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Dear Colleagues,

Another busy year is just about to finish. We had many interesting and productive meetings in 2017, just to name those in Geneva and Madrid. I am looking forward to what is awaiting us in 2018.

Another World Oral Health Day is taking place in just 3 months – I hope we will all join the world dental community and again make effort to continue raising public awareness of the significance of oral health. And soon after that we will meet at the next ERO Plenary Session in Salzburg.

ERO Board meeting in Paris

ERO Board held a meeting in Paris on 29 November – courtesy of the French Dental Association which had its annual dental meeting. Many thanks to our French colleagues for their hospitality.

The Board:

- discussed the cooperation with EDSA and met its representatives;
- mentioned the ADEE's work on the new profile of dental hygienist which is of interest for ERO which should provide its comments on it;
- decided to review the template for the ERO national reports;
- analyzed the financial situation of ERO which is good; financing of the activities of ERO Working Groups was discussed;
- shared ideas how to make ERO more visible at national level among the leadership and members of NDAs;

- reviewed the state of play in each ERO Working Group.

ERO's cooperation with the European Dental Students' Association

EDSA President Valentin Garyga and General Secretary Alyette Greiveldinger (both from France) joined the ERO Board members for part of the meeting in Paris to talk about the cooperation between our organizations. It was an interesting and detailed discussion.



*ERO Board and EDSA representatives
at the meeting in Paris*

We shared our views on the objectives and possible forms of further cooperation. EDSA proposed to prepare and conclude a formal agreement specifying the details of collaboration between the two organizations so that it will have long term duration going beyond the term of offices of the current leaderships of ERO and EDSA. The draft of this will be further analyzed and we hope to take final decisions on it at the next Plenary Session to which representatives of EDSA are going to be invited.

One of the possible fields of cooperation regards participation of EDSA's representatives in the activities of ERO Working Groups – especially the WG on CME, LDPE and relations with universities.

EDSA appreciates the idea of introducing a reward for young colleagues – students or fresh graduates – for their research works on topics of common interest for EDSA and ERO.

Roundtable on treatment and prevention of caries in Almaty

The United Kazakhstan Association of Dentists organized a roundtable discussion on treatment and prevention of caries – it took place on 8 December in Almaty.



Participants of the roundtable discussion in Almaty

The meeting was attended by leading representatives of Kazakh dental community as well as colleagues from Georgia, Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Participants discussed a number of issues, including prevention programmes, development of professional standards, quality in dentistry, as well as the organization of oral health care in terms of public and private ownership of dental facilities.

The meeting was attended by Patrick Hescot, past FDI President, who presented international experiences related to prevention programmes.

German Dental Day

The German Dental Day is a joint political and scientific event of the German dental profession – led by the German Dental Association (BZÄK), ERO member, with the participation of the German national

association of statutory health insurance dentists (KZBV) and the German Society of Dental, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (DGZMK).

This year the German Dental Day took place in Frankfurt from 9 and 11 November. This event combines the complete spectrum of dentistry in Germany: the professional politics, the practice and the science.

At the opening ceremony the futurologist Prof. Dr. Horst Opaschowski gave an interesting keynote address entitled “Vision Germany. How we work and live tomorrow”.

It touched the issue of how digitalization is affecting our world. And we know well that it is also changing dentistry and the exercise of our profession.

Participants of the German Dental Day reviewed the dental licensing regulations; talked about corporate dentistry and non-dental ownership of practices, discussed some European law issues with regard to the so-called service package and the outstanding increase of the point value in the fee schedule.

Like in previous years this event was well attended by numerous foreign guests.



Guests of the 2017 German Dental Day

FDI President's November visit in Europe

The German Dental Day was one of the events attended by FDI President Kathryn Kell during her November visit to Europe. Another point on dr Kell's European agenda was the Congress of the Portuguese Dental Association – another important national dental event with a large attendance of expert speakers from around the world.



Opening of the Congress

Of course this visit could not be without coming to the FDI offices in Geneva and attending a meeting of the FDI Executive Council

We hope to see the FDI President in Europe as often as possible – not only for the day-to-day business at the FDI headquarters but most of all at events organized by European NDAs. And we look forward to meet dr Kell in Salzburg at our Plenary Session.

Dates:

2 February 2018, Frankfurt, GER
ERO WG Dental Team meeting

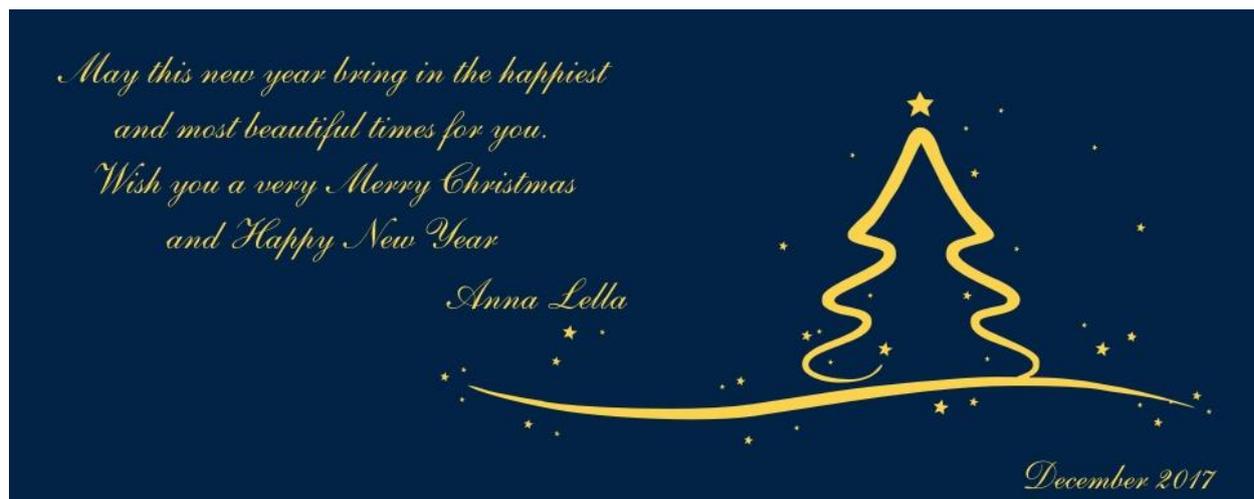
12 – 14 April 2018, Salzburg AUS
ERO Plenary Session

September 2018, Buenos Aires, ARG
ERO Plenary Session (FDI WDC)

Spring 2019, Frankfurt, GER
ERO Plenary Session

September 2019, San Francisco, USA
ERO Plenary Session (FDI WDC)

Spring 2020, Kazakhstan, Almaty
ERO Plenary Session



Best regards,

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