



WG ERO Integration *fdi*

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- ✓ Meeting of WG Integration was held 4 times in last 2 years.
- ✓ Majority of the members were able to attend meeting only once - in Frankfurt.
- ✓ Other meetings were held by participating only 3 or 4 members.
- ✓ The reasons of not attending are objective, but this is very harmful and regrets working efficiency of WG.

- ✓ Each member of our group is a respected and highly qualified professional in and outside of their countries.
- ✓ Their involvement in WG will significantly improve our working efficiency to achieve our goals.
- ✓ Passive attitude of the members harms the efficiency of the working of the group.



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Second main problem

- ✓ At the meeting in Frankfurt this year we made consensus that we would make **newest plan for working**, were would be the main tasks to solve at the first stage.
- ✓ Due to this reason I asked and we agreed that each of WG members would suggest **3 most essential issues** which should be done very quickly, which would support ERO Integration processes.
- ✓ Of course, all of these issues could not be different, but there would be presented **priorities of WG**.
- ✓ *Unfortunately non of you were able to have enough time for this, except of one member - Prof. Marian-Vladimir Konstatinesku (Romania) whom I want to tell thanks for this support*

- ✓ Our working group is functioning for some years, however progress of integration is not obvious.
- ✓ It is essential to analyze and find out the true barriers of this process

- ✓ The process of integration is based on 2 main factors:
 - education
 - legislation (regulations)

- ✓ Education includes 2 main directions:
 - undergraduate
 - postgraduate.

- ✓ Our survey conducted through ERO NDA traced some main issues, solving of which will speed up the ERO integration process.

Foremost

- ✓ financial and mental independence of NDAs from the ministry of health.
- ✓ All members of NDAs management teams know the main barriers that affects and hinder their work abilities.

Solving lots of problems without financial support is not possible:

- Continuing education - CPD
- social insurance
- legislation

Our surveys demonstrated that

- ✓ Membership fees of New Independent Countries (NIC) of NDAs is minimal
 - They don't pay even that.
 - Leading to financial crisis.

That's why I want to ask ERO Plenary Session

- ✓ to make official document addressed to Healthcare Authorities and legislation groups (parliament) of New Independent Countries
- ✓ Law (legislation) for practicing dentists to make mandatory the NDA membership in New Independent Countries

This won't be easy, because:

- there are several dental associations in most of the countries.
- ✓ Therefore, priority should be given to **NDA**s which are **members of FDI**

- ✓ Continuing Education is not mandatory in many NICs.
- ✓ ERO to officially suggest the Healthcare Authorities to make Continuing Dental Education – CDE mandatory.
- ✓ *The sooner it happens the sooner the integration process will be happen.*

- ✓ Undergraduate dental education at universities.
- ✓ **differences in this segment has to be reduced which will minimize the barriers to integration processes.**



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It is essential to address all the mentioned problems and issues by

- ✓ This is our **working plan of the WG.**
- ✓ **We should work in all directions if we want the real result and real integration.**

That is why I ask for your support!

Thank you for your attention!



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