

## ERO NEWS 18.

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Dear Colleagues,

With the year coming to an end and before the festive break I am providing information regarding the ERO Board meeting and some of the plans for 2019.

### ERO Board meeting

The ERO Board met in Frankfurt on 8 December. As announced we had a possibility to talk to the President of **European Society of Dental Ergonomics (ESDE)** dr Werner Betz.



We discuss the possibilities of closer cooperation. We are of the common opinion that better understanding and use of ergonomics is important for dentists. ERO and ESDE wish to more actively disseminate knowledge in this field among dental care professionals. ESDE gathers, analyzes and distributes the existing knowledge in the field of ergonomics in dentistry (methods of working, development of new technologies and equipment, information and communication technology, hygiene,

organisation, management and quality development). We hope to be able to better use the results of ESDE's work over the last years.

To this end we plan to encourage National Dental Organizations to include courses on dental ergonomics as part of their domestic dental conferences. Experts of ESDE, in cooperation with ERO, will be available to provide lectures and develop learning materials. We hope this initiative will be of interest for many ERO members and we will be working on the organizational details very soon.

The Board finalized the memorandum of Understanding with the **European Dental Students' Association**. We hope to sign it as soon as possible and to start the closer collaboration with our young colleagues.

### Next ERO Plenary Session

In spring 2019 ERO will meet in Frankfurt, Germany. The Plenary Session will be on 26 and 27 April.

The German colleagues are preparing an interesting accompanying programme.

In Frankfurt I will hand over the ERO presidency to Michael Frank and we will have elections for the ERO Board for the next 3-years term of office.

The ESDE president will be invited to present more closely the cooperation with ERO and how national organizations can benefit of this offer.

We are waiting to hear the voice of the young generation from EDSA.

We also hope to see again at our Plenary Session the FDI president Kathryn Kell.

Detailed information regarding the Plenary Session as well as the procedure of

nominating candidates will be sent to all ERO members in the near future.

### Other events

A Workshop on **Prevention of Oral Cancer** is planned in Romania in March 2019.

This 2-days event organized under the auspices and with participation of renowned dental professionals, incl. dr Patrick Hescot, past FDI President and WHO expert, promises to be another important initiative within the European continuing medical education in dentistry. The local organizers are represented by prof. Norina Forna.

Dentists play a significant role in the field of public health – nowadays they are also expected to act as primary care professionals in oncological prevention and diagnosing. Therefore, it is our professional duty to regularly enhance our medical knowledge in this area.

### Dates:

**26 – 27 April 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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