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**Brief minutes and progress achieved at the meeting held in Bratislava on 2 March 2008**

The meeting was attended by 12 experts from 7 countries.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Ulf Örtengren.

The present status of the work concerning risk assessments working with denture base polymers was presented.

A questionnaire study is in progress among European dental technicians. The study is done by FEPPD in collaboration with Tromsø University, Göteborg University and University of Bratislava and the questionnaire was presented. The questionnaire has been distributed to randomly selected dental technicians in 11 European countries.

The preliminary results from France was presented and briefly discussed.

The work with the questionnaire will continue during the forthcoming year and preliminary results will be presented to the group when achieved. The Working group emphasized the importance of the mentioned investigation for their work.

The convenor asked for more information about the regulations concerning handling of denture-based polymers in the different countries in Europe.

The working group discussed the focus and concluded after discussion that the aim for the group should be to prepare Guidelines for handling methacrylate-based materials in the dental laboratory. Such guidelines will be based on the review work and the result of the questionnaire study.

A decision was made that the convenor should ask experts in Occupational dermatology and diseases to give additional opinions to the group concerning the project in focus.

The group decided to make a proposal to the plenary meeting of CEN/TC55 for preparation of a technical report with the title "Guidelines for handling methacrylate-based materials in the dental laboratory".

It was proposed that, the convenor during 2009 will prepare an NWIP based on the draft N29 and the results from the Questionnaire study with the mentioned title above. The proposal will be sent to all experts for comments. The NWIP shall be ready for presentation at the plenary meeting of 2010 and then circulated among the member bodies.

The following work will be continued by email. The next meeting of WG 8 is scheduled at the next TC 55 Plenary meeting in 2009.

The following resolutions to the Plenary were made.

Resolution 1: To prepare a technical report with the title "Guidelines for handling methacrylate-based materials in the dental laboratory".

Respectfully submitted

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