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Dear Colleagues,

I hope you still have good and fresh memories of our meeting in Salzburg.

I certainly do, and again would like to thank the Austrian colleagues for their hospitality and all their efforts in organizing and hosting this Plenary Session.

Before we meet again, this time as far away as Buenos Aires, the ERO Board will have its meeting in the beginning of July and the working groups are continuing their activities to present new results in September.

Also many activities on national levels are taking place as usual in this period of year. I would like to thank again all associations which invite me to attend their events. Unfortunately, time has its limitations and with regret I have to decline some of these invitations.

All the more, I encourage you to provide ERO with short reports on your domestic congresses/assemblies so that all ERO members can follow what is happening in other dental communities.

### ERO Plenary Session in Salzburg

This year's Spring ERO Plenary Session took place in Austria in the city of Salzburg.



The Plenary meeting traditionally was preceded by interesting meetings of the working groups where the recent activities were summed up and proposals for the future work were discussed and later presented to all delegates. Also the ERO Board met before the Plenary.

Our treasurer Bartolomeo Griffa presented annual accounts underlining that ERO is in a good and stable financial situation. That allows us to keep the 10% reduction of the annual membership fees for a number of years now.

Simona Dianiskova, chair of the WG Relation between dental practitioners and universities, reported on the progress of works on a topic entitled „A European perspective on Interprofessional Education“. It refers to the FDI document adopted in 2015 „Optimal Oral Health through Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice“. The WG's aim is to determine how interprofessional education is defined in Europe, enhance the cooperation between ERO and ADEE, and to strengthen the visibility of ERO.

On behalf of the WG Liberal dental practice in Europe Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach and Thomas Wolf presented the results of the study carried out by the WG which were finally published. It analyzes main forms of the current exercise of the dental profession in European countries and looks at how the economic interests may influence the principles of liberal dental practice and dental ethics.

Hande Sar Sancakli reported that the WG Continuing Medical Education in Dentistry is working on a number of issues, including a new evaluation survey to assess best model to provide effective and integrative CE activities to reach the dental profession.

Philippe Rusca presented a set of recommendations elaborated by members of the WG ageing Population which regard the education in geriatric dentistry and provision of dental care to elderly persons. This will be a basis to an ERO policy paper on this important topic.

In Salzburg we also further discussed the collaboration with the European Dental Students' Association – I am glad that their representatives joined us personally.

The delegates approved the admission of Kosovo Dental Chamber as regular member of ERO. We welcome colleagues from Kosovo and count on their active engagement in our work.

It is good to note that in the last period each year ERO receives an application for membership and becomes present in more European countries.



*ERO PS in Salzburg*

The Plenary Session in Salzburg was attended by a number of guests, including young representatives of EDSA and the FDI President dr Kathryn Kell who stayed with us all the time and gave an interesting and informative presentation on FDI matters.

Afterward, President Kell provided a detailed and warm account of this event in her presidential letter which I appreciate very much.



FDI President K.Kell with ERO Board

### **23rd Congress of the Balkan Stomatological Society**

The Balkan Stomatological Society (BaSS) organized its 23rd Congress in the city of Iasi in Romania between 10 and 12 May. BaSS is an international scientific organization made up of national dental associations from as many as 10 Balkan countries.

BaSS is a supporting member of FDI and although itself it is not a member of ERO, most of its national dental associations are ERO members.

The current BaSS President is prof. Argirios Pissiotis from Greece and the President elect is prof. Norina Forna from Romania who was also the President of the Congress in Iasi.

I am really impressed how well everything was organized and carried out under her leadership.

BaSS Congress, which takes place in a different country every year, is a large dental event bringing together dental professionals from the whole Balkan region and beyond.

I had the pleasure to represent ERO in Iasi taking part in many meetings, incl. a round table discussion on the main topic of the Congress, namely "Dental Medicine of the Younger versus elderly patients". I briefly reported the activities of ERO and FDI regarding the issue of aging population and dentistry.



Participants of round table discussion in Iasi

### **Activities of other European dental organizations**

I believe ERO should as closely as possible follow the various activities of other European dental organizations and scientific associations.

For example, the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) is currently involved in two interesting initiatives:

- the Oral health and Pregnancy project aimed at explaining how teeth and gums should be cared for during pregnancy and the actions to be taken by women and health professionals; interesting, well prepared materials are available for the public, for oral health professionals; they are translated into several languages to use them also in domestic campaigns;
- the European Gum Health Day on 12 May, which is an international awareness day with aim to increase public awareness of the seriousness of gum disease, the health problems associated with it, and the importance of maintaining healthy gums.

### **FDI elections**

As announced by the FDI this year the elections will be for the following posts:

- 3 vacancies in FDI Council, including the position of treasurer;

- 2 vacancies in Dental Practice Committee;
- 1 vacancy in Membership Liaison and Support Committee;
- 4 vacancies in Public Health Committee;
- 5 vacancies in Science Committee.

Already in Salzburg I encouraged ERO member organizations to submit the candidatures of their representatives - some of them already announced it.

In the coming days FDI will publish the list of all accepted candidates for the positions in Council and Standing Committees. We will make them available to ERO members.

### **ERO Board meeting on 7 July**

The next meeting of ERO Board is planned on 7 July in Warsaw to discuss the current issues and to make the necessary arrangements prepare for the next ERO meetings (plenary Session and working groups) in Buenos Aires.

### **Dates:**

**7 July 2018**, Warsaw POL  
ERO Board Meeting

**6 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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