

Challenges & Opportunities for Oral Health

About the CED



The Council of European Dentists (CED) is the representative organisation for the dental profession in the EU with over 340,000 practising professionals from 33 national dental associations.

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2019 at a glance

31 January
Board Task Force
Internal Market

1 February
Working Group eHealth

18 February
Working Group
Education and
Professional
Qualifications



20 February
CED's Vice President
Dr. Piret Väli followed
the Patient Access
Partnership (PACT)
discussion on EU
collaboration in health
for better access in the
European Parliament
in Brussels

6 March
Working Group
Dental Materials and
Medical Devices

7 March
Working Group Patient
Safety, Infection Control
and Waste Management



12 March
Dr. Marco Landi on
behalf of CED along
with CPME and
FVE presented the
outcomes of the open
debate on One Health
at the meeting of the
One Health Network
on AMR

22 March
CED Board

1 April
Board Task Force
Communications

23–25 May
CED Board and General
Meeting

13 June
Dr. Marco Landi
attended the SSO
Annual Conference

2 July
Dr. Jane Renehan,
Dr. Susie Sanderson
and Lea Pfefferle
attended a meeting
at the European
Commission to discuss
dental amalgam



4 July
Dr. Marco Landi
met European
Commissions'
Director-General
for Health and
Food Safety Anne
Bucher to talk about
AMR, vaccination,
prevention, access,
eHealth, tobacco,
medical devices and
many other things
important to dentists
and patients

21 August
Dr. Henk Donker spoke
at the European Dental
Students' Association
(EDSA) roundtable on
sugar, nutrition and
impact on dentistry



12 September
Dr. Marco Landi
attended the
Vaccination Summit
2019 in Brussels

19 September
Board Task Force
Internal Market

19–20 September
CED Board

27 September
Working Group
Education and
Professional
Qualifications

● **27–28 September**
Dr. Marco Landi and
Dr. Piret Väli attended
the Baltic Days of
Dentistry 2019 in
Lithuania

2 October
Working Group Dental
Materials and Medical
Devices

3 October
Working Group Patient
Safety, Infection Control
and Waste Management

4 October
Working Group eHealth



● **4 October**
Dr. Marco Landi and
Dr. Henk Donker
attended Dental Days
in Prague

17 October
Working Group Oral
Health



● **18 October**
Dr. Marco Landi
attended the Bavarian
Dental Days in Munich

● **13 November**
Aneta Tyszkiewicz
represented CED at
the Day of the Liberal
Professions- Trust in
Liberal Professions
in the Age of
Digitalisation and
Artificial Intelligence

● **16 November**
Dr. Marco Landi
attended the 12th
International Congress
of New Technologies
in Dentistry, Slovenia

● **18 November**
Dr. Hans Schrangl
attended the European
Antibiotic Awareness
Day 2019 in Stockholm

21–22 November
CED Board and General
Meeting

● **26 November**
Dr. Marco Landi met
with Arno Metzler
President of the
Diversity Europe Group
(EESC) at the European
Economic and Social
Council (EESC)

● **26 November**
Dr. Marco Landi
attended the ADF
Congress in Paris



● **2 December**
Aneta Tyszkiewicz
and Caroline Heilpern
met with the Polish
Chamber of Physicians
and Dentists

President's perspective

2019 has proven to be yet another busy year for the CED as we continued our policy activities. In addition to our work in the areas of professional education and regulation, patient safety, health promotion and disease prevention, medical devices and dental materials, eHealth and environmental aspects of dental practice, we were also pleased to welcome our first European Dental Students' Association intern, who will provide us with the invaluable perspective of the future generation of dentists until mid-2020.

The year 2020 has started with an enormous and unforeseen challenge, which goes far beyond the strict confines of our profession, yet affects us all deeply - the COVID-19 pandemic with its many consequences for public health, our economies and our societies in general.



The way we respond to it together will be a litmus test, not only for our profession and for the CED, but also for our national governments and for the EU Institutions. Regardless of the different national approaches to the pandemic, common ethical principles must remain paramount for all European dentists: safeguarding patients' health and safety, facilitating continuity of care, and retaining consciousness of the social nature of our profession. All these must be maintained and reinforced in difficult times. Cross-border collaboration and exchange of information and best practices between CED Members have probably never been so helpful as in recent months.

It also remains to be seen how the COVID-19 crisis impacts on the initial priorities of the new European Commission that were of particular interest to the CED, such as the Green Deal, the Europe Beating Cancer Plan and the EU's work on Artificial Intelligence.

With the support of our members, for which I am very grateful, we stand ready to face the challenges and to seize the opportunities that 2020 holds for dentistry and oral health in Europe.

Dr. Marco Landi
President (Italy)

European Parliament Elections

**Dr. Marco Landi in the “This Time I’m Voting” Campaign
in advance of the European Parliament elections**



Policy

CED Statement on Advertising of Healthcare Services

**CED White Paper Oral Care:
Prevention is better than cure**

**CED Position on implementation of Medical Devices
Regulation**

**CED Resolution on Continuing Professional
Development of dentists – Update**

**CED Resolution on online evaluation
of dentists – Update**

CED Resolution on Corporate Dentistry – Update

CED Resolution on Dental Amalgam – Update

**CED Resolution on Dental Data
Set and Access to Health Records**

**CED Resolution on the use of Nitrous Oxide
Inhalation Sedation – Update**

CED Resolution on Vaccination

Events

EU 2019–2024: Health Champions Wanted

European Parliament
9 October 2019

Co-Hosts: MEPs Dr. Peter Liese
and Dr. Sara Cerdas

Nine EU umbrella health organisations, along with representatives from the European Parliament, academia, health professionals and public health organisations, discussed how to raise awareness of the main public health priorities, including universal access to high quality and sustainable healthcare, disease prevention, the fight against cross-border healthcare threats and health inequities, as well as a continued supply of medicines for EU citizens.

Implementing a One Health Culture in Undergraduate Education to tackle current and future health challenges

Warsaw, Poland
4 December 2019

Co-Hosts: Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), European Dental Students Association (EDSA), European Medical Students' Association (EMSA), International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA)

Academics, students, professionals and policy makers were engaged in lively discussions about One Health. The participants recognised that the integrated education of all future health professionals is fundamental for tackling current and future health challenges. They agreed on the importance of supporting joint initiatives at national level to further implement the One Health approach and that any change at university level is possible only if educators are committed to encouraging interactions among students of different disciplines.

Working Groups



Dr. Jane Renchan
(Ireland) Chair

01—Dental Materials and Medical Devices

Over the course of 2019, the Working Group strongly focused on dental amalgam in view of an anticipated feasibility study on the phase-out of dental amalgam by 2030, which resulted in several activities undertaken by the Working Group. These activities included the organization of a webinar with the consultancy firm commissioned to draft the aforementioned feasibility study, a meeting with the European Commission to present CED's position, as well as an update of the CED Resolution on Dental Amalgam to reflect the newest political and legislative developments in this field. Other topics that the Working Group focussed on in 2019 included, among others, tooth whitening, titanium dioxide, cobalt and phthalates.

During the last year before the deadline for the implementation of the Medical Devices Regulation, the Working Group continued monitoring progress and expressed concerns about the readiness of the system in the CED Position on the implementation of the Medical Devices Regulation. The Working Group actively participates in the expert groups advising and assisting the Commission and the Member States in ensuring a harmonised conversion of the national systems.



Dr. Piret Väli
(Estonia) Chair

02—eHealth

Due to a rise in the popularity of online platforms allowing patients to submit online reviews rating their local dental practice or individual dentist, the Working Group updated the CED Resolution on online evaluation of dentists to correspond with new technical and legal developments.

In light of discussions on the format and content of European Health Records, the Working Group developed the Resolution on Dental Data Set and Access to Health Records, stressing the importance of access to relevant health-related information for dentists and outlining the basic dental data set to be included in cross-border information exchange.

The Working Group remains active in engaging with the European Institutions and stakeholders to reflect dentists' views on European plans for the digital transformation of healthcare. In 2020, the Working Group will focus on monitoring initiatives on Artificial Intelligence and Big Data with an objective to develop its position in this regard.



Prof. Dr. Paulo Melo
(Portugal) Chair

03—Education and Professional Qualifications

Given the lack of political interest, the Working Group issued a call to update the list of subjects for dental professionals in Annex V.3/5.3.1 of Directive 2005/36/EC. Further delays might lead to the maintenance of an outdated dental curriculum that poses a threat to public health and hampers the further development of dentistry.

Outcomes of the One Health initiative, organised jointly with medical doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians and students' organisations, were shared with the EU AMR One Health Network. A second regional conference aiming to promote interprofessional collaboration took place in Warsaw, Poland in 2019 and the initiative will continue in another region in 2020.

The Working Group updated the CED Resolution on Continuing Professional Development. The Working Group will focus on outlining the main challenges to the workforce and its vision for the future of oral health. Its position will be developed in collaboration with the Board Task Force Internal Market.



Dr. Henk Donker
(Netherlands) Chair

04—Oral Health

In 2019 the Working Group drafted a White Paper on the importance of prevention policies and recommendations for future public health policies in oral care, which has been presented on various occasions, including during a CED meeting with the European Commission's Director-General for Health and Food Safety, Anne Bucher.

In view of the new European Commission identifying vaccination among the top priorities for its mandate, several activities related to this topic also took place at Working Group level. Among these, the Working Group participated in the Coalition for Vaccination and in the high-level event, the Global Vaccination Summit. The Working Group agreed to participate in an advocacy campaign within the framework of the Coalition for Vaccination, which is meant to address healthcare providers. In light of all these developments and the increasing European and global interest in this topic, the Working Group also drafted a CED Resolution on Vaccination outlining CED's position on vaccination, especially HPV vaccine, its relationship with antimicrobial resistance and calling for support for vaccination programmes at national and European level.

Other topics that the Working Group has been focusing on include sugar and tobacco. The CED is now also working together with the ENSP (European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention). The Working Group will also organise a public event on prevention, including vaccination for reducing AMR, in 2020.



**Prof. Dr. John
Tzoutzas**
(Greece) Chair

05—Patient Safety, Infection Control and Waste Management

The Working Group gathered information from Members on national procedures related to dental sedation techniques, which resulted in an update of the CED Resolution on the use of Nitrous Oxide Inhalation Sedation.

In the context of the circular economy, climate change mitigation and sustainability being prioritised in the political discussion, the Working Group will further brainstorm on environmental sustainability to identify provisional and preventative actions in dental practice. The Working Group's objective is to address sustainability challenges in dentistry and come up with feasible solutions.

The Working Group focuses on the improvement of patient confidence in the appropriate infection control protocols and procedures. In 2020, the Working Group will update the CED Resolution on Patient Safety.

Task Forces



Dr. Hans Schrangl
(Austria) Chair

01—Antibiotics in Dentistry

In view of the topic of AMR receiving increasing attention on a European and global level, the Task Force has continued its activities in relation to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in 2019. Among other things, the Task Force took part in a survey on healthcare workers' knowledge and attitudes towards AMR, conducted by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Moreover, the Chair attended the European Antibiotics Awareness Day in Stockholm, which saw the launch of the results of the aforementioned survey. The Task Force also joined an EU-funded project on antimicrobial resistance led by Inserm in a supporting role, starting in March 2020. In the course of the year, the Task Force also participated in the regular meetings and activities of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) AMR Stakeholder Network.



Dr. Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Director (Denmark)

02—Internal Market

In 2019 the chairmanship of the Task Force was taken over by Dr Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg and the Task Force worked on an update of the CED Resolution on Corporate Dentistry. Other topics that the Task Force has been working on relate to the implementation of the Proportionality Test Directive, partial access, professional liability, advertising, which resulted in a CED Statement on Advertising of Healthcare Services, as well as the newly added topic of health workforce challenges.



Nina Brandelet-Bernot
Secretary General

03—Communications

The Task Force Communications is in charge of supporting the CED's political activities through lobbying, advocacy and reputation and capacity building communications activities. In 2019, the focus of the Task Force was the organisation of a public event in the European Parliament with different organisations representing European healthcare stakeholders with the common goal of raising awareness of the main public health priorities requiring urgent EU action and appropriate budgets. Other activities of the Task Force included the preparation of the Annual Report, launching the Manifesto for the 2019 European elections and increasing the CED's social media presence. The Task Force also organised two meetings with the communications officers of national dental associations.

CED EDSA Intern

In 2019, the CED welcomed Daniela Timuş, the first CED-EDSA intern in the Brussels Office.

The intern is involved in various aspects of CED work, including the activities of the Working Groups and Task Forces, communication activities and administrative tasks. During the last months of 2019, the intern focused mainly on the update of one of the main CED publications - the EU Manual of Dental Practice, under the guidance of a Board Task Force. The intern took part in the organisation of several events, including the One Health conference in Warsaw and the CED General Meeting in Brussels.

The intern provides a crucial link between the CED and the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA), facilitating the close collaboration of the two organisations. Bringing the students' and young professionals' point of view to the table is one of the main principles on which this cooperation relies and will work in the future.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is composed of eight members, elected by the General Meeting every three years. The Board carries out political leadership and ensures the proper and efficient administration of the CED.



Dr. Marco Landi
President (Italy)



Dr. Piret Väli
Vice-President
(Estonia)



Dr. Mick Armstrong
Treasurer (UK)
— until Nov 2019



Dr. Hans Schrangl
Director (Austria)



**Dr. Doniphan
Hammer**
Director (France)



**Prof. Dr. Paulo
Melo**
Director (Portugal)



**Dr. Freddie Sloth-
Lisbjerg**
Director (Denmark)



Dr. Henk Donker
Treasurer (Netherlands)
—since Nov 2019



Dr. Henner Bunke
Director (Germany)
—since Nov 2019

Secretariat

The CED Secretariat is composed of a permanent staff of four. It constantly monitors policy developments, maintains contacts with the European Institutions and stakeholders and implements the decisions taken by the General Meeting and the Board of Directors. In 2019, for the first time, the CED Secretariat was joined by an intern from the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA).



Nina Brandelet-Bernot
Secretary General



Aneta Tyszkiewicz
Senior Policy Officer



Lea Pfefferle
Senior Policy Officer
– until July 2019



Caroline Heilpern
Policy Officer
– since Sept 2019



Ainhoa Zamacona
Office Manager
– since Feb 2019



Daniela Timuş
EDSA Intern
2019–2020

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Albania



Austria



Belgium – VVT



Belgium – CSD



Bulgaria



Croatia



Cyprus



Czech Republic



Denmark



Estonia



Finland



France



Germany



Greece



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Section of the
Hungarian Medical
Chamber



Hungary -
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Association



Iceland



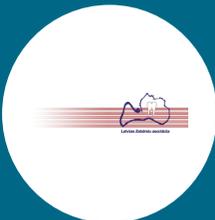
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