

## ERO Enlargement Working Group Report

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The efforts of the ERO Enlargement WG is continuous and fruitful.

Since the beginning we are reaching our purposes and goals. First we were able to bring in 12 Members of the Eastern European Region. The second step is to solidify these relations by continuous and efficient communication with them.

Indeed, it is a pleasure to communicate with our Colleagues of the Eastern European Region who believe in ERO and want definitely to participate to its activities.

Their first wish is to get organized as modern Dental Associations to be able to increase the efficiency of their activities for the improvement of the practice conditions of their dentists and also, of course, the improvement of the quality of the dentistry they render to their patients.

As stated previously, to further facilitate our relations and to have a more direct and first hand understanding of their conditions, we decided to render visits to each member Country who is willing to invite us. They All did.

However, we have to choose from the ones which have political stability.

For each of these visits the ERO President Dr. Patrick Hescot will write an official letter the dates of our visits

We prepared already a schedule of visits beginning this June with Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Our protocol will include:

- Meetings with their National Dental Association's representatives.
- Meetings with the Health Ministry representatives who are in charge of the Dental Profession
- Meetings with the representatives of their Dental Universities and Colleges

During these visits, their possibilities of having Plenaries and Congresses jointly with ERO in their countries will be checked and recommendations will be made to the ERO Board.

Also, we will be able to gather any information useful to the other ERO Working Groups. In this regard, We urge the Chairs of all the other working groups to let us know whichever way we can help them and the information that they need.

With goodwill and hard work, the Members of the ERO Enlargement Working Group are reaching their goals. Each member of my WG is absolutely convinced about the necessity of their efforts. I would like to thank each and every one of them, specially Dr. Vladimir Sadovsky, his help has been of outmost importance for our WG and the ERO at large.

As always, I thank All of you for your continued confidence and support!

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