014 and contained all the news about ERO issues.

The president presents two designs of a new ERO logo. It was necessary to change, because the old one included the logo of the FDI and this has sometimes lead to confusions. There were several drafts two were chosen (see on the ERO website). The board favors the version “A”, because it is “lighter”. Wolfgang Doneus points out that the European map the way it is printed now on the proposed logo would have to be changed every time a national dental association joins or leaves ERO. This would

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be rather unpractical. Philippe Rusca is grateful for this remark. He agrees that it would be much better to insert the map of Europe according to the WHO-definition of European countries. The two versions of logo are put up to vote. The majority of the delegates favors the version A with the adapted map of Europe.

Philippe Rusca informs that 1 ½ hours of the meeting-time will be reserved for FDI matters. Regarding the FDI elections, the board has decided to give the floor only to candidates for the position of FDI council and speaker. Despite the many eligible candidates from other countries, the president recommends favoring the European candidates and advises to avoid dissipating our votes. He then informs that he has agreed to take part in the FDI Budget Reference Committee. Philippe Rusca further communicates that next year Taner Yücel will present himself as a candidate for president elect of FDI. It was Taner Yücel's wish make this announcement already today.

## B.5 Working groups

The number of responses to requests of the WG is often quite disappointing. The president reminds that we need more and new members in the WG quality. Roland L'Herron will present today an ambitious project for this working group, which hopefully will animate colleagues to join the group. Philippe Rusca thanks all the members of the different WG for their collaboration.

### 1. Prevention

Denis Bourgeois informs the delegates about the proceedings of his WG. There was not a lot of activity since the meeting in Paris. The group is about to finalize an article regarding diabetes/cardiology and dental treatments. Further they are preparing the implementation of prevention sessions; this project will be presented and the CIS-congress in Armenia in October. There have also been discussions with the integration group about transfer of experience and collaboration in prevention matters between EU and Eastern European countries.

### 2. Relation between dental practitioners and universities

Nermin Yamalik, chairwoman of this WG, informs about the developments since the Paris meeting. She presents a brief glossary of terms regarding Evidence Based Dentistry (see presentation on the ERO website - <http://www.erodental.org/organs-and-bodies/plenary-session/>) and shows a statistical analysis of cumulative data. Clinical guidelines have been elaborated and a manuscript of the outcomes of their studies is currently being drafted to be published in the IDJ. Philippe Rusca thanks for the excellent work of this group and Nermin Yamalik for her presentation.

This issue is quite difficult, admits Peter Engel. But then, a dentist that does not know about EBD can nevertheless be a good dentist. He advises to treat this subject carefully; authorities might be tempted to set up EBD as a quality standard. He underlines his doubts by saying: if we look at EBD in connection with continuing education, it can be noticed that continuing education as innovation in dentistry shows the weakest evidence; whereas the strongest evidence should be in the education, because education should impart the whole wealth of experience. There already exist guidelines on this issue, which should be taken into consideration. EBD is a magic word - that should be handled with care!

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3. Liberal Dental Practice in Europe

Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach has the floor: “You all remember the plenary session in Paris. There, the WG presented a statement about data protection. This statement has afterwards been distributed to all NDAs in order to collect their opinion. We received some feedback. Every country, every dentist has its own way of storing data. In the meeting of today it was decided to omit the criteria presented in Paris. The statement is now reduced to one page only. Great importance is placed on receiving the patient’s informed consent for storing and transferring his data. The NDAs may define how this consent must look. It is explicitly mentioned in the statement that the processing of our patients’ data has to be determined by a legal framework, oriented towards the criteria of data protection of the different nations.

We must be aware of the importance of the handling of such personal data. The statement should now be voted and so the WG could close this subject.

Bedros Yavru-Sakuk congratulates the WG on this important statement. He would like to make some modifications in the English wording. Even though two professional translators are responsible for the English text, changes are always possible, remarks Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach. However, he would like to vote on the text now to end this work.

The president proceeds to the voting and the statement is adopted without a dissenting vote.

4. Integration

Elena Ivanova presents a review on the WG meeting in Irkutsk (see presentation on the ERO website). This was a very good opportunity for exchanging information and networking. The WG will now finalize the manual for dental practice by adding the responses to the questionnaire from the remaining countries. They further want to continue the integration activity with prevention issues in the other Eastern European countries and draw up education and science programs starting with Russia.

The Board has decided to give new directions to this working group. Philippe Rusca will soon give more information.

5. Dental Team

Edoardo Cavallé gives a resume of the last two WG meetings (see presentation on the ERO website). The principle topic still is the profile of the Dental Hygienist. After considering the status and the education of the DH in the different countries, the majority of the WG members agreed that the education of a DH on a bachelor level does not make sense and that an on-the-job training within the scope of an advanced further training is preferable. Of course, the freedom of choice of professional regulation and care systems of the individual member states shall be respected in order to prevent any standardization. Edoardo Cavallé emphasizes that the DH profile is a tool to be used only if needed and that the assignment of the DH is clearly a matter of “delegation yes, substitution no”. The WG will now collect more data, have an investigative meeting in January 2015 and then prepare a statement for the attention of the plenary session.

6. Continuing Medical Education

Hande Sar Sancakli refers to the questionnaire with the title “Evaluation of the extent of dental education regarding the linkage of oral health and general health” which has been sent to all NDAs. Maybe the period in which the questionnaire has been distributed was not ideal. Even though there were some answers, the figures show that it was not enough to have a representative distribution. The WG’s goal is to constitute a descriptive and recommendational

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continuing dental education accreditation criteria “framework” which can be available on the ERO website to assist the continuing professional development progressions in the different countries. It would not be a regulatory document but be helpful to clarify the discrepancies between the countries in ERO Region. We need to structure and shape the «Continuing Professional Development Curriculas» under the scope of vision 2020 regarding the oral and general health integrity, remarks Hande Sar Sancakli. She then refers to the Istanbul Declaration and point to the educational, organisational and collaborative activities of TDA and the theme of 20th TDA International Dental Congress, which was ‘General Health Related to Oral Health’.

We need your cooperation, reminds Philippe Rusca, with regard to the meager feedback on the questionnaire. The questionnaire will once again be distributed and it is very important to have answers in order to set up this framework.

Peter Engel refers to CED statements on (continuing) education. It would be advisable to consider those as well, in order to avoid diverging comments on the issue. Since there are members in the WG, which are members of CED as well, this will be taken into consideration, promises Hande Sar Sancakli.

#### 7. Quality in dentistry

This working group already exists since many years, regrettably without no big outcomes, remarks Philippe Rusca. Its topic though, needs more attention. He invites the NDAs to delegate interested people in this WG.

Roland L’Herron is chair of this working group; “quality of care” is the name of the new project. He proposes to start by working on the care settings. He fears that dealing directly with the quality of the care itself would inevitably lead to recommendations on procedures and outcomes, which might encourage the health authorities of some countries to endeavour to impose mandatory standards, i.e. additional constraints, which is not what the working group aims at. He suggests a simple but very active working method to address the topic of care settings, which is based on the sharing of experiences in relation to actions. In order to initiate the exchange, Roland L’Herron proposes to share the experience of an action conducted in France on the initiative of their national dental association. This example is intended to launch the exchange and encourage other countries to share their own experiences. The task of the WG will be to further develop the method and aims of the exchange; the actions will then be discussed and evaluated. The aim eventually is to draw up a few fundamental recommendations on “good practices” and on the assessment of the actions conducted using tools and indicators to be implemented by each country.

Roland L’Herron hopes that many colleagues will join the group to assist in this new task, which should be started rapidly.

Bedros Yavru-Sakuk remarks that the FDI Dental practice committee will also talk about quality. An exchange of information would make sense. He wishes Roland L’Herron a lot of success. Jürgen Fedderwitz likes the idea of setting up a guide, which can then be placed at the disposal of the different NDAs. He would be glad to join the working group. The CEN is setting up standards of quality as well, informs Philippe Calfon. Guidelines from ERO would help to prevent “dental tourism”. He thinks that this working group is essential.

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## **B.6 Plenary session 2015 – Tbilisi, Georgia**

The spring plenary session 2015 will take place on 24/25 April in Tbilisi, Georgia. The board expects a budget and more information until end of September 2014.

The plenary session 2016 will be on 29/30 April in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Proposals for 2017 are very welcome and can be announced to the secretariat.

## **B.7 Miscellaneous**

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## **B.8 Information on FDI matters**

The candidates for the position of FDI council have the floor. Kim Chuan How, Edoardo Cavallé, Denis Bourgeois, Vesna Barac-Furtinger and Jaime Edelson present themselves.

Then there is some time left to talk about general FDI matters. Georgios Tsiogas and Juan Carlos Llodra Calvo make some remarks about the FDI congresses, the program and the choice of venues, which are not to everybody's liking. Philippe Rusca is well aware of that, but to meet all requirements and wishes is not easy with the new congress model.

## **C Close of the meeting – adjournment**

Philippe Rusca thanks everybody for their contribution; special thanks go to the interpreters. He adjourns the assembly at 16 h 30.

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