

# CED ACTIVITIES INFO

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## Introduction

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of CED Activities Info in 2014! This issue reports on the political activities of the CED President, Board members and summarises the work of CED Working Groups, Board Task Forces and the Brussels Office. In Section II, CED member associations share their positions on current issues.

## SECTION I - CED ACTIVITIES CED PRESIDENT

### LITHUANIAN DENTAL CHAMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The CED President, Dr Wolfgang Doneus, travelled to Lithuania to attend various events organised on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lithuanian Dental Chamber on 29 May. More information about this event in Section II.

### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

The CED President awarded on behalf of the CED **certificates of appreciation to Prof Dr Konstantinos Oulis from the Hellenic Dental Association and to Dr Manuel Alfonso Villa Vigil from the Spanish Dental Association** for all their valuable work and commitment to the CED and to the dental profession over many years. Dr Villa Vigil retired from the CED activities in June 2014.

## CED BOARD

### BOARD MEETING



CED Board Meeting, Athens

On 22 May, the CED Board met in Athens. The Board discussed current work and EU political developments, recommended for approval the three resolutions which were to be adopted by the General Meeting the following day, and decided,

among other issues, to update the CED Code of Ethic reinstating for this purpose the CED BTF Ethics.



CED Board Meeting, Athens

The Board also discussed the ongoing work with the Association of Dental Education in Europe ([ADEE](#)) on drafting an amended and shorter version of the CED-ADEE joint position on competences (the latter to be published soon on the CED website), as well as the CED relations and strengthen cooperation with the European Dental Students' Association ([EDSA](#)).



Members of the Board (from left to right): Dr. L'Herron, Dr. Tolmeijer, Dr. Landi, Dr. Sanderson, Dr. Doneus, Dr. Grönroos, Prof. Dr. Sharkov and Dr. Engel, Athens.

## CED GENERAL MEETING MEETING IN ATHENS

On 23-24 May, representatives of CED member and observer organisations met in the beautiful city of Athens, Greece for the regular six-monthly General Meeting.



Poseidon Temple, Cape Sounion, Greece

The meeting was splendidly hosted by the Hellenic Dental Association, in the context of the Greek EU Presidency. It started with a welcoming address by the Greek Minister for Health, Mr Spyridon Adonis Georgiadis;



Greek Minister for Health, Mr Spyridon Adonis Georgiadis, between CED President Dr Wolfgang Doneus and CED Vice-President Dr Marco Landi, Athens

followed by the President of the Hellenic Dental Association, Dr Athanasios Katsikis (photo below).



During the plenary meeting, CED Members **discussed national and EU policy developments**, in particular the Scientific Committees [opinion on dental amalgam](#) and [preliminary opinion on BPA in medical devices](#), the EU consultations on patient safety, VAT, European area of skills and qualifications, and

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European Professional Card (related to the Professional Qualifications Directive implementing acts), the transparency and mutual evaluation exercise for regulated professions, the Green Paper on mHealth, the proposal for network and information security Directive, the antimicrobial resistance EU policy, the future regulations on data protection and on medical devices, and the EU discussions on internal bleaching).



CED General Meeting, May 2014, Athens

They were **informed of the CED activities since their November meeting**, among others, [CED Manifesto for the European Elections 2014](#), CED replies to the patient safety, VAT, BPA in Medical Devices and European area of skills and qualifications consultations, CED contributions to the [Joint Action on Health Workforce](#), the [Joint Action on Patient Safety and Quality of Care](#) and the CPD tender, the meetings held by CED WGs and BTFs to prepare the above mentioned work as well as the external meetings to express the opinion and represent the dental profession in these different areas.

The plenary adopted three resolutions: [vocational training](#), [antimicrobial resistance](#) and [online evaluations of dentists](#), and approved the theme and messages for the **European Oral Health Day on 12 September 2014 dedicated to "Oral health and diabetes"**. The plenary also agreed to mandate the Board and CED WG Education and Professional Qualifications to draft a position on advertising and on the dental team relationship with patients, respectively. Further information please see [GM Press release](#)

## CED WORKSHOP ON CPD

On 20 June, the **consortium**<sup>1</sup> contracted by the European Commission and funded by the 2013 Health Programme to carry out a 12 month study containing a review and mapping of continuous professional development (CPD) and lifelong learning (LLL) for health professionals in the EU and EFTA/EEA countries, **organised a technical workshop in Brussels** with the purpose of bringing together experts on CPD, exchange information and practices and to reflect on the benefits of European cooperation in this area for the good of European patients. The breakout sessions of the workshop were on patient safety, trends, barriers and incentives, and accreditation. The CPD study is now moving into its last stage: preparation of the final report and recommendations.



From left to right: EDSA Vice-President Antun Sablek, CED Head of Office Nina Bernot, CED President Dr Wolfgang Doneus, CED Policy Officers Aleksandra Sanak and Sara Roda, and CED Vice-president Dr Marco Landi at CPD workshop, Brussels

## CED WORKING GROUPS (WG)

### WG EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (EPQ)

On 23 April, the WG EPQ held an online meeting to conclude the draft resolution on vocational training. The WG will again meet online on 16 July to comment on the final recommendations of the CPD study

<sup>1</sup> The consortium partners consist of the Council of European Dentists (CED), the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN), the European Midwives Association (EMA), the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU), and is led by the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME).

(general and specific to dentists), as well as to have an initial discussion on a draft statement on the dental team relationship with patients.

## WG EHEALTH

On 24 April, the CED Policy Officer Aleksandra Sanak attended a [seminar on mobile health \('mHealth'\)](#) organised by the Permanent Representation of The Netherlands to the EU and the Netherlands House for Education and Research (Neth-ER). The aim of the seminar was to share experiences in the field of mHealth and to show best practices of mHealth solutions from several EU Member States. During the event, the European Commission presented the [Green Paper on mobile health \('mHealth'\)](#).

On 25 April, Aleksandra Sanak met with the Commission's department responsible for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) to discuss the Commission's [proposal for a directive on concerning measures to ensure a high common level of network and information security across the Union](#). According to the proposal, the Member States will have to put in place a minimum level of national capabilities by establishing NIS national competent authorities, by setting up well-functioning Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), and by adopting national NIS strategies and national NIS cooperation plans. The operators of critical infrastructure (such as energy, transport, banking, stock exchange, healthcare), key Internet enablers (e-commerce platforms, social networks, etc) and public administrations will be required to assess the risks they face and to adopt appropriate and proportionate measures to ensure NIS. These entities will also be required to report to competent authorities incidents with a significant impact on core services provided. However, the proposal excludes the microenterprises from its scope and sets only minimum measures for security of networks

and information.

**WG eHealth met online on 16 June** to discuss the European Commission's [Green Paper on mobile health \('mHealth'\)](#) and to prepare a CED response to the [public consultation on the Green Paper](#). The public consultation is open until 3 July 2014.

## WG ORAL HEALTH (OH)

On 7 April, the chair of the WG OH, Dr Hendrike van Drie (KNMT) and the CED Policy Officer, Aleksandra Sanak, attended the [conference 'Ensuring Health & Sustainability in Europe: Doctors and Veterinarians emphasize "prevention is better than cure"'](#) co-organised by CPME and the Federation of Veterinarians in Europe (FVE) in Brussels. The aim of the conference was to how various stakeholders active in medical and veterinary sectors can work collaboratively in a One-Health approach. The event focused on the benefit coming from the implementation of good health management in practice, both in terms of health and welfare, as well as, of financial sustainability.

The **WG Oral Health met on 17 April in Brussels** to discuss and prepare the theme and messages for the European Oral Health Day 2014.

## WG PATIENT SAFETY

On 26 May, the Joint Action on Patient Safety and Quality of Care (PaSQ) launched a [forum](#) for discussions on its website. PaSQ receives funding from the European Union, in the framework of the Health Programme, and the CED is an associated partner.

## WG TOOTH WHITENING (TW)

On 2 April, the CED WG TW met in Brussels at [VVT premises](#) to discuss several issues, in particular to prepare the CED position on the use of higher concentrations than 6% of hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) in TW products. The WG examined the current literature review, taking the position that it was **not possi-**

**ble at the moment to promote a general support > 6% of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in TW products nor its use in case of specific medical conditions.**

The WG also agreed to continue to research for scientific evidence and **to review its position in a year time.** To this end, WG Chair Dr Stefaan Hanson is **meeting the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) online in July.** They intend to exchange information on current literature and discuss IADR's position on the use of concentrations > 6% of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

The WG further discussed the use of **TW products on under 18 years** of age, agreeing not to support its use on minors unless they suffered from specific medical conditions. They also agreed to contact the European Academy of Paediatric Dentist ([EAPD](#)) to request their opinion on the issue and on the current legislation that forbids the use of TW products on under 18's. Contacted by the CED, the **EAPD is expected to issue a formal opinion on these matters by November.**

During the meeting, the WG also discussed the follow-up actions of the CED 2012-2013 report on undesirable effects caused by TW products presented to the European Commission on 17 February; the implementation of Directive 2011/84/EU on TW products by Member States (currently Regulation 1223/2009 as amended by Regulation 1197/2013 of 25 November); and the enquiries in the [Medical Devices Expert Group on Borderline and Classification](#) on internal TW products.

## CED BOARD TASK FORCES (BTF)

### BTF INTERNAL MARKET (IM)

**On 18 April, the BTF IM met in Brussels** to draft the CED reply to the public consultation on VAT and discuss current EU policy (among other, the General Data Protection Regulation, Commission's, transparency exercise on access to regulated professions, PQD, TTIP,

the opinions issued by the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health and [Commission's Communication on effective, accessible and resilient health systems](#)). The next BTF meeting will be on 7 July in Brussels to discuss and prepare the draft CED position on advertising.

**On 7-9 May, CED Policy Officer Sara Roda attended the [Work Package 5 \(WP5\) meeting](#)** of the Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting (JAHWF P&F) in Florence. WP5 has to prepare a handbook with guidelines on planning and forecasting methodologies used in Europe, with an inventory of good practices. This with the objective of helping current planning models for supply and demand of the health workforce, improve them and learn from foreign experience. These models will be implemented in a Pilot Study and two countries have volunteered to conduct the pilot: Italy and Portugal. Sara Roda also took part of the Steering Committee which will be tasked with the *"strategic control of the pilot study through regular meetings"*. The CED is an [associated partner of this Joint Action](#).



JAHWF P&F, WP5 workshop, Florence.

**On 2 June, CED Head of Office Nina Bernot and CED Policy Officer Sara Roda attended the [European Commission Working Group on the European Workforce for Health](#).** Nina Bernot gave a [presentation of the preliminary findings of the CPD study](#) on behalf of the consortium (more information see Section I)

**On 18 June, took place in Lisbon another [meeting of WP5 under JAHWF P&F](#).** CED Vice-President Marco Landi and CED Policy Officer Sara Roda participated on behalf of the CED. The workshop was divided into 2 sessions. First

session focused on the specificities of the Portuguese healthcare system; second session, the participants were divided in groups to discuss the Pilot Study: i) selected planning model; ii) data availability and professions in scope; iii) project logistics, human resources and training; iv) stakeholders' involvement; and v) legislative changes.



JAHWF P&F, WP5 workshop, Lisbon.

As a conclusion, the aim of the Pilot for Italy was the definition of a sole process to be used by all regions in order to reach a uniform definition of data to be implemented at a national level. Italy intends to draft its plan in the next 18 months, considering all professions object of the JA. Portugal had different objectives: for dentists and pharmacists, with stakeholders' involvement, they intend to know the current HWF situation (public and private sectors) and identify current imbalances (not future). For doctors and nurses, Portugal intends in addition to identify future imbalances and build a policy and plan. The ultimate deadline to achieve these objectives was 2015.



JAHWF P&F, WP5 workshop, Lisbon.

The day before, Sara Roda had also participated at [Part II of WP7 meeting](#) which focused on the recommendation on the network of experts. The next Joint Action conference will be held in December in Rome, with special support of the Italian Presidency.

## **BTF LIBERAL PROFESSIONS (LP)**

On 9 April, the CED Vice-President Marco Landi (ANDI) and the CED

Policy Officer Aleksandra Sanak participated in the **conference 'Bolstering Liberal Professions'** organised by the European Commission (DG Enterprise and Industry) in Brussels. During the conference, the Commission presented the results of the Working Group 'Bolstering the Business of Liberal Professions'. The participants discussed also the next steps based on these results.

On 24 June, the CED Policy Officer Aleksandra Sanak attended the [launch of an EESC study entitled: "The state of the Liberal Professions concerning their functions and relevance to European civil society"](#) organised by the Various Interests Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in Brussels. The study was commissioned by the EESC and was conducted by the Centre for Liberal Professions of the University of Cologne. The study is closely linked to the EESC's own-initiative opinion (INT/687) on ['The role and future of the liberal professions in European civil society 2020'](#) for which Mr Arno Metzler, Vice-president of Group III was the rapporteur. During the event, there was a presentation of the main findings of the study as well as a debate involving various representatives of liberal professions.

## **CED BRUSSELS OFFICE**

### **PROMETHEUS VOLUME II: BOOK LAUNCH EVENING RECEPTION**

On 26 May, the CED Policy Officer Aleksandra Sanak attended the [book launch of the 2nd PROMeTHEUS volume](#) entitled 'Health Professional Mobility in a Changing Europe: New Dynamics, Mobile Individuals and Diverse Responses' organized by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. This volume sheds new light on professional mobility by focusing on the changing dynamics, mobile individuals and diverse responses. The book is composed of 16 chapters which are written to in-

form about the ongoing policy processes and to enrich debates between decision-makers and observers across countries, sectors and disciplines. A free copy of the book can be downloaded [here](#).

## **HEALTH FIRST EUROPE 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

On 28 May, Aleksandra Sanak participated in the [10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual General Assembly of Health First Europe \(HFE\)](#). The event gathered various European organisations and the European Commission to contribute to the HFE Road Map for the next Parliamentary term and share ideas on the future of public health in the European Union.

## **NEW LOGO AND WEBSITE!**

On 30 June, the [new CED logo and website](#) were launched! CED logo was refreshed and the website transformed to accommodate new features. It can now be accessed using various digital devices. We warmly invite you to visit the new CED website and hope you will enjoy it!

## **SECTION II - CONTRIBUTIONS BY CED MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

### **LITHUANIAN DENTAL CHAMBER 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Lithuanian Dental Chamber celebrated the 10th anniversary of its performance on the 29 May in Druskininkai. The Chamber represents more than 7000 members, 51% of them are dentists, 25% – dental assistants, 15% – dental technicians, 9% – dental hygienists; and it is the first and single self-governing institution of medical professionals in Lithuania. Participating CED President Dr W. Doneus, Dr M. Vink, President of Estonian Dental Association, Dr P. Engel, President of German Dental Association, Dr A. Lella from Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists as well as representatives from other dental associations honoured the celebra-

tion of this important event in Lithuania. At the press conference in the Lithuanian Parliament, Dr W. Doneus presented the activities and importance of the CED and had a meeting with D. Mikutiene, Chair of the Committee on Health Affairs. At the International Dental Congress held on the 29 May in Druskininkai, Lithuanian dental community including participation of Dr W. Doneus, Dr M. Vink, Dr P. Engel, Dr A. Lella, heads of higher dental schools of Lithuania, Dr A. Šeikus, President of Lithuanian Dental Chamber as well as representatives of other dental associations discussed the issues regarding quality and accessibility of dental care, patients' safety, prevention of oral diseases, modes of employment in dentistry and diminishment of the administrative burden for dental practices as well as adopted the statement regarding the need of a comprehensive approach towards oral health promotion and prevention and also the need for further development of legislation and policies to practice as the liberal, completely independent profession. These issues also were discussed with V. P. Andriukaitis, the Minister of Health of Lithuania, at the meeting in Druskininkai.

**Contributed by the Lithuanian Dental Chamber**

### **0.0013 % ERROR RATE IN ROOT CANAL TREATMENT - ERROR REPORTING SYSTEM IN DENTISTRY AIDS LEARNING**

In 2013 there were 107 errors in treatment from among approximately 8 million root canal procedures performed, including apicoectomies, according to the German Health Insurance Medical Service. Thus 0.0013% of all root canal treatments involved errors or did not conform to medical standards, explains the German Dental Association (BZÄK). "Even if this number of putative errors is substantially lower than in other specialist fields, every error is one too many. For that reason dentists are testing the 'Every

Tooth Counts' error reporting system, which is similar to the error reporting system used by pilots. It enables all dentists to learn from the experiences of others," says the BZÄK President Dr Peter Engel. These experiences also provide an important basis for designing the numerous further training programmes of the dental associations of the federal states. The BZÄK's key concern is to ensure improvements in the quality of dental care for each and every patient. As part of a bottom-up system – starting with patient consultations by dental associations and panel dentist federations – every patient has the opportunity to have what they believe to be errors in treatment investigated by a regulated medical consulting service and legally prescribed arbitration bodies of the profession's self-administration. Since 2009 the BZÄK has also been a member of the German Coalition for Patient Safety.

**Contributed by the Bundeszahnärztekammer**

### **DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF MALTA**

The Dental Association of Malta has this year already organised several excellent events. We have organised a lecture on the link between periodontal disease and health by Dr. Edward Sammut from Kings at the Mediterranean Conference Centre which used to be the hospital of the Knights of Saint John. The DAM also organised a lecture at the HQ of Din L-Art Helwa, a cultural environmental organisation, on "Surgeons and Egos" by Mr Alex Manche cardiothoracic surgeon. We held another lecture in the historic Palazzo Depiro in Mdina by an ENT surgeon Mr Adrian Agius on Facial Pain. We organised a lecture by Dr Jean Paul Demajo, dental surgeon on Maxillary Sinus Augmentation at a Carmelite monastery in Mdina. The patron of dentist is Saint Apollonia and we celebrated this with a mass in a Knights' fortified chapel in B'Bugia - San Georg. During Lenten sermons and prayers were organ-

ised in conjunction with our own spiritual mentor at a convent. The Dental Association is now organising a golf afternoon with lessons by a professional golfer at the Marsa sports club on 21 May for its members followed by dinner overlooking the golf course. On 13 June the Dam is organising a lecture by Dr Michael Boffa consultant Dermatologist on 'Cancers of the lip and skin' .On 3 September we have a lecture by Professor Millar from Kings on Tooth Wear. We have in recent years organised hands on Implantology courses with Professor Lerner from Baden Baden and advanced endodontic courses by Dr Dan Keir specialist endodontist from Maine Alaska. We regularly organise Life Saving Courses in First Aid for our members and provide certification.

**Contributed by the Dental Association of Malta**

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