



ERO-Mitteilungen 23



Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Again, and again in these weeks you can hear that there is no way back to the time before Corona. We will have to live on with the virus and many things - like the way we greet each other - will change permanently. Nevertheless, due to the number of infections and the loosening up that has come with it, things that were impossible until recently can be planned again. This includes the already planned plenary session of our organisation in Brussels and I am very pleased to be able to report to you in this newsletter on the status of the planning.

Plenary session in Brussels

As the CED meeting in Brussels in November can currently take place as planned, we have decided to hold the next plenary meeting of the ERO on 18 and 19 November 2020 in Brussels at the same time, but before the CED

meeting. With regard to the agenda of the plenary session, we will be guided by the decisions made in Frankfurt last year.

Wednesday, 18.11.2020 morning:
Board Meeting - followed by: Meeting Board and Chairmen of the Working Groups
13.00-18.00 Meeting of the working groups

Whether there will be an **evening event** on Wednesday depends on the further development of the infection. We will inform you about this in due time.

Thursday 19.11.2020 09.00-18.00 Plenary session

You will receive a **registration form for the conference hotel** with your newsletter.

Working groups start their

As we reported in ERO News 22, the Board has decided to accept the proposals for the members and chairs of the working groups in order for them to start their work, after the cancellation of the General Assembly in Alma-ty, Kazakhstan. This has been done, the groups have started their work and the necessary meetings are being held via video conference. First reports from the working groups will be presented at the plenary session in Brussels.

Substantive cooperation between the CED and the ERO

As decided by the two Boards of Directors of CED and ERO in November 2019 in Brussels, the CED and ERO will in future cooperate on specific topics, depending on the circumstances. The first topic on which this substantive exchange will take place will be antibiotic resistance. President-elect Simona Dianiskova for the ERO and Board member Henk Donker for the CED will be responsible for coordinating the cooperation on this topic. The members for the working group have been nominated and a first working meeting is already planned.



Premiere of the ERO and EDSA science prize postponed

It had been planned to increase the visibility of dental professional organisations and to encourage young dentists and dental students throughout Europe to participate actively: The Science Prize of ERO and the Association of Dental Students in Europe (EDSA). Prizes were to be awarded for dental theses and poster presentations on the topics of antimicrobial resistance, eHealth and interprofessional education. The awarding of the first places, which would have received financial support of between 500 and 1500 euros, was to take place at the 66th meeting of the EDSA in Strasbourg, which had to be cancelled on 7 May due to the corona pandemic. It was now decided to postpone the premiere of the award until 2021. When and where the first award ceremony will take place, shall be announced in one of the next editions of our newsletters.

Corona survey of the CED to countries without CED membership

As decided in the video conference of the ERO Board on 9 June, the CED's questionnaire on the impact of the corona pandemic on the dental profession was sent, after consultation with the CED, to those ERO countries that are not members of the CED within the European Union. Feedback was requested by the end of June from Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Iceland, Albania, Bosnia + Herzegovina, Georgia, Israel, Iceland and Turkey. After receiving the feedback, we will evaluate the questionnaires and include them in the data pool on corona and dental practice. A report on this will also be presented in Brussels.

Further survey on the incidence of infections in dental surgeries

Previous surveys of the various organisations have been more concerned with issues such as practice closures by authorities, crisis care, the availability of protective equipment and hygiene preparations for dentists or financial assistance at national level. The ERO, with the support of the German Dental Association (BZÄK), is currently examining the possibility of conducting a further survey to take a closer look at the question of Covid-19 infections in the course of dental treatment among dentists and their practice teams. Here we need a solid data base and representative figures that will help us to argue internally and externally and justify decisions as the pandemic progresses. We are currently still examining the data protection aspects of such a survey and, once these questions have been clarified, we will inform you promptly about the way in which it will be implemented.

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The dentists in Europe and worldwide and their patients will, like everyone else, have to deal with the new corona virus for a long time to come and the dental profession will also help us to regain a bit of normality with solutions, support and concepts. I am very confident that we can achieve this together: With consideration for each other and with attentiveness in following the few, but so important rules for the protection of oneself and others.

So please continue to take good care of yourself and your fellow human beings and stay healthy! I look forward to seeing you again in Brussels in the autumn!

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Michael Frank

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Bukarest, Rumänien
ERO-Vollversammlung

Dates

18-19 November 2020

Brussels, Belgium
ERO General Assembly

April 16/17, 2021

Bucharest, Romania
ERO General Assembly