

MINUTES	Date: 23 May 2019	
CED Board Meeting	Venue: Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Herrengasse 10, 1010 Vienna, Austria	
	Time Start: 09:00	Time end: 15:20
Chair	Dr Marco Landi, CED President	
Participants	See list attached	
Representatives of the Brussels Office	Nina Bernot, Lea Pfefferle, Aneta Tyszkiewicz and Ainhoa Zamacona	

1. Welcome, quorum and apologies		Rapporteur: Marco Landi
Working document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of participants 	
Apologies were received from Véronique Pellegrain who could not join the meeting due to a broken ankle. Pavel Kobler and Jasminka Polić from the Croatian Dental Chamber joined the meeting as hosts of the May 2020 GM.		

2. Approval of the agenda		Rapporteur: Marco Landi
Working document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CED-B-A-2019-02-E/D/F 	
The agenda was approved without any changes.		

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Board meeting		Rapporteur: Marco Landi
Working document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CED-B-M-2019-01-E/D/F 	
The Board was notified that no comments had been received and the minutes were approved.		

4. Report from the President		Rapporteur: Marco Landi
<p>The President informed the Board about a) an introductory meeting with the recently appointed DG SANTE Director General planned for July 4th to discuss future of health, vaccination, AMR, oral health; b) a possible event in the European Parliament after the elections (probably in the autumn) to present the health stakeholders' vision of the future of health policy in the EU; c) the selection process for the first EDSA intern in the CED Office whose main task would be the update of the EU Manual; d) the feedback on the first online meeting of the Board (on April 18th) to discuss if the Board should continue with online meetings and how to solve the issues encountered during the meeting.</p>		
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President expressed his concern about the process of decision making during the online meetings and enquired about the need to write official minutes of those meetings. Doniphon Hammer was happy with the first meeting and suggested to have regular (short) online meetings at least once a month. Piret Väli said that a majority should be present at online meetings if a decision is taken. Nina Bernot mentioned article 19 of the Statutes: quorum (half of the Board members) applies to in person and online meetings. 	
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be (informal) Board calls and online Board meetings. The President and the Brussels Office will decide about the frequency and the kind of meeting needed. In case of a Board online meeting where a decision will be taken, a formal agenda and minutes are needed. The decisions taken in the online meetings will be also reported to the Board e-mail especially when not all Board members can participate in the online meeting. 	

5. Policy on conflict of interest		Rapporteur: Marco Landi
Working document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CED conflict of interest policy (CED-DOC-2019-001-REV1-E) 	
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed the draft policy. • Mick Armstrong raised the question of how the CED would deal with an identified conflict of interest, considering that the CED does not have an audit committee. • The President stressed that the intention was to initially keep the policy simple and to revise it if and when necessary. 	
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board adopted the policy and agreed to send it to the General Meeting for information. 	

6. Guidance on confidentiality of Board discussions		Rapporteur: Marco Landi
Working document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft guidance on confidentiality of Board discussions (CED-DOC-2019-033-E) 	
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed ethical and legal implications of confidentiality of Board discussions and noted that in line with CED Statutes, whatever is recorded in Board minutes is considered public. While some Board discussions might be considered confidential (if so declared by the President), Board decisions will continue to be recorded in the minutes and will therefore be public. 	
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board adopted the guidance. 	

7. CED membership		Rapporteur: Marco Landi
Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from the VBT (CED-DOC-2019-034-E) 	
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President informed the Board about the communication with Belgian dental associations, confirming that currently there is no agreement between the four associations about the creation of a Belgian Dental Committee and that they are waiting for the results of the social elections in June to determine representativeness of individual associations. 	
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to return to the issue once there is an agreement between the Belgian associations. 	

8. Finances		Rapporteur: Mick Armstrong
Working document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim financial report January-April 2019 (CED-DOC-2019-035-E) 	
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer updated the Board on CED finances, as explained in detail in the Treasurer's letter to the GM (CED-DOC-2019-021-E) and initiated a discussion on CED reserves. • Nina Bernot presented projections for CED reserves until 2025. If, starting in 2021, membership fees increase at the rate of inflation (2%), the CED will record a small deficit during the next 5 years and the reserves are projected to fall to 39% of the annual costs by the end of 2025. If the fees continue to increase by 2,5% (as in 2020), the level of reserves will reach 46% by the end of 2025. • The Board discussed different ways of calculating membership fees, including instituting a minimum membership fee and a sliding fee scale, as well as the need to maintain solidarity among CED members. • The Treasurer confirmed that he would report to the General Meeting that the exit of the BDA from the CED would lead to a review of the CED budget and that the Board is working on a range of potential solutions. 	
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board in principle agreed with the need to continue increasing CED membership fees by 2,5% each year up to 2025. 	

9. Communications		Rapporteur: Nina Bernot
Working document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report 2018 • Guidance on the portraits of dentists campaign (CED-DOC-2019-036-E) 	

Nina Bernot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to the Board on current and proposed communications activities, particularly the intention to start producing short videos for Twitter, replace newsletters with occasional articles and start a “portraits of dentists” campaign. Asked for Board opinion whether the CED should once again start observing the World Oral Health Day in April.
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the idea of producing short videos before and after General Meetings and for specific occasions (for instance, EU elections). The President suggested also producing videos after working group meetings. Agreed to replace newsletters with occasional articles and suggested to engage members to propose topics and authors. Ulrike Matthesius suggested an article focused on AMR to be published in November. Discussed the portraits of dentists campaign and noted that in some countries it might go against national advertising legislation. Agreed that the campaign could go ahead and that it should be up to national associations to determine if it is in line with national advertising rules and if they are able to participate. Agreed that the CED could again observe the World Oral Health Day; suggested to ask the FDI/ERO how the CED could be involved and to think about how we could give the Day a European twist.

10. BTF Antibiotics in Dentistry		Rapporteur: Hans Schrangl
Working document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brussels Office Update on BTF AMR (CED-DOC-2019-031-E) 	
No updates.		

11. BTF Internal Market		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brussels Office Update on BTF Internal Market (CED-DOC-2019-023-E) CED statement on advertising (CED-DOC-2019-017-REV1-E/D/F) Skopje Resolution (CED-DOC-2019-037-E) Accompanying letter to the Skopje Resolution (CED-DOC-2019-038-E) 	
The chair a) introduced the updated statement on advertising and the comments from Poland and Portugal; b) informed about the Skopje resolution; c) updated the Board on the ongoing Commission study “behavioural economic analysis of professionals’ incentives in health professions”.		
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board discussed the comments received from Poland and Portugal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board decided not to accept the Polish comment because the current wording puts an emphasis on unnecessary treatment. In the context of the Portuguese letter, the Board discussed that CED activities are not binding for national associations and concluded that the comments were not in line with the content of the advertising document and would have to be discussed in another document. Paulo Melo stressed that it would be useful for the Portuguese Dental association on free treatment and asked whether there could be legal implications for the CED to discuss zero cost advertising. Joakim Lilholt explained that in Denmark there is a difference between internal discussions and what is published when it comes to legal consequences. However, Klaas-Jan Bakker pointed out that already internal discussions about price discussions would be problematic in the Netherlands. Doniphon Hammer clarified that France would not be able to accept the Portuguese proposal as it conflicts with French law. The President stated that he will stress that this paper is the best compromise at the General Meeting. The Board examined if the resolution on corporate dentistry could be re-opened to introduce a paragraph reflecting the content of the Skopje resolution at the November 2019 General Meeting. Jörg Krainhöfner informed the Board that the resolution on corporate dentistry is cited in the recitals of a new German law on healthcare. Paulo Melo told the Board members that the Portuguese Dental Association changed its statutes in 2015 to cover also corporate members. Doniphon Hammer clarified that France is still waiting for the Supreme Court decision whether to refer the partial access case to the European Court of Justice. Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg cautioned that delegation and substitution policies must be monitored closely as they are ubiquitous. The President mentioned that chairside assistants are now recognised as a 	

	profession in Italy and there could be the risk of offering classes that include pathology and detection of cancer.
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propose the CED statement to the General Meeting without any changes. Re-open the CED resolution on corporate dentistry to reflect the Skopje resolution.

12. WG Dental Materials and Medical Devices		Rapporteur: Doniphan Hammer
Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brussels Office Report on the WG Dental Materials and Medical Devices (CED-DOC-2019-025-E) CED Statement on the MDR implementation (CED-DOC-2019-027-E/D/F) Letter to the Commission on the feasibility study (CED-DOC-2019-039-E) 	
<p>The Board liaison a) presented the final CED Statement on the MDR implementation; b) reported on the European Commission call for the expert panel on MDR; c) informed about the CED President meeting with the BioMed Alliance; d) informed that the CED has asked for a meeting with the Commission to follow up on the letter on the feasibility study and that Professor Schmalz did an in-depth interview with Deloitte for the study; responses to the survey had been received from the UK, Ireland and Greece; members will be encouraged to share their national action plans after their publication on 1 July 2019; e) shared that the Working Group intends to look at the safety of OTC tooth whitening products and charcoal toothpastes at the next meeting in October.</p>		
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Klaas-Jan Bakker updated the Board about the situation in the Netherlands, where the Ministry of Health is in the process of writing the national action plan and plans not to interfere with the treatment decisions of dentists. Paulo Melo briefed the Board that the Ministry of Environment has lately included the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders in the process and the Portuguese Dental Association is set to be part of a group analysing the plan. Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg recalled that Denmark has been phasing down amalgam since 2000 and less than 1% of fillings are now amalgam fillings. Amalgam can still be used but only for three reasons and the reasoning must be recorded in the patient file. The Board discussed that it is concerning that students are not learning about amalgam in university anymore. 	
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board decided to rename the CED Statement on MDR implementation to the <i>position</i> as it better reflects the purpose of the document. The CED Position on the MDR implementation will be proposed to the General Meeting. 	

13. WG Education and Professional Qualifications		Rapporteur: Paulo Melo
Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brussels Office Update on WG Education and Professional Qualifications (CED-DOC-2019-024-E) Draft CED resolution on CPD – 2019 update (CED-DOC-2019-010-E/D/F) 	
<p>The Board liaison a) presented the final CED Resolution on CPD – Update; b) informed about the progress to date on the organisation of the One Health conference that will take place on 4 of December; c) shared the current state of play of the relation with EDSA and ADEE; d) notified about the upcoming revision of the content of the European Classification of Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations (ESCO); e) presented the WG strategy on the update of the Annex V.3/5.3.1 of Directive 2005/36/EC; f) mentioned that trends on the dental workforce in Europe will be discussed during the lunch at the GM; h) depicted the priorities for the WG for coming months.</p>		
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doniphan Hammer commented that when it comes to the collaboration with dental hygienists (DHs), we can seek to exchange some information but it should be remembered that they are part of the dental team not an independent profession. Klaas-Jan Bakker added that in Netherlands the government wants the DHs to be more independent. Mick Armstrong stressed that the Board of the European Dental Hygienists Federation goes further in their ask than their members wants. The CED should not be the one to produce evidence challenging the cost effectiveness of task shifting. Jörg Krainhöfner suggested that we should have a list of competencies the DHs have in different countries. Paulo Melo commented that we already conducted such research and complemented that most of the politicians do not think that task shifting is cost effective. 	

Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CED Resolution on CPD – 2019 Update will be proposed to the General Meeting without any changes. In case of any future meetings with the representatives of dental hygienists, the Board decided that it should be informal and attended by the President accompanied by one Member of the CED Board.
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14. WG eHealth		Rapporteur: Piret Väli
Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brussels Office Update on the WG eHealth (CED-DOC-2019-028-E) Draft CED resolution on online evaluation of dentists – 2019 update (CED-DOC-2019-012-E/D/F) 	
<p>The Board liaison a) presented the final CED resolution on online evaluation of dentists – 2019 update and informed about the comment from the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists; b) reported on the participation of the European Commission representative at the last meeting of the WG; c) informed that the WG is tasked to work on recommendations on dental data set to be included in the European Health Records and that will be also the topic during the lunch at the GM; d) presented the priorities for the WG for coming months.</p>		
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board discussed the legal basis of the comment provided by the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists 	
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CED resolution on online evaluation of dentists will be proposed to the General Meeting with the changes proposed by the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists 	

15. WG Patient Safety, Infection Control and Waste Management		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brussels Office Update on WG Patient Safety, Infection Control and Waste Management (CED-DOC-2019-030-E) 	
<p>The Board liaison a) briefly presented the result of the questionnaire on sedation techniques in dentistry that will be displayed in more detail during the GM; b) informed about the WG intention to focus more on the environmental sustainability in dentistry and establishing the contact with Brett Duane, an Associate Professor in Dental Public Health at Trinity College in Dublin to learn more about the main findings of his research on the development of oral health services that are environmentally sustainable. Prof. Duane is invited for the WG meeting in October. The Board was asked to consider his participation at the CED GM in November; c) introduced the WG strategy on patient safety and plans for coming months.</p>		
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President recommended that we should not be too technical in our Resolutions, the CED should aim to issue political positions not guidance. The Board discussed the appropriateness of external experts giving presentation at the CED GM. 	
Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board agreed for Brett Duane to give a presentation during the lunch time at the CED GM in November 2019. 	

16. WG Oral Health		Rapporteur: Henk Donker
Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brussels Office Update on the WG Oral Health (CED-DOC-2019-029-E) White Paper on prevention (CED-DOC-2019-015-REV1-E/D/F) 	
<p>The Chair a) presented the updated white paper on prevention and the comments received from Poland, France, Ireland and the UK; b) asked for the Board's opinion on having a position on vaccination; c) enquired if the Board members had identified any tobacco experts that could join the ENSP working group on tobacco and dentistry.</p>		
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board discussed that a position on vaccination can be general and promote vaccination for all but should mostly focus on HPV vaccination because of the link to oral cancer. Paulo Melo stated that he might have identified an expert for the tobacco working group. The President suggested to collect members' documents against smoking. The Board discussed the comments from the members and made several changes to the white paper, including changing the title, adding wording on fluoride, updating the definition of caries, and promoting HPV vaccination for boys and girls. 	
Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The white paper will be proposed to the General Meeting as amended by the Board during the meeting. The Working Group should start work on a position on vaccination. 	

Any other business

Dates and places of next meetings

- 20 September 2019, Brussels
- 21 November 2019, Brussels
- 7 May 2020, Dubrovnik
- 19 November 2020, Brussels
- 18 November 2021, Brussels

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