

REPORT of the Working Group „Relation between Dental Practitioners and Universities“
ERO Plenary session in SALZBURG, April 2017-04-13

Madame President, Distinguish members of the ERO Board, dear delegates,

please allow me to present the activity of the WG Relation between Dental Practitioners and Universities.

We have met this morning here in beautiful city of Salzburg, where over 2/3rds of the members took part. Let me please thank to all colleagues for the vivid and fruitful contribution to the discussion.

In the last ERO plenary session in Madrid in September 2017, the plenary agreed on the new project for our Working group with the title „An European perspective on Interprofessional Education“.

The main document relevant to our topic is the FDI document adopted in Bangkok in 2015: „Optimal Oral Health through Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice“.

The aim of the project is to determine how interprofessional education is defined in Europe, enhance the cooperation between ERO and ADEE, as well as to strengthen the visibility of ERO.

The project is realised with a great support of ERO liaison officer for ADEE prof. Nermin Yamalik from Turkey and prof. Corrado Paganelli from Italy, the President of ADEE.

The project is divided into 4 phases:

1st phase: review and consult the FDI document

2nd phase: write review article

3rd phase: survey among ERO and ADEE members

4th phase: joint statement between ERO and ADEE

What the WG has discussed, was the utmost importance of interprofessional education in connection with noncommunicable diseases, links between oral health and general health and oral health being inseparable part of overall health. The importance of the serious diseases with, often first, symptoms in the oral cavity has been underlined, with special regards to diseases as AIDS or tuberculosis.

What the WG members would adopt from the FDI document, is the definition of interprofessional education and collaborative practice, barriers and benefits of IPE and CP and the role of dentist as leader of the dental team.

On the other hand, we could not agree on the definition of dental team in the FDI document, listing other categories of dental workers. Instead of this, we would refer to following documents:

ERO documents from WG Dental Team about profile, tasks and competencies of dental team members (ERO, 2012-2017), Dental Team Resolution (CED, 2015), ESCO Classification (EC,2017) together with comments from CED, January 2018.

The timetable of the work is as follows. After today's meeting and presentation to the plenary, we would ask again the ERO members to share their opinion on the FDI document and its applicability for European region.

We all have been approached by this request in October 2017, via an email from ERO secretary, but the response rate was quite poor. Please, if you have any comments or amendments, let us know. The repeated request will be sent out within few days.

In Buenos Aires we will come back to you with a follow-up report.

Thank you,

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