The Japanese Orthodontic Society (JOS), celebrating its 80th anniversary, met for its 65th Annual Meeting in Sapporo September 13–15, 2006. This meeting was notable and historic, as it was held as the first joint meeting of the JOS and the Korean Association of Orthodontists (KAO).

More than 3,600 delegates attended. The academic highlights included the Presidents’ Lecture by Professor Kunimichi Soma, president of JOS, and Professor Cha Kyung-Suk, president of KAO. Professor Soma lectured on the events that led to the First JOS-KAO Joint Meeting, the history and organization of the JOS, as well as the development of common projects between the 2 societies, such as the preparation of East-Asia orthodontic treatment guidelines based on evidence-based medicine. Professor Cha’s topic, “Where we are and where we should go in orthodontics,” highlighted some of the wonderful advances in orthodontics over recent decades, particularly the contribution of Korean orthodontists in the field of microimplant anchorage.

Another highlight was the special lecture by Professor Ali Darendeliler from the University of Sydney, titled “Root resorption in orthodontics: third dimension.” Professor Darendeliler’s research is quantifying the relationship between root resorption and various levels and types of force used by orthodontists. Continuous translation into English, Japanese, and Korean was provided for all lectures.

The posters were a particular strength of the meeting and highlight the research being conducted in the region. There were 105 Academic Exhibits and 37 Case Exhibits in place for 2 days.

The major social activity was the banquet at the Sapporo Bier Garten. This informal cook-your-own Japanese food event was an opportunity to assess each other’s culinary skills while having lots of fun and making new friends, with everyone dressed in cooking aprons.

Professor Soma said that JOS and KAO hoped to hold such joint meetings every second year alternately in Japan and Korea.—Rick Olive
British Orthodontic Society Honors Distinguished Colleague

Professor Athanasios E. Athanasiou was awarded Honorary Membership of the British Orthodontic Society in recognition of his services to the orthodontic profession. He was formally presented with the membership during an award ceremony at the British Orthodontic Conference in October by Dr Ken Lumsden, president of the British Orthodontic Society (BOS).

Professor Athanasiou is chairman of the Department of Orthodontics and Dean of the School of Dentistry at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, as well as the current President of the World Federation of Orthodontists. He has previously served as president of the European Federation of Orthodontics and the Greek Orthodontic Society.

With a record number of registrants this year, the British Orthodontic Conference successfully combined world-class clinical presentations with memorable social events. The programme featured 29 speakers from 8 countries around the world, illustrating the remarkable commitment shared by members of the orthodontic profession to advancing their specialty.

This year’s conference was at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre in Scotland, a fitting venue for an event that attracted many overseas delegates. Jonathan Sandler, chairman of the British Orthodontic Conference, said: “The camaraderie at this year’s event was exceptional and we were pleased to welcome friends from Europe, Japan, the USA, and especially Professor Athanasiou, a distinguished colleague and a great ambassador for orthodontics.”

A full report of this meeting will appear in the spring issue of the WJO.

Indonesian Association of Orthodontists Meets in Bali

The Indonesian Association of Orthodontists (IAO) held its first international meeting in Bali, Indonesia, at the Hard Rock Hotel, Kuta, Bali, August 3–5. Bali was chosen as the site because it is known worldwide for its beautiful scenery and unique culture; it was also an opportunity to restore Bali’s image after the terrifying bombing last year.

The conference was preceded by a 2-day course given by Professor Ravindra Nanda, “Contemporary Orthodontic Treatment Planning and Mechanics.” More than 100 participants attended the course.

The main conference was attended by 467 participants from Indonesia, 8 from Malaysia, 1 from Kuwait, 2 from Thailand, and 2 from the Republic of China. Some of the speakers and topics included: Professor Ravindra Nanda (Aesthetic and smile dynamics); Dr Hoon Kim (Self-ligating orthodontics is beyond our expectations); Professor David J. David (Management of malocclusion with skeletal problems: An orthognathic surgery approach); Professor Wimpi Pangkahila (Healthy sex increases our quality of life); Professor Birte Prahl-Anderson (Indications for orthodontic treatment: Is oral health–related quality of life an issue); and Professor Anmol Kalha (Space—the orthodontist’s final frontier).

Seventeen Indonesian delegates and 2 Malaysian visitors each presented posters, and Dr John Jin-Jong Lin of Taiwan presented lectures at the conference and also gave a 1-day course following the conference on the “Damon System for Asian patients” for 40 fortunate participants.

The dental trade presented an excellent exhibition during the conference, including the newest technology available in dentistry and associated pharmaceutical products. Nonscientific programs included a Welcome Dinner, Residents Night, and City Tour. The Welcome Dinner (hosted by the Ministry for Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia) was attended by all participants, speakers, and presidents of orthodontic associations from Malaysia, Thailand, and Republic of China. We were honored to have the General Director of the Ministry for Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia attend this function. Attendees had the opportunity to see the angklung (a traditional Indonesian musical instrument made from bamboo) show as well as learn how to play the instrument. Residents Night was held the following evening and was attended by all orthodontic residents from the 5 Indonesian universities that have an orthodontic graduate program. The City Tour was to Sukawati Market, located outside Denpaser and known for Balinese traditional craft, cloth, and painting.

The IAO Bali Orthodontic Conference and Exhibition will be held every year with different topics and speakers from all over the world. IAO hopes the number of participants, not only from Indonesia but also from other countries, will increase every year. IAO has a commitment to promote the highest-quality knowledge and skills, for its members and other colleagues. The next IAO Conference is again to be held in Bali, August 10–13, 2007.

IAO was founded in September 1974. It has about 300 orthodontist members from different parts of Indonesia. IAO has 5 branches: Medan, Jakarta, Bandung, Yogyakarta, and Surabaya. The current president of IAO is Professor Dr Eky Soeria Soemantri and the Secretary is Dr Rini Susanti (E-mail: rinigw@cbn.net.id).
Vienna was the host city of the annual European Orthodontic Society Congress for the second time in 96 years. Congress participants found ample opportunity to enjoy the charm, history, and cultural heritage of the city. The venue selected for the congress was the Hofburg, Vienna’s Imperial Palace. Located downtown, the Hofburg provided a unique atmosphere. In addition, congress participants experienced the festivities offered this year to mark the 250th anniversary of Mozart’s birth. Mozart spent his most creative and successful period in Vienna, and his life and eternal cultural impact is being celebrated by way of interesting exhibitions and outstanding operatic festivals offered to the public.

In a precongress course, Professor Björn U. Zachrisson shared with postgraduate students his tremendous knowledge concerning treatment of elderly, periodontally compromised patients. This course aimed to provide clinical guidelines increasing orthodontic quality and long-term stability through excellence in planning, treating, finishing, and retaining. Major topics of this course were: new concepts for creating an attractive display of the teeth and beautiful smiles in orthodontic patients; esthetics in orthodontic finishing of adolescent and adult orthodontic patients; intentional changes in tooth morphology and surrounding marginal and interdental gingiva for esthetic improvements; important aspects of long-term stability of orthodontic treatment results; clinical update on retention approaches and techniques.

At the same time, Renato Cocconi and Mirco Raffaini, 2 upcoming stars in the field of orthodontics, gave a lecture on useful guidelines for diagnosis and treatment planning of orthodontic and surgical patients. Major topics were ideal occlusion and dental and facial esthetics. Cocconi and Raffaini pointed out that the same reference should be used by orthodontists, surgeons, patients, and laypeople. A method to analyze the face in this perspective was proposed.

The main topics of the keynote lectures were: Evolution and aging of man and individual variation (Karl Grammer, Horst Seidler); Interrelationship between orthodontics and periodontics (Peter Dietrich); Occlusion and temporomandibular disorders (Pentti Kirveskari, Thor Henrikson); Missing maxillary lateral incisors: How to optimize space-closure treatment outcomes (Marco Rosa); Controversies in orthodontic concepts (Alan Bagden); Tissue reaction during orthodontic therapy (Yijin Ren, Sabine Ruf); Evolution and aging of man and individual variation: Can we delay aging? (Robert Gasser); and Complexity of aging and its modulation from within (Suresh Rattan).

With 83 lectures and 449 posters, it is almost impossible to give a comprehensive review of the high-standard presentations. A distinguishing mark of this congress was the particular attention to evolution and aging of man, a topic rarely touched by orthodontists.

Dr Dirk Wichman presented his lingual appliance in a 1-day postcongress INCOGNITO certifying course. At the same time Dr Pierre-Georges Planché presented his straight-wire customized prescription for individualized treatment.

For the first time in the history of the EOS, an international teachers forum (EOTF) was held before the congress. More than 40 university members discussed the different curricula, training, and quality-control measures in orthodontic education. The president for the next EOS congress, which will be held in Berlin, promised to continue with this necessary initiative by Professor Kuippers Jagtman.

—Seemann Maximilian and Freudenthaler Josef

Attending the EOS Past Presidents and Council Dinner are (from left): Dr Lee Graber, past president of WFO; Dr James Caveney, past president of AAO; Prof Hans-Peter Bantleon, president of EOS; and Dr Dave Turpin, editor of AJO-DO.
Seattle is the destination for the 107th American Association of Orthodontists’ Annual Session, May 18–22, 2007. This conference, dedicated to Drs Alton Moore and Richard Riedel, past chairs of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Washington, will be replete with unique learning opportunities and access to a wide variety of companies providing essential services and supplies to orthodontic practices.

The Doctors’ Scientific Program will feature some of the specialty’s rising stars. These individuals are involved in groundbreaking research on treatment strategies, adult orthodontics, facial growth and development, imaging, and tooth movement. In addition, Peter Ngan will present the Jacob A. Salzmann Lecture, addressing growth’s influence on orthodontic treatment, growth prediction, and growth-modification techniques. Vince Kokich, Sr, Dave Mathews, and Frank Spear will follow this presentation with the John Valentine Mershon Memorial Lecture on interdisciplinary treatment, and Pat Turley will deliver the Edward H. Angle Lecture.

Running in tandem with the Doctors’ Scientific Program, the Orthodontic Staff Scientific Program will offer lectures on administrative excellence, communication excellence, clinical excellence, marketing excellence, and interactive workshops. The Lifestyles Program is open to all—doctors, staff, spouses, and guests—and will run throughout the conference. This energizing program will feature Carr Hagerman and Mick Lunzer, promoting the FISH! Philosophy, which offers refreshing insights into building and sustaining a healthy workplace. The FISH! Philosophy is based on the work of the fishmongers at the famous Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle.

On Saturday, May 19, attendees can enjoy a relaxing evening of jazz and camaraderie at Benaroya Hall, home of the Seattle Symphony. Kenny G, the “gentleman of jazz,” will be the featured performer for the Opening Ceremonies. A cocktail reception will be held prior to the concert in the stunning Grand Lobby of the hall.

Duke Basketball Head Coach and the United States National Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski, better known as Coach K, will address the Excellence in Orthodontics Luncheon on Sunday, May 20. His powerful and inspiring message will be fitting for an awards luncheon that honors some of the best and brightest in the specialty. Another special event—the Celebrate Seattle Gala—will introduce attendees to the culinary fare of Seattle, as well as local musical entertainment. This event will be held Monday evening, May 21.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to explore Alaska during a postmeeting 7-night cruise on the MS Zaandam. This cruise, which will dock in Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan, Alaska, will feature 6 continuing-education lectures presented by Björn Zachrisson, P. Lionel Sadowsky, Rohit Sachdeva, David Turpin, Jim McNamara, and John Grubb.

To learn more and find registration material, visit the AAO website at www.aaomembers.org and look under meetings.