

**ERO-FDI Working Group**  
**“Liberal Dental Practice in Europe”**  
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As we had decided in the course of our last plenary session in San Francisco, the working group “Liberal Dental Practice” met in Paris November 2019. Under the following impressions of the Corona pandemic, it was our last physically meeting.

In our meeting the main point of discussion was again the development of corporate dentistry run by investment companies and their danger for liberal dental practice. We figured out, that it is actual nearly impossible to prevent their market strategies and that our focus must be on our own decision how we want to work in the future, namely the younger generation.

To figure out what about the opinion and the role of the younger generation (students and young dentists) in this item and what are the values in our profession in the future, we continued our work with the results of the evaluation “Expectation of dental students in Europe regarding the prospects for their future careers”. We discussed these results in two further video conferences in June 2020 with a smaller group (author and co-authors) to finalize the paper in this item.

The paper is a joint project of the Universities of Bern (Switzerland), Mainz (Germany) and the FDI-ERO-WG LDP and was published in October 2020. It is available under:

<https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/17/19/7296>

and attached pdf-file in the annex.

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