

Report - ERO-WG Relationship between dental practitioner and universities (Prague, 2012)

After presenting the results for the first phase (NDA's perspective), the article entitled 'Collaboration between the dental faculties and National Dental Associations (NDAs) within the FDI- European Regional Organisation (ERO) zone: A NDAs perspective' was drafted and was submitted to International Dental Journal for evaluation for possible publication. The authors were N.Yamalik, A.Mersel, E.Cavalle and V.Margvelashvili. The article was accepted for publication (24. August.2011)., and it was published in IDJ. 2011 Dec;61(6):307-13. doi: 10.1111/j.1875-595X.2011.00075.x. Epub 2011 Nov 8.

For the second phase, the questionnaire used for the phase was adopted for the dental faculties, consents from member NDAs were asked and this questionnaire was sent out to dental faculties (n=173) in ERO zone (mainly based on the list received from ADEE) excluding France, UK and Cyprus on 17 August 2011. A reminder was sent in November . A total of 36 responses were received until the day this report was drafted (response rate 20.8%). A presentation was prepared regarding the survey results and details of this survey will be shared during the Plenary Session in Prague. However, if a brief analysis has to be made; it could be seen that the dental faculties were pleased with some of the joint activities which were carried out in certain professional fields (e.g. continuing education and knowledge transfer), while partnership in some other fields needed improvement. As a general attitude the dental faculties were relatively less satisfied with their collaboration with the NDAs in for specific items. More consultation, improvement of communication, more effective teamwork, better understanding of each other, respect for the competence of each part, solving problems together,new written agreements and mutual working groups were suggested as ways of further improving the relationship between the NDAs and the dental faculties. N.Yamalik, V. Jerolimov and A. Mersel will draft the second article for IDJ regarding this second phase analysis.

Currently, we are also working on the ERO Forum and the possibility of organizing a free discussion platform using the ERO website. Further information regarding is planned to be provided soon.

As the Chairperson of this WG, I would like to thank to all members of the WG for their kind and continuous support.

Kindest regards,

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