



## 7th International Orthodontic Congress to offer global perspective on the specialty of orthodontics

### Registration deadline is January 31, 2010; onsite registrations will be taken after this date

The 7th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) and the 4th Meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) will draw the world of orthodontics together February 6 to 9, 2010, at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre in Sydney, Australia. Be part of this historic event that occurs only once every 5 years.

Orthodontists, allied dental health professionals, and orthodontic staff may register for the conference through January 31, 2010. After this date, registrations will be taken onsite. Register online at [www.wfosydney.com](http://www.wfosydney.com). This Web site offers complete details on the 7th IOC, as well as information on tour opportunities and general information about Sydney. At the end of the early registration period in October, more than 2,200 individuals from 85 countries had registered for the congress.

The WFO, the Australian Society of Orthodontists (ASO), and the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference are the official hosts of the 7th IOC. These organizations look forward to welcoming orthodontists and their staff members to Australia.

"Everyone should visit Sydney once in their lifetime," said Dr B. Ian Watson, chair of the 7th IOC Scientific Programme. "As orthodontists, this is a great time to do so and to bring the family. We believe the Scientific Programme is absolutely excellent, the Social Programme will delight, and Sydney is one of the world's truly great cities. Our country is safe, and it is beautiful. Hence, there are many good opportunities for additional touring. The Australian Society of Orthodontists' members are ready to host you for a great experience."

Dr Rick Olive, chair of the Sydney International Orthodontic Congress Committee (SIOCC), hopes each delegate leaves the 7th IOC with great knowledge and fond memories.

"If every delegate leaves Sydney with an enhanced sense of the strength of the scholarship, science, and commitment to excellence of orthodontists, wherever they live in the world, then the 7th IOC will have been worthwhile, and the WFO will benefit," Dr Olive said. "If they take away some special memories of Sydney and Australia to match mine from San Francisco, Chicago, and Paris, then the aura of the IOCs will be enhanced, too."

The SIOCC urges orthodontists to make an early decision to participate in the 7th IOC and to book travel, accommodations, and tours now. Those who are coming into Australia from overseas should also apply for visas.

### Precongress Workshops

The 7th IOC will feature two precongress workshops: "Temporary Anchorage Devices/Microimplants in Orthodontics" and "The

Clinician's Delight – The Aesthetics and Performance of Orthodontic Appliances." Both of these workshops will be held Friday, February 5.

A distinguished group of leaders in the orthodontic specialty will give the course on temporary anchorage devices (TADs) and microimplants. The speakers will feature doctors from northern Asia and many other parts of the world. Dr Junji Sugawara of Japan and Dr Young-Cheol Park of Korea, two of the pioneers in the field, will each chair a session, along with Dr Hee-Moon Kyung of Korea and Dr John Jin-Jong Lin of Taiwan. At the end of the day, Dr Jason Cope of the United States will offer a summary of the factors important to the success of TADs.

The second workshop embraces the recent history of removable appliances (conventional and sequential), fixed lingual and buccal appliances (metallic and ceramic), and retention appliances. Dr Anmol Kalha of India will offer an evidence-based summary at the close of the workshop. Most of the speakers for this workshop have commercial allegiances.

"I sincerely believe that no delegate should miss attending a precongress workshop," Dr Watson said. "The greatest difficulty will be in deciding which one to attend, as delegates will not be able to move from one to the other unless fees have been paid for both. These courses represent extraordinary value for the material being presented. These events will set the stage for the next four days and should not be missed. Where else can one witness such an array of talented speakers? Nowhere—only in Sydney."

### Scientific Programme Highlights

Dr William R. Proffit, Kenan Professor of Orthodontics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is the principal speaker for the 7th IOC. He will deliver his lecture "New Approaches, New Technologies in Modern Orthodontics" Saturday, February 6.

"Dr Proffit is a very, very worthy selection as the principal speaker," Dr Watson said. "He has made an outstanding contribution to the specialty of orthodontics, and there is no doubt that he will offer a wonderful presentation that will inform and challenge delegates and, in particular, inspire all presenters to raise the bar."

This lecture will kick off the Scientific Programme for the 7th IOC, which will feature many keynote speakers and invited speakers. Go to [www.wfosydney.com](http://www.wfosydney.com) to review the extensive list of speakers.

"Across all of the Scientific Programme, including the precongress workshops and the World Village Day, more than one-third of the speakers will be drawn from the Asian region,"

Dr Olive said. "This appropriately reflects the growing importance of Asian orthodontists and their strong contribution to research. Western orthodontists' appreciation of the strength of Asian orthodontic research has been growing, and the exposure of so many Asian orthodontic academics on the 7th IOC Scientific Programme will strengthen the scientific content of the congress and fairly showcase the achievements of our Asian colleagues."

In addition to the lectures, attendees can view 76 oral abstract presentations covering 38 topics. More than 600 individuals from 63 countries submitted abstracts to the SIOCC. "The quality and diversity of the abstracts ensured that we were able to select two excellent oral presentations for every one of the 38 topics in the main Scientific Programme," Dr Olive said.

Poster presentations are also part of the Scientific Programme. The majority of the posters will be presented electronically. "We have been thrilled that almost all the presenters have chosen to make electronic presentations," Dr Watson said. "We are very excited about this innovative switch to electronic format, and we are sure it will end the (traditional) poster era. We will have numerous pods, or minitheaters, where delegates can view the presentations on screens. Delegates will be able to download the presentations, if the presenters agree—and most have. So they (delegates) will be able to take them (the poster presentations) home on a 'stick'. This is a very exciting development and should win virtual universal acceptance from presenters and delegates alike."

#### World Village Day

A unique aspect of the 7th IOC is the World Village Day on Monday, February 8. This day will feature the 22nd Australian Orthodontic Congress, lectures offered by the Arab Orthodontic Society, the 7th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference, lectures offered by the British Orthodontic Society, the European Village Day, and the South American Village Day. All of the sessions are open to congress attendees.

"I have been most impressed by the engagement of all parts of the world in the World Village Day," Dr Olive said. "The SIOCC copied the concept from the 6th IOC European Village Day, but



The famous Sydney Opera House will be the site of the Stanley Wilkinson Memorial Oration and International Reception February 7, 2010, during the 7th International Orthodontic Congress and 4th Meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists.

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opened the opportunity to regional associations from all continents. The Village Day is on the third day, Monday, so it should be recognized as an integral part of the Scientific Programme, with every lecture open to all delegates."

#### Allied Dental Health Professionals and Staff Programme

The Allied Dental Health Professionals and Staff Programme, featuring many respected Australian and international speakers, has been structured to improve the depth of clinical and professional knowledge of all members of the orthodontic team.

In addition, 10 orthodontic nurses or clerical staff will compete in the World Champion Orthodontic Nurses and Clerical Staff Competition Monday, February 8. All attendees are welcome to watch this competition.

To learn more about the Allied Dental Health Professionals and Staff Programme, go to [www.wfosydney.com](http://www.wfosydney.com).

#### Social Programme

The Welcome Reception Saturday, February 6, at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre is complimentary and will feature "unusual Aussie entertainment," Dr Olive said.

The Stanley Wilkinson Memorial Oration and International Reception will celebrate one of the founders of the ASO, Dr Stanley Wilkinson, who also funded the original corpus of the ASO Foundation for Research and Education. The event will be held Sunday, February 7 at the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall. "This function is a fixture of the Australian Orthodontic Congresses and will give delegates an opportunity to attend and enjoy the Sydney Opera House," Dr Olive said.

The Presidents' Reception on Sydney Harbour will be held Monday evening, February 8. Participants will enjoy an evening cruise on board the Captain Cook "MV2000."

The final social event will be the Gala Dinner Tuesday evening, February 9. This event at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre will feature dinner, drinks, and music.

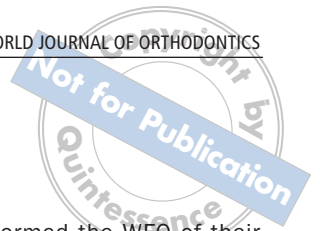
To learn more about these events and ticket prices, go to [www.wfosydney.com](http://www.wfosydney.com).



The Blue Mountains border Sydney's metropolitan area. The mountainous region consists mainly of a sandstone plateau, and the area is dissected by gorges.

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## WFO announces representatives to serve on the 2010–2015 WFO Council



To date, the majority of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) affiliate organizations have informed the WFO of their representatives who will serve on the WFO Council for the next 5 years. The WFO Council will convene February 4, 2010, in conjunction with the 7th International Orthodontic Congress and the 4th Meeting of the WFO in Sydney, Australia.

Organizations that have not selected their representatives should do so as soon as possible. Please contact Ms Terri Wise of the WFO Secretariat. Her email address is [wfo@wfo.org](mailto:wfo@wfo.org).

### Africa and the Middle East

- Egyptian Orthodontic Society – Dr Yehya A. Mostafa
- Emirates Society of Orthodontists – Dr Moza Tehwara
- Iranian Association of Orthodontists – Representative not known at this time
- Iraqi Orthodontic Society – Dr Akram Faisal Al-Huwaizi
- Israel Orthodontic Society – Dr Silvia Geron and Dr Orna Kaufman
- Jordan Orthodontic Society – Dr Sami Sh. B. Samawi
- Kenya Association of Orthodontists – Dr Mohamed Hanif Butt
- Kuwait Orthodontic Society – Dr Rasha Hamad Al-Mubarak
- Lebanese Orthodontic Association – Dr Ali Fahs
- Namibian Society of Orthodontists – Representative not known at this time
- Nigerian Association of Orthodontists – Representative not known at this time
- Palestinian Orthodontic Society – Representative not known at this time
- Saudi Orthodontic Society – Dr Khalid Ibraheem Albadr
- Societe Marocaine d'Orthopedie Dento-Faciale – Representative not known at this time
- South African Society of Orthodontists – Dr Haydn Harry Bellardie
- Sudanese Orthodontic Society – Dr Omer Elfarouk A. Abuelgasim
- Syrian Orthodontic Society – Dr Jihad Al Chaar
- Tunisian Orthodontic Society – Representative not known at this time

### Central and East Asia

- Bangladesh Orthodontic Society – Dr Md. Zakir Hossain
- Chinese Orthodontic Society – Dr Jiu-Xiang Lin, Dr Tian-Min Xu and Dr Yan-Heng Zhou
- Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists – Dr Ricky W. K. Wong
- Indian Orthodontic Society – Dr Om Prakash Kharbanda and Dr E. T. Roy
- Japanese Orthodontic Society – Dr Yasuhiko Asai, Dr Shigemi Goto, Dr Keiji Moriyama and Dr Kazuo Tanne
- Korean Association of Orthodontists – Dr Chung Ju Hwang, Dr Sang-Cheol Kim and Dr Young Guk Park
- Macau Association of Orthodontists – Dr Wei Lin
- Orthodontic and Dentofacial Orthopaedic Association of Nepal - Representative not known at this time
- Pakistan Association of Orthodontists – Dr Amjad Mahmood
- Sri Lanka Orthodontic Society – Dr Kasinathar Paranthamalingam
- Taiwan Association of Orthodontists – Dr Ching-Huei Horng and Dr Yeong-Charng Yen
- Thai Association of Orthodontists – Dr Tanan Jaruprakorn

### Central and South America

- Academia Costarricense de Ortodoncia – Dr Ana Lilia Dobles Jimenez
- Asociación de Ortodoncistas de Nicaragua – Dr Esteban Bendana
- Asociación Salvadoreña de Ortodoncia – Dr Armando Gutierrez-Oriani
- Associação Brasileira de Ortodontia e Ortopedia Facial – Dr Eustaquio A. Araujo
- Guatemalan Association of Orthodontists – Representative not known at this time
- Peruvian Orthodontic Society – Dr Lawrence R. Koenig
- Sociedad Argentina de Ortodoncia – Dr José C. Elgoyhen and Dr Lia Jaquelina Sokolowicz
- Sociedad Boliviana de Ortodoncia – Representative not known at this time
- Sociedad Colombiana de Ortodoncia – Dr Julio R. Saldarriaga M.
- Sociedad de Ortodoncia de Chile – Dr Octavio M. Del Real and Dr Hernan Palomino M.
- Sociedad de Ortodoncia de Honduras – Representative not known at this time
- Sociedad Dominicana de Ortodoncia Inc. – Dr Saqib Khan
- Sociedad Ecuatoriana de Ortodoncia – Dr Gerson Cabezas B.
- Sociedad Panamena de Ortodoncistas – Dr Francisco Lee
- Sociedad Paraguaya de Ortodoncia – Representative not known at this time
- Sociedad Venezolana de Ortodoncia – Representative not known at this time
- Sociedade Brasileira de Ortodontia – Dr Flavia Artese and Dr Slamad Fernandes Rodrigues

### Europe

- Asociatia Nationala Romana de Ortodontie – Dr Dragos Stanciu
- Associazione Specialisti Italiana Ortodoncia – Dr Antonio Gracco
- Azerbaijanian Professional Orthodontic Society – Dr Ziba Gasimova
- Belgian Union of Orthodontists Societies (BUOS) – Dr Bart Maurice Vande-Vannet
- Berufsverband der Deutschen Kieferorthopäden – Dr Gundi M. Mindermann
- British Orthodontic Society – Dr Leslie Joffe and Dr Alison M. Murray
- Bulgarian Orthodontic Society – Dr Laura Andreeva
- Croatian Orthodontic Society – Dr Mladen Slaj
- Cyprus Orthodontic Society – Dr Abraham Kyriakides
- Czech Orthodontic Society – Dr Ivo Marek

- Danish Society of Orthodontic Specialists – Representative not known at this time
- Dutch Association of Orthodontists – Dr Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman and Dr Yijin Ren
- German Association of Orthodontists – Dr Christian Scherer
- German Orthodontic Society – Dr Barbel Kahl-Nieke
- Greek Association for Orthodontic Study and Research – Dr Evangelia E. Stamou
- Greek Orthodontic Society – Dr Michail Kalavritinos
- Hungarian Association of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics – Dr Andras Vegh
- Icelandic Orthodontic Society – Dr Teitur Jonsson
- Latvian Orthodontists Association – Representative not known at this time
- Lithuanian Orthodontic Society – Dr Antanas Sidlauskas
- Moldavian Association of Dentofacial Orthopedics – Representative not known at this time
- Norwegian Association of Orthodontists – Dr Bjorn Kvaran
- Orthodontic Section of the Finnish Dental Society – Dr Pertti Pirttiniemi
- Orthodontic Society of Ireland – Dr Georges Takla
- Polish Orthodontic Society – Representative not known at this time
- Professional Society of Orthodontists Russia – Dr Olga Arsenina
- Serbian Orthodontic Society – Dr Mirjana Sasic
- Slovak Orthodontic Society – Representative not known at this time
- Slovenian Orthodontic Society – Representative not known at this time
- Sociedad Española de Ortodoncia – Representative not known at this time
- Sociedade Portuguesa de Ortopedia Dento Facial – Dr Americo R. Ribeiro Ferraz
- Societa Italiana di Ortodoncia – Dr Carmela Savastano
- Societe Belge d'Orthodontie – Dr Danny G. Op Heij
- Soci t  Franaise d'Orthop die Dento-Faciale – Dr Jean-Jacques Aknin
- Societe Luxembourgeoise d'Orthodontie – Dr Germain Becker
- Swedish Association of Orthodontists – Dr Heidrun Kjellberg
- Swiss Orthodontic Society – Dr Christos Katsaros

- Syndicat des Sp cialistes Franais en Orthop die Dento-Faciale – Dr Claude Bourdillat-Mikol
- Turkish Orthodontic Society – Dr Selma T. Elekdag-Turk and Dr Tamer Turk
- Ukrainian Association of Orthodontists – Representative not known at this time

#### North America

- Academia Mexicana de Ortodoncia – Dr Adan A. Casasa
- American Association of Orthodontists – Dr Robert J. Bray, Dr John F. Buzzatto, Dr Gayle Glenn, Dr Lee W. Graber, Dr Brent E. Larson, Dr Morris N. Poole, Dr Michael B. Rogers, and Dr Robert E. Varner
- Asociaci n Mexicana de Ortodoncia – Dr Roberto Carrillo and Dr Jesus J. Rea
- Canadian Association of Orthodontists – Dr Robert H. Cram and Dr Ritchie Mah

#### Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, and Singapore

- Association of Orthodontists, Singapore – Dr Bryce Lee
- Association of Philippine Orthodontists – Dr Ermelinda L. Sabater-Galang
- Australian Society of Orthodontists – Dr Frederic Shane Fryer and Dr John Michele Razza
- Indonesian Association of Orthodontists – Dr Himawan Halim
- Malaysian Association of Orthodontists – Dr Noraini Binti Hj. Alwi
- New Zealand Association of Orthodontists – Dr Peter V. Fowler

#### Regional Affiliate Organizations

- Arab Orthodontic Society – Dr Sami Sh. B. Samawi
- Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society – Dr Crisanta C. Santayana
- Asociaci n Ibero-Americana de Ortodoncistas – Dr Pablo Echarri Lobiondo
- Asociaci n Latinoamericana de Ortodoncia – Dr Augusto J. Urena
- Caribbean Society of Orthodontists – Dr Sastri Edward Harnarayan
- European Federation of Orthodontic Specialists Associations – Dr Lars Medin
- European Federation of Orthodontics – Dr Olivier P. Mauchamp
- European Orthodontic Society – Dr Maja Ovsenik

## New voluntary self-assessment system for European orthodontists takes off

Charged with the responsibility to promote quality orthodontic care throughout Europe, the European Federation of Orthodontic Specialists Associations (EFOSA) has developed a voluntary self-assessment system that allows orthodontists to evaluate their daily clinical practices to determine which factors lead to the best patient service. While the EFOSA Self-Assessment System (ESAS) has been online since 2008, EFOSA officially announced its availability to orthodontists during the European Orthodontic Society's 85th Congress in June in Helsinki, Finland.

EFOSA encourages European orthodontists to use ESAS, which provides a controlled comparison of patient data and does not reveal the identity of the doctors or patients. Orthodontists who are members of an organization that belongs to EFOSA may register to use this free evaluation tool at [www.esas.nu](http://www.esas.nu). (To determine if your professional orthodontic organization belongs to EFOSA, go to [www.efosa.eu](http://www.efosa.eu).)

As of late September, at least 400 practicing orthodontists had registered to use the site. In addition, EFOSA recently began

offering this resource to postgraduate orthodontic students. Orthodontists can also invite their patients to participate in ESAS, which collects their feedback through an online questionnaire. Patients' identities are not revealed to the ESAS users. As the number of orthodontists using the system increases, the system will be able to provide more sophisticated statistical comparisons.

Dr Frank de Winter, chair of the EFOSA Quality Committee, which developed ESAS, said ESAS is based on the EURO-QUAL project. This project, which was twice funded by the European Union in 1993 and 1996, led to the development of a philosophy and common language for quality development in orthodontics. The second phase of the project resulted in the development of the *European Orthodontic Quality Manual*, which assists individual orthodontists in their efforts to develop their own quality system.

"ESAS seemed to be a logical initiative for EFOSA, and it also seemed to be a logical continuation of EURO-QUAL," said Dr de Winter, who contributed to the EURO-QUAL project and practiced orthodontics for 30 years in Heemstede, The Netherlands. "Once one has set up a quality system in the practice, it would be nice to find out what the end results look like when compared to other practices, which hopefully helps find ways for continuous further improvement of orthodontic care."

He stresses that ESAS is strictly a voluntary self-assessment resource. ESAS measures treatment results with the help of a treatment outcome (TO) questionnaire and occlusal indices (PAR, ICON and IOTN). The treatment process (TP) questionnaire then evaluates the total orthodontic process and practice routines. Once orthodontists enter patient data, they can give the patient a login code. The patient can then enter data into the system through the patient satisfaction (PS) questionnaire.

ESAS will show the orthodontist an outcome as a percentage for each item (index, TO, TP and PS) compared to the average of the database. Once the database increases in size, it will be possible to compare certain types of treatment and/or certain ortho-

dentists, such as those in a particular area or country or those who are best-scoring. The orthodontist will also be able to review his average per question per questionnaire in comparison to the database. "This may help stimulate orthodontists even more to improve their quality of care," Dr de Winter said. "Since treatment outcome, for the large part, is based on the treatment processes, this is where the ESAS user should go to study the differences per question."

Entering data into ESAS is not time-consuming, he said.

"Once an orthodontist is a bit familiar with the ESAS Web site, it will take him or her just over 5 minutes per case to enter all data into the questionnaires on treatment outcome and on all five phases of treatment processes," Dr. de Winter said. "Since using outcome indices is made very easy in ESAS, entering all data in PAR takes only 2 minutes, in ICON 1.5 minutes, and IOTN 30 seconds. A series that is widely used—TO-TP-ICON—takes a total of less than seven minutes. The American Board of Orthodontics Objective Grading System is not yet available in ESAS, but hopefully will be soon."

Dr de Winter encourages orthodontists to enter 20 to 50 consecutively finished cases each year.

"We hope that ESAS will not only be used by the orthodontists who do everything already to provide the best possible care, but that using ESAS will be so normal to the orthodontic profession that it will be used widely and become a basis for continuous development of care. In this respect, a quality system like ESAS must be in continuous development; there is no indicator of quality that has an eternal value. So we hope and expect that in the future the ESAS users will have great input in further development of the system."

EFOSA will promote ESAS during the upcoming 7th International Orthodontic Congress and 4th Meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists in Sydney, Australia.

## WFO offers guidelines for Postgraduate Orthodontic Education

### Review the guidelines at [www.wfo.org](http://www.wfo.org).

The Executive Committee of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) received and recently approved the Guidelines for Postgraduate Orthodontic Education, which were prepared and submitted by a task force that was appointed in 2006. These guidelines may assist countries, associations, and educational institutions in need in the development or improvement of such specialty programs. It is also anticipated that these detailed recommendations will be used by postgraduate program directors worldwide and by related educational, scientific, and administrative institutions at all levels of sophistication to measure their respective curriculum against a worldwide standard.

These guidelines are now available at <http://wfo.org/Guidelines-for-Postgraduate-Orthodontic-Education.cfm>. The guidelines were also published in the *World Journal of Orthodontics* (Volume 10, Number 2).

The guidelines cover 10 elements of postgraduate programs: program goals and objectives; program duration; residents; faculty; clinical care, study, and research facilities; required curriculum;

sponsoring institution and institutional commitments; program evaluation; resident evaluation; and outcome assessment. The guidelines also include the following appendices: Clinical Care, Study, and Research Facilities; and Educational Topics.

The WFO Task Force on Guidelines for Postgraduate Orthodontic Education was chaired by Dr Athanasios E. Athanasiou, president of the WFO. The other members of the task force included Dr M. Ali Darendeliler (Australia), Dr Theodore Eliades (Greece), Dr Urban Hägg (Hong Kong), Dr Brent Larson (United States), Dr Pertti Pirttiniemi (Finland), Dr Stephen Richmond (United Kingdom), Dr Kunimichi Soma (Japan), Dr Alexander Vardimon (Israel), and Dr William Wiltshire (Canada).

These guidelines reflect the WFO's efforts to offer support to recognized orthodontic training programs in every region of the world.

## Slovenia to welcome the 86th EOS Congress in 2010

In 2010, the European Orthodontic Society (EOS) will host its 86th Congress June 15 to 19 at the St Bernardin Adriatic Resort and Convention Centre in Portorož, Slovenia. Located in the heart of Europe, Slovenia is surrounded by the Adriatic Sea and the Alps. This unique geography draws tourists to this European Union country throughout the year. The coastal city of Portorož, also known as the Port of Roses, is a beautiful destination that offers a rich history to all who visit.

The Scientific Program of the EOS Congress will be as dynamic as the country. Scientific topics include biotechnology and its future in orthodontics, contemporary diagnostics and treatment approaches, Class III malocclusion, and free topics.

Dr Urban Hägg will deliver the Sheldon Friel Memorial Lecture. His topic will focus on the facial profile and changes with and without treatment. Keynote speakers include Dr Tiziano Baccetti, Dr Alan Bagden, Dr Friedrich Byloff, Dr Renato Cocconi, Dr Nataša Ihan Hren, Dr Fraser McDonald, Dr Peter Ngan, Dr Stephen Richmond, Dr Jože Trontelj, Dr David Turpin, Dr Frank Weiland, Dr Andrea Wichelhaus, and Dr Dirk Wiechmann.

Dr Wichelhaus is the featured speaker for Pre-Congress Course I: "Biomechanical Aspects in Orthodontic Treatment." Dr Bagden and Dr Byloff will deliver Pre-Congress Course II: "Active and Passive Self-Ligation: Clarification from Controversy." A panel discussion will follow the pre-congress course on active and passive self-ligation.

The postgraduate course is "Time: The Fourth Dimension in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics." Dr Baccetti is the speaker for this session.

The Post-Congress Course I is "Role of High-precision Three-dimensional Surface Images in Understanding Facial Morphologies and Planning Virtual Treatment." Dr Chung How Kau is the speaker. The Post-Congress Course II, a two-day session, is titled "The Incognito System in Lingual Orthodontics." Dr Wiechmann will present this course.

To learn more about the EOS Congress Scientific Program and special events, go to [www.eos2010.si](http://www.eos2010.si). Register by March 31, 2010, to qualify for the lowest registration fees. Visit [www.slovenia-tourism.si](http://www.slovenia-tourism.si) to learn more about Slovenia.

## WFO participates in the Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program to encourage membership among orthodontic residents

For the second year, the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) participated in the Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program (GORP) for US and Canadian orthodontic residents/students in an effort to introduce future orthodontists to the WFO and its mission. The WFO has accepted student memberships since 2005.

GORP, which began in 1989 at the University of Michigan, provides an annual opportunity for future orthodontists to grow professionally and to create interpersonal relationships among colleagues and representatives from orthodontic manufacturers. The program's venue alternates between Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, and other university cities. In 2009, the event was held in August at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.

The meeting, which is coordinated by the orthodontic residents/students, attracts between 350 and 400 attendees each year. In addition to the scientific program presented by prominent lecturers, orthodontic residents/students participate in social and

sporting events designed to allow for maximum student interaction. The schedule also allows the participants to meet with representatives from the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), the Canadian Association of Orthodontists, and AAO-affiliated organizations.

Dr Larson Keso, a member of the WFO Executive Committee, represented the WFO at the 2009 and 2008 meetings. This year, Dr Keso met approximately 200 students and distributed the new WFO information brochure, student membership application, and registration form for the 7th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in Sydney, Australia. Dr Keso also thanked vendors who are under contract to exhibit at the 7th IOC. These vendors received a flyer promoting travel and tour options. He invited other vendors who market products and services internationally to consider exhibiting at the 7th IOC. He distributed the exhibitor prospectus and travel brochure to these vendors.

## News & Announcements

The Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) has elected its new officers. Dr Gerald Zeit of Toronto, Ontario, is president; Dr Howard Steinman of Ajax, Ontario, is president-elect; Dr Ritchie Mah of Vancouver, British Columbia, is 1st vice president; Dr Paul Major of Edmonton, Alberta, is 2nd vice president; and Dr Garry Solomon of Belleville, Ontario, is secretary/treasurer. The CAO elected its officers during its 61st Annual Scientific Session in September in Kelowna, British Columbia.

## Taiwan Association of Orthodontists supports the Thomas M. Graber WFO Memorial Fund



The Taiwan Association of Orthodontists (TAO) presented a \$500 check to representatives of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) in May during the 109th American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The TAO designated the money for the Thomas M. Graber WFO Memorial Fund. All monies in this fund are used to purchase subscriptions to the World Journal of Orthodontics for deserving, qualified academic institutions or deserving individuals, including orthodontic students in need. From left are Dr William DeKock, secretary-general of the WFO; Dr Chia Tze Kao, past president of the TAO; Dr Athanasios E. Athanasiou, president of the WFO; Dr Ching Huei Horng, president of the TAO; and Dr Lee Graber, past president of the WFO and the son of Dr Thomas M. Graber.

This is the second year that the TAO has made this donation. "All TAO members support the WFO's efforts to contribute to world orthodontics," Dr Kao said. "Dr T.M. Graber was an honorary member of the TAO. We respect his contributions, too. It is hoped that the memorial fund can exist forever to help those who need it. Although the (TAO's) donation is small, the TAO will continue doing it as long as the TAO can financially support it," Dr Kao said.

Others who wish to donate to the Thomas M. Graber WFO Memorial Fund may do so by sending a check in US funds or credit card number to the WFO, c/o Ms Terri Wise, executive secretary, 401 N. Lindbergh Boulevard, St Louis, MO 63141-7816, USA. If you prefer, a credit card number indicating the amount of the donation may be faxed to Ms Wise at +1-314-993-5208. A contribution to this fund is not deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be deductible as a business expense. Please consult your financial advisor.

## AAO, WFO leaders greet Chinese Orthodontic Society delegation in May



Members of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Board of Trustees and members of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) Executive Committee formally welcomed the Chinese Orthodontic Society (COS) delegation that attended the 109th AAO Annual Session in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, in May. The Chinese Orthodontic Society became an affiliate organization of the WFO in 2008.

Pictured here, from left, are Dr Bin Yan of Nanjing Medical University School of Stomatology; Dr Xiao-Tong Li, associate professor at Peking University School of Stomatology; Dr Bing-Shuang Zou, associate professor of Peking University School of Stomatology; Dr Zhen Wang of the Huizhou Dental Hospital; Dr Shan Wang of the Nanjing Medical University School of Stomatology; Dr Wei-Jie Zhong of the Shanghai Stomatological Disease Center; Dr Ai-Ping Huang of a hospital in the Xin Jiang Province; Dr A-Ying Ding, a private practitioner in Beijing; Dr Yan-Heng Zhou, vice president of the COS; Dr Lee Graber, AAO president-elect; Dr Tian-Min Xu, president of the COS; Dr Roberto Justus, president-elect of the WFO; Dr Raymond George Sr, immediate past president of the AAO; Dr Lin Wang, vice president of the COS; Dr Athanasios E. Athanasiou, president of the WFO; Dr William DeKock, secretary-general of the WFO; Dr Jiu-Xiang Lin, immediate past president of the COS; Dr Rong-Dang Hu, vice dean of the Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical College; Dr Robert James Bray, president of the AAO; Dr Li-Li Chen, associate professor at Union Hospital, Tongji Medical College, Huazhong Science and Technology University; Dr Yan Yan, clinical professor at the 1st Affiliated Dental Hospital of Peking University School of Stomatology; Dr Xin-Hua Sun, a professor at Jilin University School of Stomatology; Dr Yan-Ping Zuo, an associate professor at the 1st Affiliated Hospital of He Bei Medical University; Dr Jian-Yong Wu, vice dean of the Affiliated Dental Hospital, Nanchang University Jiangxi Medical College; and Dr Xing Zhong Zhang, a former associate professor at Peking University School of Stomatology and current third-year resident at Case Western Reserve University.

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