

ERO-Plenary Session 26th/27th April 2024, Limassol, Cyprus

Hotel Four Seasons

Friday, 26.04.2024 Saturday, 27.04.2024 13.30 h - 17.00 h 09.00 h - 12.00 h

MINUTES

A Welcome

A.1 ERO-President

Simona Dianišková welcomes all the participants to this plenary session. She greets the local organisers, Savvas Christofides and Eleni Attiki and also Antonios Antoniou (CDA President) who unfortunately is not with us.

A.2 Welcome of guests

A special welcome from Simona Dianišková goes to Greg Chadwick (FDI President), Enzo Bondioni (FDI CEO), Charanjit Jagait (FDI Headquarter), Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg (President CED) and Anna Lella (former ERO President). Patrick Hescot, Philippe Rusca, Michael Frank (all former ERO Presidents) and Gerhard Seeberger (former ERO and FDI President) as well as Michèle Aerden (former FDI President) excused themselves. Among delegates excused were: Rena Alieva, Philippe Decroock, Marjan Constantinescu, Vesna Furtinger, Stefaan Hanson, Katalin Nagy and the delegations from Albania and Netherlands.

Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg addresses words of welcome to the assembly. He is pleased with the good cooperation with ERO. There are many challenges, and it is always easier to tackle them together. He apologizes for the late publication of the manual. He is very happy to be here and is looking forward to productive and convivial hours.

A.3 Greetings of the President of the Cyprus Dental Association

Antonios Antoniou, President of the Cyprus Dental Association greets the delegates by video message and wishes a fruitful session and a good stay in Cyprus.

B Presentation by the Vice-President of the Cyprus Dental Association

Savvas Christofides welcomes the attendees to Limassol for the spring Plenary Session of ERO, expressing gratitude for the numerous attendances. It was a big challenge for the CDA accepting this proposal, having only a few months to prepare and arrange everything for this Session, but they wanted this so much and did their best to fulfill the expectations of everybody.

He briefly recounts Cyprus's rich history, highlighting its strategic importance and ancient civilizations. The narrative includes various conquerors and rulers over millennia, leading up to Cyprus gaining independence from Britain in 1960 and joining the EU in 2004. He

further informs about the social program and concludes with gratitude to sponsors and wishes for a memorable stay in Limassol.

C Standard agenda of the Plenary Session

C.1 Roll call

Establishment of the quorum 51 out of 63 possible delegates are present; the Quorum is achieved, declares Taner Yücel, the General Secretary of the ERO.

C.2 Approval of the agenda

The delegates approve the agenda unanimously.

C.3 Approval of the minutes of the Plenary Session 2023

The board and secretariat received no amendments to the minutes of the Sydney session, and they are approved unanimously.

C.4 Report of the President and the Board

Paula Perlea reports on the various meetings attended by the Board or individual members. She once again refers to our **social media channels**. Contributions (local and international events of our NDAs, news, articles, results of WG activities, etc.) are very welcome. All information should be submitted to <u>info@erodental.com</u>. She calls on everyone to actively participate here.

Paula Perlea informs about the intention to establish a **Member Support and Communication Task Team**. The plan is to understand and support better or members and create better relationships among the NDA's, to be able to react quickly when support from us is needed, etc. This task team should consist of 3-5 members. She asks all delegates present to announce themselves if interested to the secretariat which will then forward the candidatures to the board.

Report of the president – Since the ERO delegates last met in Sydney, the ERO board has had 6 meetings (3 online and 3 in presence). President Dianiskova emphasizes the importance of communication and invites delegates and their NDAs to actively make use of the new website and social media channels.

The Working Groups make a major contribution to the activities of the ERO. She thanks all active members for their work. She - out of the many activities - highlighted some points like the Toothbrushing App of the WG Ageing Population. It is downloadable from the ERO Website as a PDF document. She encourages the NDAs to make use of it and even translate it into their national languages. The WG Relations between dental practitioners and universities has published two articles (another 2 are planned) and has finalized a new questionnaire on dental specialties and how this is handled in the different ERO countries. She thanks specially Thomas Wolf who has very much helped in these matters. Mick Armstrong, chair of the WG Oral Health and General Health has presented well formulated ideas on the further development of his group. Big tasks are waiting there. Good inspirations are coming from FDI. The WG Continuing medical education in dentistry is finalizing a broad survey and for the WG Integration waits the huge tasks of helping especially the non-EU NDAs in implementing prevention and continuous education programs in their countries. A new survey has been created by the WG Dental Team and finally the WG Digitalization in Dentistry, E-health and Artificial Intelligence is dealing with Teledentistry.

CED-ERO Task force has now turned its attention to the topic of Corporate dentistry following the successful AMR campaign. A written request has been launched in the ERO and CED countries on how the NDAs feel about Corporate dentistry in their respective country.

The ERO Task team "Ethical code" under the leadership of Edoardo Cavallé will present first ideas in Istanbul.

Talking of Istanbul – the FDI workshop on Vision 2030 last year was very interesting. There was a lot to learn, and the cooperation will continue. ERO is glad to tighten the bounds with FDI.

ERO has also supported the Spanish Dental Association in their efforts for recognition of dental specialties.

EDSA – The results of the competition for the Scientific Award will be announced in Istanbul.

ESDE - Contacts with the European Society of Dental Ergonomics have been resumed. Together with the working groups, increased cooperation is planned.

Finally, the President shows herself to be open to questions and discussions and invites those present to approach her without hesitation.

C.5 Finances

5.1 Settlement of accounts 2023

Oliver Zeyer presents the accounts 2023 which close with a deficit of €24'452.88. Besides the recurrent expenses as board- and secretariat indemnities and the costs of the plenary sessions and translations, money was allocated for the renewal of the website, the support for the administration of the social media posts and different projects of the working groups. The balance shows a fortune of €401'096.61.

5.2 Outstanding fees

The outstanding fees on the 31.12.2023 have been paid in the meantime.

5.3 Report of the auditor

Enrico Lai could unfortunately not come to Limassol but has sent his auditing report, that states the accuracy of accounting. He therein proposes that the delegates approve the accounts.

The accounts were approved with one abstention and no votes against.

In the view of ERO savings, Doniphan Hammer suggests thinking about possible financial investments. The Treasurer is certainly willing to think about this and will submit a proposal to the Board if appropriate.

Simona Dianišková thanks Oliver Zeyer for his work. She shares his request to the delegates and NDAs to approach the Board with good projects.

5.4 Budget 2024

The budget remains in line with the previous year and foresees a loss of around $\leq 25,000$. Expenditure on IT support is now returning to the normal level. A sum of $\leq 16,000$ is again planned for WG projects.

The budget is accepted unanimously.

C.6 Working groups

All the presentations of the Working Groups, EDSA and FDI are uploaded on the ERO Website:

Limassol 2024 - European Regional Organisation of the Fédération Dentaire Internationale (erodental.org). Please have also a look at them!

6.1 Ageing Population

Jean-Philippe Haesler: The "Toothbrushing App" topic has been on the working group's agenda for some time. Things are hardly moving forward. Colgate, as a potential sponsor, is not satisfied with the illustrations, among other things, and is making demands toward ERO that cannot or will not be met fully. The working group cannot carry out the development of an App and its maintenance itself. This is beyond our capabilities and finances. We have now received an announcement about a more favorable offer from an IT company from Czech Republic, submitted by the Czech president Roman Smucler. In this case, ERO could assume the costs for development and maintenance.

The search for similar apps led us to mund-pflege.net (a German web app), which was financed by German authorities and looks very nice, remarks Jean-Philippe Haesler. Dr. Elmar Ludwig, who played a key role in this project, which has now been completed, has offered us the possibility of working together. The working group is now waiting for a

decision from the Board on which direction to take. In any case, the aim is to complete this project by the next spring plenary session.

6.2 Liberal Dental Practice in Europe

Gerhard Seeberger, Chairman of the working group is not present, and Oliver Zeyer takes over to summarize what has been done since Sydney. They defined a new topic, which is to find out what younger dentists preferably chose as working structure. A very short and easy to fill out questionnaire has been set up and translated into 6 languages. He shows the QR code (see also presentation on the website) which leads directly to the online questionnaire. It will also soon be sent to the national dental associations. The NDAs are then asked to distribute this survey to their younger colleagues. He thanks Thomas Wolf, who made a major contribution to this project and the active members of the WG. Oliver Zeyer mentioned as well the CED/ERO Task Force which is approaching the topic of Corporate Dentistry from another perspective.

6.3 Relations between dental practitioners and universities

Mare Saag reports about the activities and is proud to announce that an article elaborated by the WG has been published in the Journal of Oral Health & Preventive Dentistry in January 2024. Another one will be finalized soon, it treats the topic of "Interprofessional education and collaborative practice in dentistry", a statement on this has already been published on the ERO website. She thanks Thomas Wolf who has contributed to this a lot. A new project has been started in Autumn with the aim to evaluate changes in the area of collaboration between dental faculties and NDAs within the FDI-ERO zone, with particular interest on identification of the areas requiring improved partnership. The questionnaire has been distributed to all ERO member NDAs. Mare Saag thanks those that have contributed and shows the QR code for those that have not yet responded. Results will be published in Istanbul. Further they are discussing the new topic "Organization and regulation of orthodontic specialization in the ERO member countries". A questionnaire will also be drawn up and distributed soon.

6.4 Integration

Ilshat Yuldashev presents the members of his group, and the initiatives and challenges faced by the Working Group focused on integrating Eastern European dental associations (NDAs) into a broader network. Initially, the group aimed to enhance the role and financial independence of NDAs, noting disparities in membership fees, mandatory requirements for practitioners, and continuing education (CDE) across Eastern European countries. Future tasks included standardizing undergraduate and postgraduate dental education, addressing variations in postgraduate training hours, and ensuring NDAs' involvement in certification processes. Additionally, it highlighted the need for licensing requirements for dental practices, insurance coverage for dentists and patients, and support for retired dentists. It also emphasizes the importance of preventive dental programs and suggests studying the experiences of both European countries and the former USSR countries in integrating such programs. Lastly, it proposes discussing future tasks at an ERO Board meeting and fostering collaboration among different working groups.

6.5 Continuing medical education in Dentistry

In the absence of the excused Chair, Hande SarSancakly, Taner Yücel will lead this discussion. This is primarily about a survey especially directed to the students (who will be the emerging group in following years) with theoretical and practical educational gaps. This survey was also shared with EDSA that distributed via their channels. Thanks also to their cooperation around 700 answers from 16 countries were received. The results are shown in the presentation, and it is worthwhile to have a look. Once the survey is finalized there shall be issued a ERO resolution /statement.

Taner Yücel identifies an urgent demand for continuing education among young dentists. They are willing to enhance their knowledge by participating in continuing education events. It would therefore be highly desirable to consider the younger generation at international and national congresses and, for example, to organize forums for young dentists. The nature of continuing education is changing, and we should adapt our programs accordingly.

Finally, he also advocates offering more structural training courses that also allow for evaluation and quality control. He closes with thanks to the chair and the members of the WG.

6.6 Dental Team

Doniphan Hammer presents the working plan and goals of his group, which is to get an overview on the continuing education of the members of the dental team in the ERO countries, to provide useful information and to help creating or improving their continuing education system. The WG has created a short and simple survey for this purpose. This does not have to be widely distributed; there is only one answer needed per country. He presents the survey and the timeline. The results should be ready for the next Spring plenary session.

He thanks the German Dental Association for the hospitality during the last face-to-face meeting, the departing, and all other members of the WG for the nice collaboration.

In the following discussion, Doniphan Hammer explains that this is not about certification, but simply a survey of the status of training in the dental team. This will be very interesting because it varies a lot between the countries. Edoardo Cavallé recalls that the "job definition" of the individual members of the team have already been done and published on the website. There will not be statement at the end, only an analysis of the training/continuing education country by country.

6.7 Digitalization in dentistry – E-Health – Artificial Intelligence

Roman Smucler talks about the study elaborated by Prof. Różyło-Kalinowska on pregraduate education in digital dentistry in Europe, which will be presented at the ADEE meeting this year and published in a journal. Further they are working together with Prof. Schwendicke and FDI on a paper about artificial intelligence. His WG started to work in Sydney on tele dentistry. They choose to focus on teleconsultation, something that already exists (i.e. when talking to the patient on the phone), but where there are now much more modern possibilities. The WG members will review the text in their next WG meeting at the end of May and afterwards transmit it to the board for dissemination to the NDA. Another meeting to discuss the final version of the paper will take place in Istanbul and the delegates will then be asked to vote on it.

6.8 Oral Health & General Health

The first thing the WG had to do was to define its goal. This is not about how much dentists and their personal should be involved in medical general health, remarks Mick Armstrong. In his presentation he emphasizes the importance of oral health and its impact on general well-being, advocating for comprehensive prevention strategies. He highlights that oral diseases are largely preventable and suggests various preventive measures such as improving oral health literacy, reducing sugar intake, expanding access to dental care, and utilizing dental teams more effectively. The challenges identified include workforce shortages, financial investments, education, regulation, and shifting towards a preventive healthcare model. A proposed manifesto underscores the necessity of raising awareness, investing in oral health services, and implementing sustainable funding solutions. Overall, he emphasizes that achieving these goals requires collaboration between governments, the public, and healthcare professionals. We need prevention be affordable. It is makeable, it just depends on how much we want to make it happen.

The discussion revolves around integrating oral health care into primary health care, as suggested by a WHO paper. Taner Yücel asks for practical examples of successful integration. Mick Armstrong refers to a draft of a White Paper to gather international examples of preventive oral care and its funding. We must develop strategies. There are many questions to be asked before we can give you examples. He also demands tax exemptions for oral care products.

Doniphan Hammer emphasizes the need to educate medical doctors about dentistry, noting the link between dental diseases and chronic conditions like diabetes, which has economic implications. And he refers to socio-economic studies carried out in France. Mick Armstrong and Susie Sanderson agree on the importance of long-term prevention programs and the challenge of convincing governments with short terms to invest in these initiatives. Mick Armstrong highlights the general unaffordability of healthcare, pointing to economic studies to persuade politicians of the benefits of prevention. The discussion concludes with Simona Dianišková noting the need for further investigation.

6.9 Approval of the reports of the Working groups

Simona Dianišková thanks all Working Group Chairs and members for their valuable work. All reports are approved by the delegates unanimously.

C.7 Member countries

Taner Yücel informs that there is no Admission/Resignation of new members.

National reports and discussion

Taner Yücel addresses several key issues in the dental field, including challenges with insurance systems, educational policies, corporate dentistry, and changes within dental associations. It highlights concerns regarding insufficient funding for dental care, especially post-COVID-19, and efforts by dental associations to negotiate improved payment structures, particularly for vulnerable groups like children and the elderly.

He discusses educational challenges, such as an oversupply of dental graduates affecting quality, and efforts to standardize continuing education programs across different countries.

Taner Yücel proposes enhancing continuing education (CE) programs within National Dental Associations (NDAs) by making them more structured and aligned with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). He suggests that CE points could contribute towards higher academic qualifications like master's or Ph.D. degrees. The proposal differentiates between lifelong education and structured curriculum-based education, emphasizing the need for systematic order, assessment, and evaluations, concluding with collegial examinations.

Presenters of CE events should have an academic background and no conflicts of interest with sponsors. Implementing such structured CE programs could boost the reputation of NDAs and attract student's interest. Taner Yücel also highlights the importance of accreditation for ensuring international standards and reliability, proposing that NDAs discuss how to improve and integrate accreditation into their systems.

Taner Yücel also draws the attention to specialization in dentistry: He discusses the variation in dental specializations across Europe. At the EU level, only orthodontics and oral surgery are universally recognized specialties. However, individual countries have different specializations and administrative practices. For instance, Switzerland has four specialties regulated by the health ministry (orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontics, and reconstructive dental medicine) and five additional ones regulated by the Swiss Dental Association (general dental medicine, endodontics, pedodontics, oral implantation, and restorative and aesthetic dental medicine). Spain has no recognized dental specializations at all, while Austria has recently recognized orthodontics. Türkiye has nine specializations. These differences present an interesting topic for discussion within the European Regional Organization (ERO).

Corporate dentistry is scrutinized for its potential negative impact on patient care, including aggressive advertising and compromising dentist autonomy. Suggestions are made to regulate corporate dentistry to protect patient interests and uphold professional standards.

The importance of defending the profession's autonomy and advocating for adequate regulations is emphasized, with examples from Germany and France cited as positive models. Collaboration between dental associations and governmental bodies is seen as crucial for addressing overarching issues like the WHO's goals for oral health protection and achieving universal health coverage.

Additionally, initiatives like family dentistry programs in Balkan countries and the introduction of national oral health prevention programs in Turkey are highlighted as positive steps toward improving oral health at the community level. Finally, the text touches on regulatory changes, such as the phase-out of dental amalgam by the European Commission, with exceptions for countries without access to alternative materials.

Taner Yücel closes his speech by promoting the FDI congress in September in Istanbul and asks the NDA to make some propaganda.

The following discussion focuses on various issues affecting dental education and practice quality. Mick Armstrong questions the impact of the number of dental schools on education quality and suggests identifying and addressing underperforming schools. Taner Yücel explains that rapid increases of the number of dental schools, such as in Türkiye, lead to insufficient staff and lower educational quality.

Concerns about investor-driven dental clinics are raised, with reports of issues from National Dental Associations (NDAs). Michael Diercks notes that in Germany, despite requests for changes, new laws haven't limited these practices, and budget limitations are affecting dentist compensation. Konstantin von Laffert argues that corporate dentistry is problematic, especially in underserved rural areas. Doniphan Hammer acknowledges that while corporate chains are attractive to young dentists, the issue of too many dental students persists, suggesting the need for a long-term solution.

Simona Dianišková mentions the rapid growth of corporate dentistry in her country, noting their selective service offerings. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk emphasizes the importance of government-level work, while Roman Smucler highlights issues with unverified foreign dentists practicing in the EU. Marius Zosimas suggests compiling the number of dentists per country for better insights. These will be displayed in the EU-Manual, remarks Simona Dianišková. Vrassidas Philippides mentions a Cypriot law requiring dentists to hold a majority share in practices, and Simona Dianišková asks him to kindly share this. She further emphasizes the importance of the recently sent out letter by CED and ERO regarding corporate dentistry. It is very important to receive the answers.

C. 8 Report from EDSA

Yiannis Pistolas, policy officer of the European Dental Students Association (EDSA), presented information about the association, including its board members, the 35 countries it represents, and the approximately 70,000 dental students in various universities. He outlined upcoming meetings, goals, and projects, emphasizing the importance of collaboration with the FDI (World Dental Federation) and the ERO (European Regional Organization).

Mick Armstrong asked what they expect from us with regard to dental practice. Yiannis Pistolas highlighted the need to protect the quality of dental care and the profession itself. He expressed concerns about ensuring a proper working environment for graduates, emphasizing that financial gain should not be the primary focus.

Doniphan Hammer raised the issue of maintaining the quality of training and further education. Yiannis Pistolas responded by mentioning that EDSA is conducting a survey

on dental education, aiming to include students' perspectives and document the differences between universities to understand what improvements can be made.

Edoardo Cavallé inquired about the trend among postgraduate students regarding their preference for owning a practice versus being employed. Yiannis Pistolas indicated that this issue is part of their survey and that results will provide insights upon completion. Edoardo Cavallé noted that in Italy, few new graduates aim to open their own practice, which necessitates consideration and support.

Ralf Wagner referred to a previous study involving 3,805 students from across Europe, conducted two years prior, which provides insights into the expectations of young dentists. This study could be of significant interest to EDSA in understanding and addressing the concerns of dental students.

C. 9 FDI matters - report

Greg Chadwick, FDI president, thanks for the opportunity to be here and to talk to the assembly. He also thanks the hosts for their warm welcome and hospitality.

He starts his speech by mentioning the **FDI Strategic Plan 2024-2027** which outlines a vision for optimal global oral health, requiring collective effort and time. Key points include:

- The strategy, agreed upon at the General Assembly in Sydney, guides FDI through evolving global health landscapes.
- FDI's mission is to be the leading global voice for the dental profession, working to make quality oral healthcare accessible, timely, and affordable.

The strategy is built on three pillars:

- 1. Knowledge exchange: Sharing and gaining insights on best practices in oral healthcare.
- 2. Advocay: Achieving political commitment and action on oral health.
- 3. Innovation: Focusing on future topics like sustainability, new technologies, digitalization and AI.

FDI's actions include:

- Implementing the Vision 2030 advocacy strategy.
- Promoting World Oral Health Day.
- Developing policies, standards, and information on oral healthcare.
- Running education and public health projects with industry partners.
- Publishing the peer-reviewed International Dental Journal, which saw a significant impact factor increase.
- Hosting the annual World Dental Congress, with the next events in Istanbul (2024) and Shanghai (2025).

Additionally, FDI focuses on reducing free sugar intake, a major risk factor for dental caries. This includes advocating for systematic, easy-to-understand food labelling and collaborating with National Dental Associations and partners to implement policies reducing sugar consumption.

Key events:

- The next World Dental Congress in Istanbul, September 2024.
- A new Dentist Forum for young professionals.

FDI is committed to advancing these initiatives to improve global oral health.

Enzo Bondioni, FDI CEO, gives some insight into the **Global health agenda**.

FDI Strategic Activities and Advocacy:

- 1. Participation in High-Level Meetings:
 - In February, FDI participated in a high-level meeting on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in humanitarian settings, held in Copenhagen. FDI highlighted its

Refugees Oral Health Promotion and Care Project, emphasizing the oftenoverlooked issue of oral health in such settings.

- FDI collaborates with WHO and the World Economic Forum (WEF) on various projects, including a white paper on the economics of oral health and oral disease, set to be published in May.
- The organization is involved in discussions on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and mental health, particularly in relation to dentistry.
- 2. Upcoming Engagements and Meetings:
 - FDI will participate in the SHW Global Oral Health Meeting.
 - Preparations are ongoing for the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs scheduled for September 2025.
- 3. WHO's 14th General Programme of Work
 - FDI contributed to the draft program, which now includes oral health indicators such as policies on reducing free sugar intake, dentist density, and access to essential oral health interventions.
 - There is concern that some oral health indicators (1 and 2) might not be included in the final document, prompting FDI to mobilize members for advocacy.
- 4. National Dental Associations' Concerns:
 - There are issues with data collection for WHO Oral Health Country Profiles, discussed at various forums including the ERO Plenary session in Istanbul.

Dental Amalgam Ban in the EU:

- 1. Regulation and Timeline:
 - The European Commission proposed revising the Mercury Regulation to phaseout dental amalgam by January 1, 2025, aiming for a mercury-free economy.
 - A political agreement was reached to prohibit the manufacturing and import of dental amalgam from June 30, 2026.
- 2. Implications and Challenges:
 - The transition to mercury-free alternatives presents challenges for dental practices regarding patient safety, treatment effectiveness, and the accessibility and affordability of new materials.
 - There are concerns about the impact on public health, which have been raised by the Council of European Dentists and need continued advocacy.

This summary encapsulates FDI's strategic initiatives, advocacy efforts, and responses to regulatory changes impacting the dental profession globally.

Greg Chadwick reports shortly on the mid-year meeting. There will be more information in the FDI newsletters about the different subjects.

Roman Smucler raised concerns about oral health in the Czech Republic, noting that despite advancements in dentistry, the recent amalgam ban has led to government decisions that prioritize extractions over more costly treatments like endodontics, especially for financially disadvantaged patients. This situation is contributing to the decline of social dentistry in the country.

Enzo Bondioni clarified FDI's stance on the amalgam issue, supporting a phase-down approach rather than an outright ban, which allows countries more time to adapt. He emphasized the need for supporting NDAs in countries that require additional time to transition away from amalgam.

Susie Sanderson discussed the potential global impact of the European amalgam ban on the Minamata Treaty, suggesting that Europe's experience could offer valuable lessons. She underscored the importance of incorporating amalgam into dental practices and learning from the European transition. She also encouraged feedback on policy statements, with a deadline set for three months.

Konstantin Von Laffert appreciates FDI's involvement in re-evaluating NDA profiles, referencing a workshop in Istanbul where many NDAs received surprising results. He is grateful for FDI's ongoing focus on this issue.

Simona Dianišková thanks the representatives of FDI for their contributions to this plenary session and for having accepted to be part of it.

C.10 Next meetings

Plenary session 2024 (Autumn)

There will be a plenary session during FDI WDC in Istanbul, announces Simona Dianišková. ERO is working with the FDI to find a date and will inform about as soon as possible.

Plenary session 2025 (Spring)

Dana Ospanova and Azamat Baigulakov present the candidature of Almaty, Kazakhstan as venue for the Spring Plenary Session 2025.

There are no other candidates, and the delegates voted unanimously for Kazakhstan.

C.11 Miscellaneous

Marius Zosimas thanks everyone for coming. He notes that we do spend a certain amount of money on social media and only a few people actually follow us. That is a pity. Paula Perlea supports this motion. We are happy about all the contributions we receive. Savvas Christofides announces the further programme and hopes that everyone enjoyed the stay and that they will come again.

D Close of the meeting

Adjournment

Simona Dianišková thanks the FDI and CED representatives for being here, the secretary, Monika Lang and her board members for the excellent collaboration and all the attendees for their participation in this plenary session. Last but not least she thanks the interpreters for their precious work.

Dr. Simona Dianišková President Monika Lang Minutes