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Introduction

*This third newsletter of the year takes a closer look at **CED Working Group Medical Devices**. Section I continues to report on the political activities of the CED President, Board members and to summarise the work of the other CED Working Groups, Board Task Forces and the Brussels Office.*

SECTION I – CED ACTIVITIES

CED PRESIDENT

MEETING WITH CPME PRESIDENT

On 11 April 2013, **CED President, Dr Wolfgang Doneus, met in Brussels with the President of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), Dr Katrín Fjeldsted.** The Presidents of the two organisations discussed professional issues, as well as the areas of current and possible future cooperation.

PARLIAMENTARY EVENING

On 16 April 2013, **CED President, Dr Wolfgang Doneus, travelled to Strasbourg where he was invited to a Parliamentary Evening** with German MEPs organised by the German member of CED, Bundeszahnärztekammer (BZÄK) in the European Parliament. During the event, the participants had the opportunity to discuss the issues of Professional Qualifications Directive, medical devices and liberal professions.

CED GENERAL MEETING

MEETING ON 24-25 MAY 2013

Representatives of CED member and observer organisations met in Dublin, Ireland on 24 and 25 May 2013 for a regular six-monthly General Meeting. The meeting was hosted by the Irish Dental Association, in the context of the Irish EU

Presidency. The meeting started with a welcome address by the Minister for Primary Care in Ireland, Mr Alex White. The second day of the meeting started with an address by Mr Jo Leinen, Member of the European Parliament and President of the European Movement International. During the plenary session, CED Members unanimously adopted two resolutions: [Resolution on continuing professional development of dentists \(CPD\)](#) and [Resolution on the proposed Tobacco Products Directive](#).

CED Members also discussed issues in connection to eHealth, tooth whitening, amalgam and medical devices.

CED Members **decided to focus on the theme “Oral health and tobacco” on the occasion of the European Oral Health Day on 12 September 2013.** The choice of the theme was guided by the fact that tobacco use is one of the greatest public health challenges the world faces today and that EU legislation on tobacco is currently being reviewed by the European Institutions.

During the same period in Dublin, the European Movement International (EMI) held its annual Federal Assembly meeting. CED Vice-President, Dr Marco Landi, attended the meeting and addressed EMI Federal Assembly on behalf of CED which is an associated member of EMI.

CED WORKING GROUPS (WG)

WG AMALGAM AND OTHER RESTORATIVE MATERIALS

WG Amalgam and Other Restorative Materials met in London on 18 June 2013. WG members discussed UNEP Convention on Mercury which is planned to be signed in October 2013. WG further analysed the Convention's provisions on dental amalgam and examined CED Resolutions on responsible practice and on amalgam to see whether these require a revision in light of the Convention.

WG EHEALTH

On 8-9 April 2013, **WG members Eric Delaeter and Jørn Jorgensen attended the second meeting of IHTSDO Dental SIG** which is currently developing harmonised nomenclature for dental diagnosis codes.

WG eHealth held an online meeting on 26 April 2013. WG members discussed further the development of a CED policy on websites posting evaluations of dentists, CED contribution to the IHTSDO's (International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation) Dental Special Interest Group, cooperation with EPSOS (Smart Open Services for European Patients) project and the eHealth Stakeholders Group. WG eHealth agreed that workshop on eHome and eConsultation will be organised in October 2013. Next meeting of WG is scheduled on 18 October 2013.



WG Chair, Dr Piret Väli, represented the CED at the meeting of the eHealth Stakeholders Group (eHSG) during the eHealth week organised in Dublin on 13-15 May 2013. The eHSG discussed patients' access to electronic health records, interoperability and legal issues. Next meeting of eHSG will take place on 30 September 2013 in Brussels.

WG MEDICAL DEVICES

WG member and CED liaison in the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN), Dr Jens Nagaba, represented the CED during the meeting of CEN/TC 55 on 9 April 2013. The Committee discussed among other issues the proposed Medical Devices Regulation.

On 25 April 2013, **Board liaison, Dr Roland L'Hérron and CED Policy Officer, Aleksandra Sanak, met with IMCO Committee rapporteur for opinion MEP Nora Berra (EPP, France)** to present the CED position on the future Medical Devices Regulation.

On 7 May 2013, **CED Policy Officer, Aleksandra Sanak also met with ENVI shadow rapporteur MEP Michèle Rivasi (Greens, France)** to discuss the future Regulation on Medical Devices and to present the CED position.

WG ORAL HEALTH

WG Oral Health met on 23 April 2013 in Brussels. WG finalized the document on theme and messages related to the European Oral Health Day 2013 that will be celebrated on 12 September 2013. WG also discussed the proposed Tobacco Products Directive and the CED position on the proposal. In this regard, WG met with representatives from the European Commission's Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO) to discuss the issues addressed by the proposal for revision of the Tobacco Products Directive.

On 26 June 2013, **CED Policy Officer, Aleksandra Sanak met with ENVI Committee shadow rapporteur MEP Carl Schlyter (Greens, Sweden)** to discuss the proposal for a revision of the Tobacco Products Directive and present [CED position on the proposal](#). Mr Schlyter was also interested in hearing about the role dentists can play in prevention and smoking cessation.

WG PATIENT SAFETY

On 10 June 2013, **CED Policy Officer, Aleksandra Sanak, participated in the kick-off online meeting of the subgroup on education and training of health workers** in the framework of the Commission-led Patient Safety and Quality of Care Working Group (PSQCWG). The participants of the subgroup discussed the purpose of the work, working methods and timing. Within the CED, WG Education and WG Patient Safety will be asked to provide advice for CED input into the work of the subgroup.

CED BOARD TASK FORCES (BTF)

BTF INTERNAL MARKET

On 15 May 2013, **CED Policy Officer, Aleksandra Sanak, attended a working breakfast** organised by the European Small Business Alliance (ESBA) in the European Parliament to discuss the future General Data Protection Regulation. The event was hosted by ITRE Committee rapporteur, MEP Seán Kelly (EPP, Ireland) and featured statements by LIBE Committee shadow rapporteur, MEP Sarah Ludford (ALDE, UK), highlighting the impact on SMEs of the future legislation.

BTF LIBERAL PROFESSIONS

On 17 June 2013, **CED Policy Officer, Aleksandra Sanak, attended a workshop on regulating professions** organised by the European Commission's Directorate

General for Internal Market and Services (DG MARKT). The purpose of the workshop was to have an exchange among stakeholders on the different approaches to the regulation of professions across the EU and the ongoing reforms in this area.

On 25 June 2013, **BTF Liberal Professions held an online meeting** to further discuss, among other issues, the developments in connection to the Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan.

CED BRUSSELS OFFICE

We are glad to announce that Nina gave birth to a healthy baby boy on 21 May 2013. Congratulations!

EU HEALTH POLICY FORUM

On 9 April 2013, **Nina Bernot and Aleksandra Sanak attended a meeting of the EU Health Policy Forum**, a group through which health stakeholders receive updates and provide input to the European Commission on health policy. The meeting featured presentations by the Commission and the Irish and Lithuanian Presidencies on health related issues and on the revision of Tobacco Products Directive.

JOINT ACTION ON HEALTH WORKFORCE

On 11 April 2013, **Nina Bernot and Aleksandra Sanak attended the kick-off meeting of the Joint Action on Health Workforce Forecasting and Planning (JA EUHWF)** in Brussels. The JA EUHWF focuses on quantitative and qualitative planning of health workforce. The CED contributes to the JA EUHWF particularly in the work package on qualitative planning and horizon scanning which will discuss future health needs and consequently skills and competences of health workforce. Within the CED, BTF Internal Market, WG Education and WG Oral Health will be asked to provide advice for CED input into the Joint Action.

WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH WORKFORCE

On 12 April 2013, **Nina Bernot attended the meeting of the Commission-led Working Group on European Health Workforce** (WG EUHWF). The meeting aimed at taking stock of the [Action Plan for the EU Health Workforce](#) and at presenting recent research findings on health professional mobility and informing on Structural/Cohesion funds 2014-2020. There were also presentations on JA EUHWF and skills needs in healthcare sector.

THE STATE OF HEALTH IN EUROPE

On 15 May 2013, **Aleksandra Sanak attended a debate on the state of health in Europe** organised by Health First Europe in the European Parliament. The event brought together leaders in European health policy, MEPs Marina Yannakoudakis (ECR, UK), Rebecca Taylor, (ALDE, UK) and Seán Kelly (EPP, Ireland), as well as various health stakeholders to discuss the current state of health in Europe and issues for patients including patient safety, the future Medical Devices Regulation, and innovation in healthcare.

WHO TOBACCO WORKSHOP

On 30 May 2013, **Aleksandra Sanak participated in a workshop** organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day 2013 in the European Parliament. The workshop offered a review of scientific evidence on effectiveness of key measures to reduce smoking referring specially to the matters addressed by the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive.

MEN'S HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE

On 11 June 2013, **Aleksandra Sanak participated in a roundtable on men's health** organised by the European Men's Health Forum

(EMHF). The event which gathered a wide range of organisations aimed at identifying and better understanding problems facing men in primary care and making recommendations which would improve men's access and outcomes.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN THE NEW EU MEMBER STATES AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

On 26 June 2013, **Aleksandra Sanak attended a conference on health inequalities in the new EU member states and candidate countries** co-organised by the European Patients' Forum (EPF) and Bulgarian National Patients' Organisation (NPO) and, hosted by MEP Andrey Kovatchev (EPP, Bulgaria) in the European Parliament. The conference brought together health policy makers and various stakeholders to discuss health inequalities in the new EU member states and candidate countries, possible steps towards sustainable pricing system, ways to create equity access to treatment and care and, possible solutions to expanding access to quality healthcare across Europe.

SECTION II – CED WORKING GROUPS

MEDICAL DEVICES (WG MD)

HISTORY

WG MD was established during the CED General Meeting in May 1998 in Brussels as WG Legal Aspects of Medical Devices to examine legal and political aspects and effects of the Medical Devices Directive (Directive 93/42/EEC). WG temporarily ceased its activities in 2002.

In November 2004, WG MD was re-established under its current name WG Medical Devices. The need for its reestablishment arose from the awareness of a forthcoming review of Medical Devices Directive.

In June 2005, WG MD prepared the CED contribution to a public consul-

tation on amendments to the Medical Devices Directive.

In 2006, WG MD elaborated a CED position paper regarding the review of the Medical Devices Directives which was unanimously adopted by the CED General Meeting in May 2006.

In response to the European Commission's intention to present in 2012 a formal proposal for a fundamental revision of the Medical Devices Directives (Directive 90/385/EEC, Directive 93/42/EEC, Directive 98/79/EEC), WG MD prepared a CED resolution on the revision of the EU regulatory framework for medical devices which was unanimously adopted by the CED General Meeting in May 2011. The resolution stressed that the changes should be particularly aimed at increasing patient safety and quality of medical devices available on the EU market. Further CED proposals in connection to the review of Medical Devices Directives were elaborated as the revision process has been progressing.

The current mandate of the WG was adopted by the CED General Meeting in November 2010.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

Besides the revision process of the Medical Devices Directives, CED also follows the European Commission's work on medical devices and standardization, specifically through participation in the Commission-led Medical Devices Expert Group (MDEG) and its relevant subgroups as well as through liaison with the European Committee on Standardization (CEN). The CED is represented in CEN by WG member Dr Jens Nagaba who serves as CEN liaison between the two organizations.

WHO MAKES THIS POSSIBLE

WG members are at the heart of CED policy. WG MD has 8 members from 6 CED Member countries. Among these are:

- **Dr Edoardo Cavallé** – CED WG Chair, ANDI, Italy;
- **Dr Roland L'Hérron**, CED Board member liaison, CNSD, France;
- **Dr José Maria Buxeda**, Spanish Dental Association, Spain;
- **Dr Stefaan Hanson**, VVT, Belgium;
- **Dr Jean-Marie Hubert**, CSD, Belgium;
- **Dr Jens Nagaba**, CEN liaison, BZÄK, Germany;
- **Dr John Tzoutzas**, Hellenic Dental Association, Greece and
- **Dr Alfonso Villa Vigil**, Spanish Dental Association, Spain.

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