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Dear Colleagues,

A difficult and demanding year is coming to an end. The Corona pandemic has been very demanding for colleagues in Europe and around the world. We have felt a lot of uncertainty and yet we have been able to learn in many ways. Above all, we have learned one thing: according to all we know to date, dental practices have never been a place of increased risk of infection and we can and must pass on this reassuring certainty to our patients. General health - including protection against infection - starts with the health of the oral cavity. It is our first line of defense in the fight against infectious diseases, and not least for this reason it must not be neglected in times of a pandemic.

With confidence, we look forward to the new year 2021 and also to the possibility of being able to hold a face-to-face General Assembly of ERO again. We would like to provide you with first information about this in this newsletter.

Plenary Assembly in Bucharest – state of planning

In general, we have sent information about the next Spring Assembly to member organisations at the end of the previous year. However, the Board has decided to provide information on hotel bookings, the schedule and further details in the first newsletter of the new year. The reason for this is the still unforeseeable further development of the infection.

FDI: President Seeberger underlines the importance of cooperation

In a letter following the meeting, which took place online on 17 November 2020, FDI President Dr Gerhard K. Seeberger thanked the Presidents and other representatives of the regional organizations for their constructive cooperation and expressed his appreciation for the contribution of the regional organizations to the work of the FDI. Seeberger expressed the FDI's willingness to continue to discuss matters concerning specific regions with the regional organizations separately. That this appreciation is reciprocal had already been expressed by ERO President-elect Simona Dianiskova during the meeting and she emphasized that she wanted to collaborate with regard to the new working group on digitalization in dentistry and to exchange experiences in this field with corresponding working groups within the world association.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On behalf of the entire ERO Board, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a good - but most of all a healthy - start in the New Year 2021!

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Michael Frank

Dates

16/17 April 2021

Bucharest, Romania
ERO Plenary Session

26-29 September

Sydney, Australia
FDI World Dental Congress