

Russian Society of Periodontology

Prof. Liudmila Orekhova  
Prof. Victoria Atrushkevich

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Dear Professor Liudmila Orekhova, Dear Professor Victoria Atrushkevich,

In the General Assembly in Vienna 2022, the Russian Society of Periodontology membership status was discussed by the National Societies and Executive Committee regarding the Ukraine Crisis. The EFP Executive Committee had previously issued a statement on the website regarding this issue, documented in appendix 1, and last week facilitated a link to donate for helping the people in Ukraine via the WHO Foundation.

After a long debate on Saturday 26 March 2022 the consensus of the General Assembly was to arrange a proxy vote to decide whether or not to suspend the Russian Society of Periodontology until the next General Assembly in 2023 according to the 2016 EFP By-Laws. (Appendix 2, European Federation of Periodontology By-Laws 2016; paragraph 7)

We would like to give your Society the opportunity to defend your position to this issue before the proxy vote is cast. To that end, provided that you disagree with the suspension, we invite you to send your thoughts about this discussion in writing to the EFP Executive Committee by Friday 15 April. We will then circulate your thoughts to the members before the vote takes place.

Please note that you may also wish to voluntarily suspend your member without a vote from the General Assembly.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



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## Appendix 1

### **Ukraine crisis: statement by the Executive Committee of the European Federation of Periodontology**

The European Federation of Periodontology is an independent, dental organisation. Although non-political, the EFP condemns any attack perpetrated by the Russian government against the free and democratic independent nation of Ukraine. We will inform organisations and companies that we will not be conducting any activities in Russia until peace and order is restored.

We acknowledge that there are many good people within Russia that are against this war and are suffering too, but they must not remain in silence and must make their voices be heard within their country and our thoughts are also with them.

We respect the Russian people and above all our dental colleagues in Russia. We understand that many are already against this invasion and our measures have no intention to offend our colleagues even though we know this may bring some distress to dental professionals in Russia. We are looking forward to the time where we can work together again with respect.

Democracy is the best and only way to govern and to achieve World peace. The European Federation of Periodontology stands for peace, democracy and the Ukrainian people.

## Appendix 2

### **European Federation of Periodontology By-Laws 2016 states:**

#### **Paragraph 7**

**A.** *Members wishing to resign must give at least 3 months notice prior to the next General Assembly. Their resignation will be effective from the end of the year in which the General Assembly was held.*

**B.** *Members who fail to pay their subscription referred to in paragraph 8 are considered to have resigned ten days after the receipt of a second reminder. The second reminder will be sent by registered mail and will include reference to the previous paragraph.*

*There has to be an interval of one month between the two reminders.*

**C.** *The exclusion of a member from the EFP can be decided by the General Assembly by a majority of two thirds of the cast votes on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The member must have opportunity to defend his position before the exclusion vote.*

*As an alternative to exclusion and following his defence, the General Assembly can decide by a majority of two thirds of the cast votes to suspend the member until the next General Assembly. A suspended full member has no voting rights.*

**D.** *The resigning, excluded or suspended member remains indebted to the EFP for the whole amount owed. He remains bound to his obligations to the EFP as long as his dismissal or exclusion has not become effective.*

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