



# FDI-ERO Scientific Reward Guidelines

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### a) About FDI-ERO

The European Regional Organization of the FDI World Dental Federation, further referred to as ERO, is a non-profit association established in accordance with the FDI Constitution, registered in the Swiss Canton of Geneva. It associates with member organisations of the FDI from the WHO European Region. The beginnings of ERO date back to 1955 when a Special Commission for European Cooperation was established as a response to the request of some European member associations of the FDI. In 1964 the FDI General Assembly adopted a resolution founding the European Regional Organisation within FDI. ERO was the first regional organisation of the FDI and thus served as a model for other regional organisations. ERO counts member associations from 36 countries and has fixed as its goal to help dental associations from all 53 countries of the WHO European Region to join ERO.

### b) About EDSA

The European Dental Students' Association, further referred to as EDSA, is a non-profit, non-political organisation representing more than 70,000 dental students across the WHO European Region. EDSA was founded in November 1988 in Paris and aims to unite, support and represent students by acting as their regional association. EDSA animates a platform for the formulation and exchange of students' thoughts, proposals & innovations and to advance research, dental education, teaching methods and philosophy.

EDSA strives to give students a voice in the national and international forum, to create a globally connected student community and to develop strong stands related to the societal aspects of dentistry.

## 2. Criteria for participating in the ERO Scientific Reward

In order to stimulate European students' commitment to contribute to the dental community, EDSA, in collaboration with ERO, is arranging a prize targeted at undergraduate and postgraduate students.

To take part in the ERO Scientific Reward, you must submit an essay of 1500-2500 words (1-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1.15 spacing). The first half of

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the paper should be a short literature review - to outline what has already been researched about the topic (with citations of the sources). The second part should be more of an essay of the author - his innovative view on the studied topic, ideas on solving a problem, ideas on projects that could help with solving a problem, etc.

The topics are:

### **1. The role of dentists in tobacco cessation**

- 'Literature review' part: Which systems in the organism are connected to oral health and how can dentists support patient in tobacco cessation?
- 'Innovative section' part: How dental professionals can be involved in a patient's general health assessment, especially cessation of tobacco consume?

### **2. Oral health for elderly patients**

- 'Literature review' part: What are the most common oral health problems affecting older patients? What challenges do dentists face when treating older patients?
- 'Innovative section' part: What specific measures should be taken to improve the oral health care of elders?

The structure of the document should be:

1. Title, name of the author, details of the dental school at which they are studying (name, address, city, country), and which year of the course they are enrolled in, contact details (phone number, email address)
2. Introduction
3. Literature review (previously published knowledge about the topic)
4. Innovative section
5. Conclusion.
6. Reference page.

By participating in the contest, students agree that their work can be used and promoted by EDSA and ERO.

Applications are managed by EDSA and shall be submitted by **20th of April, 2026**.

EDSA representatives (preferably 2) will announce the competition, collect the papers from the students, check the formal quality of the papers and eligibility of the students. The papers will then be sent to the ERO evaluators.

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The jury is made up of 2 ERO representatives that will pick the three best papers. In case of a tie vote, the ERO's most senior representative will have the casting vote. If no work is deemed of sufficient quality by the jury, no winner shall be declared.

The winners will receive a certificate signed by EDSA and ERO representatives. All participants will get a short abstract of their work presented in the relevant EDSA and ERO publications (e.g. magazine, newsletter).

## 2. CRITERIA OF CHOOSING THE WINNERS

The papers will be evaluated by 2 ERO Board members according to the following criteria:

1. Demonstration of understanding of the related topics.
2. Quality of work, and innovative potential.
3. Use (and correct citation) of references to support the concepts considered in the essay.

## 3. REWARDS

ERO will provide the three best works with financial reward, in the following amount:

1st place: 1500€

2nd place: 1000€

3rd place: 500 €

Participants who were not selected as winners by the jury will receive a certificate of appreciation.

The paper should be submitted electronically in PDF format to the Research Officer of EDSA, Adam Javorček at [research\\_officer@edsaweb.org](mailto:research_officer@edsaweb.org)

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