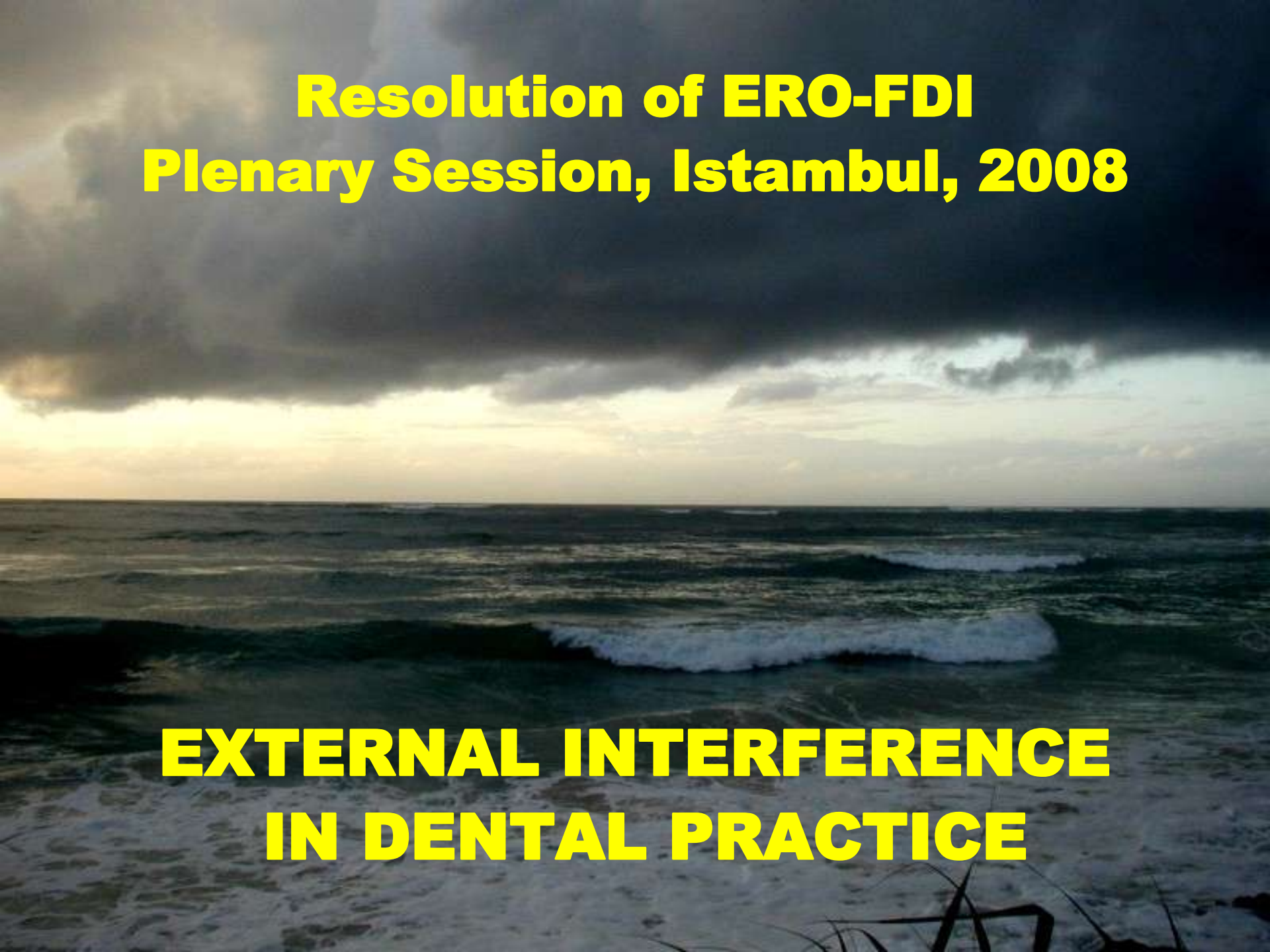


The logo for ERO, consisting of the letters 'E', 'R', and 'O' in a bold, outlined font, enclosed within a white square with a red border.

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A large, semi-transparent globe is centered in the background, showing the continents of North and South America. The globe is set against a warm, orange-toned background with a subtle gradient and a shadow cast by the globe onto the surface below it.

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“LIBERAL DENTAL PRACTICE
IN EUROPE”**



**Resolution of ERO-FDI
Plenary Session, Istanbul, 2008**

**EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE
IN DENTAL PRACTICE**

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

A dramatic landscape featuring a dark, stormy sky with heavy, dark clouds. Several bright lightning bolts are striking the horizon. In the foreground, a road with a yellow center line and white side lines leads towards the horizon, flanked by green fields. The overall atmosphere is one of intensity and change.

In an increasing number of European countries commercial non-professional corporations, whose shareholders are non-dentists take advantage of new legislation that may enable such corporations to open, own and manage dental clinics.

A stack of several coins of different colors (silver, copper, and gold) is shown in the foreground. The top coin is a silver coin with a detailed design. To the right, a single gold coin is visible, also with a detailed design. The background is blurred, showing more coins and a purple banknote.

Commercial interests of outside investors, who do not apply to ethical standards, are a potential disadvantage for dentists and patients because :

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- **they may influence the decisions about dental therapy**

A satellite image of a tropical cyclone, showing a distinct eye and spiral cloud bands over a dark blue ocean. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

**■ may compromise
the quality of dental care**



■ may negative influence the social and private dental care systems in case that an insurance companies run dental offices




■ may interfere with the basic **right** of the **patient** to freely choose **his** **dentist**

The image shows several stacks of US one hundred dollar bills. The bills are fanned out, showing the top of the bills. The stacks are bound with blue rubber bands. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow font. The text reads: "The dentists who are employed by such entities may be unduly pressured and compromised by their duties to their commercially - motivated employers ...".

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... and consequently must ignore the ethical guidelines and their primary obligations to the oral health and welfare of their patients.



**The European Regional Organization
of the FDI expresses its strong
objection to the interference
of externals providers
in the delivery of dental care.**

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**Liberal dental practice provides a
good basis for a patient treatment
which is not focused
on commercial interests...**

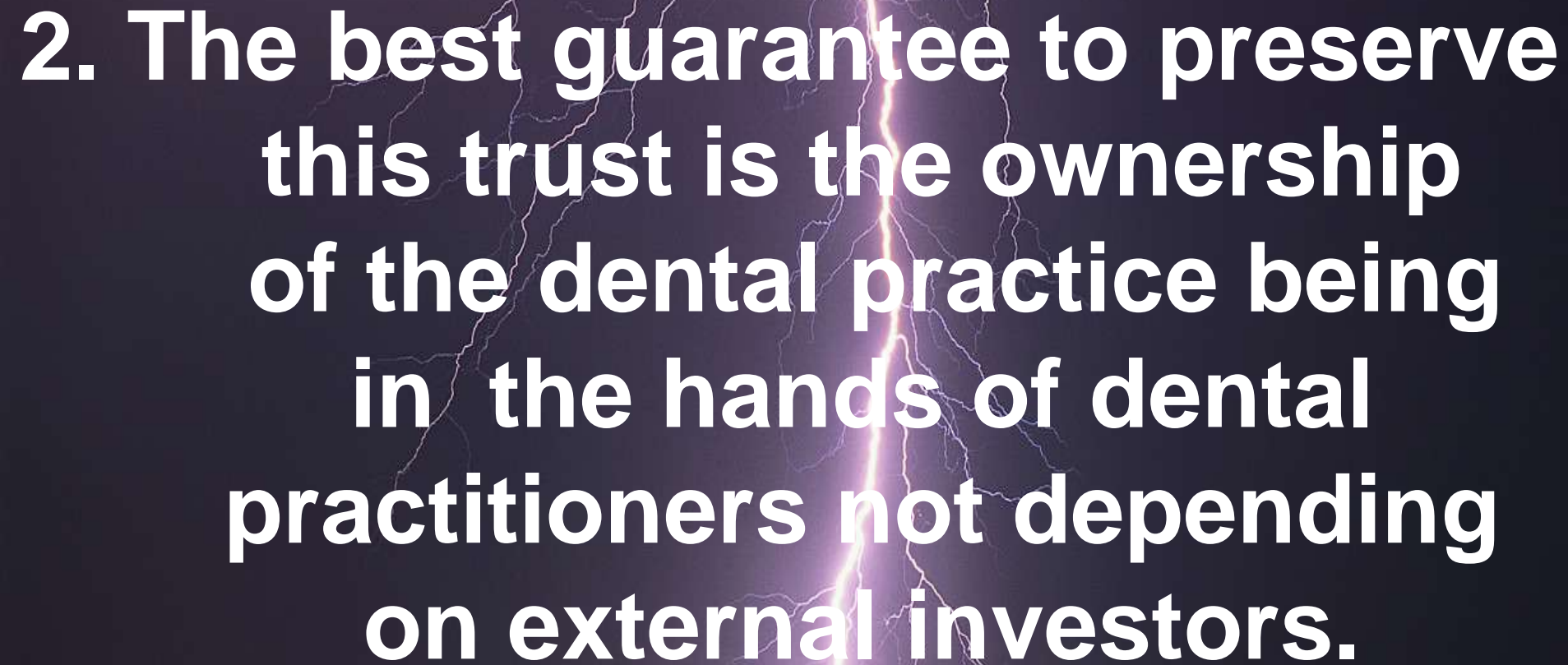


**... and is carried out
in the dentist's
own therapeutic
responsibility,
based on mutual
trust between
dentist and patient.**





**1. This form of dental practice
in no case demands
external investors.**



2. The best guarantee to preserve this trust is the ownership of the dental practice being in the hands of dental practitioners not depending on external investors.



**Therefore, any external interference,
any government privileges for commercial types
of occupational activity
would endanger this special
relationship between patient and dentist . . .**

**... and, in the long run, it would
jeopardize health care in general.**



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