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Dear Colleagues,

My best regards to all the European dental community on the World Oral Health Day 2019.

I am sure all ERO members are actively celebrating WOHD in their countries, once again promoting oral health and using the resources prepared by FDI.

I look forward to receiving information about the events in each country and the public response they gathered.

We will meet in just over a month's time in Frankfurt – it will be ERO's 55th spring Plenary Session marking 55 years of ERO. I hope to see as many delegates as possible in Frankfurt, where ERO was already hosted in 1991.

Please find below some information regarding the Plenary Session and a few other issues.

ERO Plenary Session

The Plenary Session in Frankfurt will take place on 26 and 27 April.

The draft agenda and other information was already sent out by the secretariat (those who have not done it yet, please submit your ERO delegation forms as soon as possible).

The German colleagues have prepared 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 list of candidates and their supporting documentation is available on ERO website. There you can also find national reports and other working documents.

I know that the FDI president Kathryn Kell will join us in Frankfurt. Other invited guests are, as agreed by the Board in December, the President of European Society of Dental Ergonomics (ESDE) dr Werner Betz and representatives of the European Dental Students' Association (EDSE).

Plenary Session will be held on Friday, 26 April between 14.00 and 17.30 and on Saturday, 27 April between 8.30 and 12.00 at Villa Kennedy Frankfurt. Working Groups will meet on Friday morning between 9.00 and 12.00 – detailed schedule is available on ERO website.

Farewell to dr Peter Müller-Boschung, ERO President 1998 – 2001

We have learned with deep sadness that Dr. Peter Müller-Boschung, President of ERO between 1998 and 2001, passed away on 7 February 2019 in the age of 80 years.



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ERO-Presidents from l. to r.: P.Hescot, J.Font-Buxó, G.Seeberger, P.Müller-Boschung, Ph.Rusca

Photo taken in 2014 at ERO PS in Paris

Our thoughts go out to the mourning family.

On behalf of the ERO Board and numerous colleagues who personally knew dr Müller-Boschung – active participant of ERO for so many years and ERO President between 1998 and 2001 – I extend to his wife and children our sincere condolences for this great loss.

We highly respected appreciated and valued Peter and we remember his presence at the 50th anniversary of ERO in Paris in 2014. We will keep the best memory of him and we will not forget his commitment to our association.

Other issues

I draw everyone's attention to the controversy raised by a documentary movie *Root cause* which claims that root canals can be linked to cancer. This triggered a strong response from various dental organizations.

We should monitor this case which has similarities with the strong anti-vaccine movements in many countries.

The recently published FDI White Paper on Endodontic Care which outlines the prevention strategies and treatment procedures which make up the field of endodontics and identifies challenges in the provision of endodontic care in daily dental practice is a good source of information to that can be used as a response such unreasoned claims.

Workshop on "Oral Cancer Prevention in General Dentistry" under ERO patronage takes place on 22 and 23 March 2019 in Iasi, Romania.

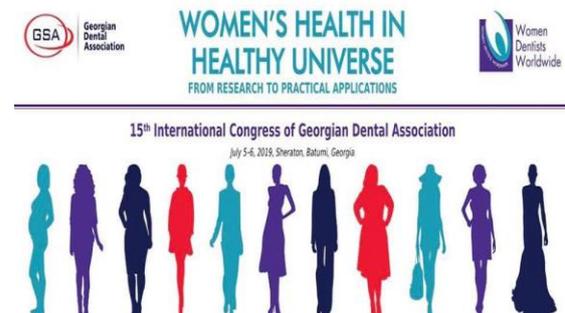
This event, with participation of renowned dental professionals, incl. Patrick Hescot, past FDI and ERO President, is another evidence of the growing importance of continuing medical education in dentistry.

Dentists play a significant role in public health since they should not only deal with strictly dental conditions, but nowadays they are also expected to act as primary care professionals in oncological prevention and diagnosing and should be prepared to teach the patient about the risk factors commonly recognized as carcinogenic, by encouraging to quit smoking, promoting healthy diet and lifestyle. Not without a reason, the FDI and the WHO commonly stress that:

'Helping patients to stop smoking may be the single most important service dentists can provide for their patient's oral and general health.'

AIO International Congress "Focus on New Visions in Dentistry" will take place on 13 - 15 June 2019 in Chia (Cagliari) – ERO is one of the patrons of the congress

15th International Congress of Georgian Dental Association – 5 - 6 July 2019



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,

Anna Lella