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The Council of European  
Chief Dental Officers

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### Chief Dental Officers from all over Europe met in Rome

**Rome, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014** - The Council of European Chief Dental Officers (CECDO) autumn-meeting 2014 took place in Rome from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October at the invitation of the Italian Minister of Health. This was planned in conjunction with the joint meetings of the Chief Medical Officers and the Chief Nursing Officers. The Delegates were welcomed by Daniela Rodorigo, the delegate of Italian Minister of Health who discussed the Italian position on Health.

The first parallel CECDO-session was devoted to an overview on oral health in Italy highlighting the need to integrate oral health into general health.

In the afternoon the CECDO Business Meeting was held, during which Margie Taylor, CDO of Scotland, was appointed as president elect. She will concentrate her efforts on putting evidence into practice, e.g. translating guidelines into action..

The launch of the new CECDO website was announced greatly improving access to the site with enhanced navigation facilities.

On the second day the joint topic was the challenge of Diabetes. A topic, relevant to dentists, doctors and nurses alike. The parallel session focused on the professional training of dentists.

In the afternoon a joint session on safety of care and prevention and treatment of healthcare related infections was held.

The conference was closed by an announcement from the Latvian Presidency and conclusions.

The opportunity was taken to meet with Poul Erik Petersen (director of WHO-Europe) to raise the profile of oral health within WHO.

The CECDO thanks the Italian Ministry of Health for hosting the meeting. Andis Paeglitis, CDO for Latvia, invited CECDO to Riga in April 2015.

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