

## Report WG Prevention – Paris Session, April 2014

Since the Istanbul session, the Prevention Group has worked mainly in three directions:

- Strategies and Perspectives of valorization of former ERO Prevention Group : Oral health and NCD issues
- ERO Observatory: Interest, Discussion and recommendations
- ERO contribution in the prevention of Eastern

The Working Group has met 17 January 2014 in Zurich to exchange, discuss and provide guidance for the Action Plan 2014-2016.

Present:

Pr. Denis Bourgeois, Chairman, Dr. Philippe Rusca, Pr. Gerhard Seeberger, Dr. Ilhan Duygu, Dr. Oles Shevchenko, Dr. Vesna Barac-Furtinger

Apologizes:

Pr. Paulo Melo, Pr. Nikolai Sharkov, Dr. Yuldashev

### Agenda

- Strategies and Perspectives of valorization of former ERO Prevention Group : Oral health and NCD issues
- ERO contribution in the prevention of Eastern: Update, Discussion and Recommendations
- ERO Observatory: Interest, Discussion and recommendations
- ERO Congress: Which plan and actions between Zurich and Paris?

#### 1. Strategies and Perspectives of valorization of former ERO Prevention Group: Oral health and NCD issues (Pr. Gerhard Seeberger)

The Health card, developed on behalf of FDI HQ in 2011-2012 has been the subject of development work and outstanding communication under the technical leadership of J. Fisher, who since leaving FDI. This work was part of the integration of oral health in NCD policy. It had been early pilot projects in South Africa, in France, communications and publications.



The ERO Prevention Group in 2011 directed a part of its activity towards NCD (diabetes, CVD). Europe is one of the regions where growth prospects and severity of NCD are among the most important and where dental profession can fully play its role in prevention and public health. This topic has been the subject of considerable valorization work by former ERO Prevention Group.

It was based on the feedback ERO has received from questionnaires sent out firstly to dentists and in a second moment to cardiologists and diabetologists to UN defined Europe. Integration in terms of relevant data and information for the dental profession has been select from international literature in medicine; this is relevant also for the recommendations for correct hydration of the human organism.

Objectives in the context of consensus conferences have deepened the potential relationships and perceptions of health professionals on the risk factors between ORH, CVD.

The Prevention Group at the Zurich meeting has unanimously recommended continuing this work. The Health Card is a practical tool that can be available in Europe, capable of educating NCD professionals' -diabetes and CVD-, patients, dentists and students

Following a meeting of Dr Rusca with FDI leaders in Geneva, FDI agrees that the Group can use the health-card without restrictions and develop this project.

## **2. ERO contribution in the prevention of Eastern: Update, Discussion and Recommendations**

Plan of prevention in Russia was presented in Istanbul. Needs and requests from the Russian Dental Federation through ERO/FDI/Prevention WG were to obtain support to be associated and considered as a full partner in the Federal program on primary prevention of dental diseases in Russia. Following many discussions between Istanbul and Zurich meetings, it was proposed to prepare a support letter for the Russian prevention program and send to the health minister

## **3. ERO Observatory: Interest, Discussion and recommendations**

Since the ERO/FDI session in Athens, the establishment of an oral health observatory has always been a central concern of WG Prevention. Different ERO presidents have supported the principle of obtaining quality data that can be used to aid decision with national dental associations.

In Istanbul was announced the creation of a FDI Observatory on oral health, which was presented at the WHA, at the the ERO assembly and which has been a broad consensus, many European countries declaring themselves ready to participate in studies pilots.

When WG Prevention in Zurich, he became a strong demand from eastern countries, in a context where countries (Russia, Hungary, Belarus) under the leadership of Prof. Leous among others, have initiated models of collect of information according to specific criteria of European health systems. It was decided unanimously by the WG in Zurich, to establish as soon as possible a pilot European Oral Heal Observatory for the profession, organized, and managed by ERO.

Following a meeting of Dr Rusca with FDI leaders (Dr. Wong, Dr. Hescot and Eiselé) in Geneva in matter "observatory project", FDI will take the leadership. Under the responsibility of Dr. P. Hescot, the project will start soon and the collaboration of ERO member-countries will be required.