



## ERO-News 21

Dear Colleagues,

the Roman god Janus, from whom our January derives its name, had two faces: one that looks back and another that looks forward. Our newsletter would like to take this as an example. We look back on the last ERO board meeting on 21 November 2019 and summarize the most important decisions and course-setting of this meeting for you. At the same time, our attention is turned towards the goals, projects and deadlines for the new year 2020.



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## Appointment of the ERO working groups

The members of all existing [working groups](#) should either be confirmed or newly elected at the next plenary session. The ERO member organizations will be informed about this in a letter sent out these days. In order to address the increasingly important topics of digitalization in dentistry, eHealth and artificial intelligence, a new working group is being created, which our President-elect Simona Dianišková would like to lead. The letter to the member organizations also asks for nominations of members for this new group. The feedback on the working groups and also the annual reports, which will be presented at the General Assembly in Almaty/Kazakhstan, should be delivered by **15 February 2020**.

As usual, the reports of the member organizations and also three or four discussion topics will be published on the [ERO-Website](#) two weeks before the plenary session. .

## Science Award by ERO und EDSA



International professional politics thrives on participation. In order to raise

the profile of the transnational associations and to increase the willingness of European dental students to participate actively, the ERO and the European Dental Students' Association will jointly offer a science prize, which will be awarded for the first time in 2020. The prize will be granted for final theses in dentistry and poster presentations on the topics of antimicrobial resistance, eHealth and interprofessional education. The papers will be judged by a jury of two ERO and two EDSA members. The first three places receive financial support of between 1500 and 500 euros. The award winners will be honored at the 66th EDSA Meeting in Strasbourg.

### **ERO and CED: Opportunities for future cooperation**

The maintenance of the libera profession in Germany, uniform quality standards in treatment, infection control or training throughout Europe and the maintenance of national access restrictions on the exercise of the profession are goals, the achievement of which is the primary task of the CED, the Council of European Dentists. The CED acts as the political representation of the dental profession in the European member states. Together with the ERO, under whose umbrella more EU countries are currently united as members, I would like to support and strengthen the CED in the fulfilment of its tasks, which are in line with our objectives. We want to set the course here for constructive cooperation between the two institutions in achieving common goals.

In order to sound out the possibilities of cooperation, a telephone conference took place on 2 December 2019, in which ERO President-elect Simona Dianišková, CED Board member Henk Donker and Klaas-Jan Bakker [Dutch Dental Association] took part. As a result, two areas were identified in which

closer cooperation would be in the interest of both organizations. The first of these is oral health, with a focus on antibiotic resistance and the reduction of sugar consumption to prevent caries. The second section is Corporate Dentistry, where the topic of liberal dentistry plays a major role. The results of the conference call will be discussed by the management boards of both organizations. If the idea of closer cooperation is approved, the next step will be to discuss the establishment and staffing of cross-organizational working groups and task forces.

### **ERO Representations in International dental events**

Simona Dianišková participated, as representative of ERO, in a workshop "**The Central European Round Table of the Leaders of Dentistry 2019**" organized by Czech dental chamber in October 2019 in Prague. The main topics were: Who can work with the Dentist? and Continuing medical education in Dentistry. She had the opportunity to present ERO statements and resolutions about the above-mentioned topics.

In the name of ERO she also attended the meeting "**Implementation of One Health in undergraduate education**" where doctors, dentists, pharmacists and veterinarians met in order to discuss how to work together from curricula to practice. Speakers were from Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia, as well as presidents from relevant European organizations. The main questions were: "Why One Health is important"? and "How to implement One Health in undergraduate education?".

**December 2019**

## **Dates and events**

### **24th/25th April 2020**

Almaty, Kazakhstan  
ERO-Plenary session

#### Schedule

Thursday, 23.4.2020 - 12.00 - 15.00 -  
Board Meeting

Thursday, 23.4.2019 - 15.30 - 17.30 -  
Meeting Board and Chairs of the Work-  
ing Groups

Friday, 24.4.2020 - 08.30 - 12.00 -  
Meeting of the working groups

Friday, 24.4.2020 - 13.00 - 17.30 - Ple-  
nary session

Saturday, 25.4.2020 - 08.30 - 12.30 -  
Plenary session

### **1st -4th September 2020**

Shanghai, China  
FDI WDC

### **16th/17th April 2021**

Bucharest, Romania  
ERO-Plenary session

## **Merry Christmas and a happy new year**

In the name of the entire ERO board I wish you and your families peaceful and contemplative holidays, a good end of the old year and a successful start into the new year 2020!

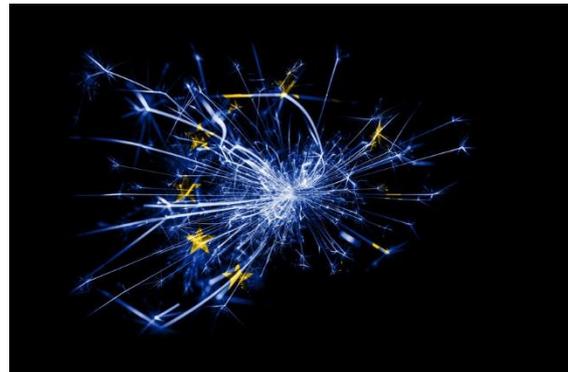


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Yours sincerely,

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