

## CEN TC55 – ERO liaison report, 2009.

ERO-FDI had its annual meeting in September 2008 in Stockholm, and was happy to have the British dental association to join. Many matters have been discussed within working groups, oral cancer for which European national dental associations have prepared an important communication and information program, but also questions related to the practice of dentistry in Europe, parity between men and women, quality in dentistry, and financing of dental health. A declaration from ERO about pain management in dental office has also been published during 2008, and conferences are regularly organized by national dental association throughout Europe.

Dentists in European countries and also outside Europe, are often asked about the security of their treatments, and specially regarding medical devices. Media campaigns are sometimes alarming regarding dental prosthesis, and their biological risks. The risk assessment of final product is a recurring question asked to health professionals, and ERO would appreciate to have some input from CEN TC 55 about the inclusion of final product risk assessment in the European standards.

Another question that dentists are worried about, concerns the expanding market of ceramic fused to ceramic fixed prosthesis, and cad-cam products. ERO considers that these procedures should have standards related, in order to insure the best and reproducible results, for a system that requires digital files, new technologies, new products, and also communications matters between different sites of fabrication.

ERO wishes to the members of CEN TC55 an excellent meeting in March 2009 in Bratislava – Slovakia.

Respectfully submitted

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