

“Have too many irons in the fire”

This year has been busy for the Union President and the entire government and the committees. Our union has garnered more and more attention in the media and from our partner organizations. Requests for collaboration are coming all the time! Like a snowball effect, one thing leads to another and there is no turning back. I think that quite a few of our members may belong to some committee and certainly knows the feeling when you realize that they belong to the next one and so on... It's nice to know that Dental hygienists' expertise has been noted when discussing the promotion of the health of the population . We have multi-professional working group who consider the promotion health issues in working life in this autumn. The group met for the first time this spring and work will continue in the fall. It is also an important issue for Akava. Also, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health's working group on the development of dental care services is represented by our Union members. Their role is to draw up a proposal on how oral health care services can be improved when the new municipal reform comes.

Autumn is here and several of us looks for some further training towards the end of the year or next year. Both as employers and employees, we are responsible of updating our professional skills. It is important to seek further training so you can update your knowledge on the newest developments. Please make sure that you get a high-level education or training which is a real benefit to your working life!

The Association of Geronomes in Finland is now member of Akava Special Branches.

It is a pleasure to report that once again one group of highly trained experts have found their way to Akava. From Dental hygienists' point of view it's a marvelous opportunity to do collaboration with the experts of aging. Gerontologist decree is a higher vocational decree. The aging of the population and the issues it raises touch all of us! With good cooperation we can take advantage of our expertise in a way that will bring real benefits in the future. Our collaboration starts with a meeting of Presidents.

Fresh and energetic autumn!

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