

Report from the European Regional Organization of the FDI



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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to report about the ERO Plenary Session and the highlights of the latest FDI Parliament and World Dental Congress in Sydney, which took place in September 2023.


The World Dental Parliament meets for a full week. Other important events are also the plenary sessions of the regional organizations of the FDI. During the European - ERO - Plenary session we adopted the following statement: "Recommendation on AI (artificial intelligence)". Corporate Dentistry has been identified as the main topic in most countries. This issue will be dealt with in detail by the Working Group on Liberal Dental Practice. A new working group on "Oral Health and General Health" will study common risk factors of oral and general diseases. We have established a new Committee on Ethics. The WG Relations between dental practitioners and universities is preparing two professional articles for publication. ERO has entered social media - please do not hesitate to submit information about your activities, to gain visibility and create more contacts.

A new ERO website is being prepared, where the e-book "Daily oral hygiene in the elderly" will be available for free download. It is mainly intended to serve nurses and other medical personnel in hospitals, hospices, and senior homes. Congratulations to Croatia, which won first place in the FDI dental practice sustainability competition!

Later in the week, The International Dental Journal was introduced by its editor Prof. Lakshaman P. Samaranayake. During his tenure, IF increased to 3.3, a 20 percent year-on-year increase. Prof. Greg Chadwick from the USA assumed the post of FDI President after outgoing Prof. Ihsane Ben Yahya. The presidential election was won by Prof. Nikolai Sharkov from Bulgaria, and he became the new President Elect of FDI.

Prof. Nikolai Sharkov will take over the post of FDI President in autumn 2025. Prof. Young Gok Park from Korea was elected as FDI Treasurer. Prof. Hiroshi Ogawa of Japan was elected to the vacant position of FDI Council member for the Asia-Pacific region. At the World Congress of Dentists in Sydney, 8600 dentists from all over the world were registered. The International Convention Center is spread over 5 floors, with many separate lecture rooms. It is connected to the multi-storey Exhibition Hall, which has makeshift lecture boxes for commercial presentations of products and devices. At least 4 sections of lectures took place in parallel.

We are looking forward to meeting many colleagues and friends at the next FDI World Dental Parliament which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey in September 2024. Before that, exciting news and reports are being expected at the ERO Plenary session in Limassol, Cyprus. Please be sure you meet us there in late April!

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