



Activity Report of the "Dental Team" Working Group for the year 2020

On July 23rd, 2020, the meeting of the working group "Dental Team" of the European Regional Organization, took place by videoconference.

This group now chaired by Dr. Doniphan HAMMER (1st Vice President of the CDF) has continued to work despite the restrictive measures of travel and meetings (the meeting scheduled for mid-March in Tel Aviv had to be cancelled)

It was an opportunity to make a "tour de table" to find out how our counterparts present (Italy, Spain, Germany, Bulgaria, Russia, Greece, Turkey, Israel) were experiencing the recovery of activity and more generally how to approach this unprecedented health crisis. In connection with this, the president presented the results of the survey that had been conducted among the members of the ORE on the impact and consequences of the health crisis COVID 19 in dental offices with a particular focus on the dental team. A dozen questions were asked to find out, for example, whether or not dental office staff had continued to work, whether or not social and fiscal support measures had been put in place and at what level, and whether or not there was any apprehension as to whether or not the return to work was carried out according to specific protocols. The results were collected after several reminders, but with the regret that only half of the ERO member countries responded.

Aware of the changes in protocols (outfits, procedures, etc.); the president and the working group for the next few months decided to update the "job descriptions" of all the members of the dental team so that they are in line with the professional and clinical reality of our European dental practices and to proceed of the writing of a resolution about infection prevention and control in the dental team

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