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The 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC) is now less than a year away. Register now for this world-class conference that will be held Sept. 27-30, 2015, in London, England. The British Orthodontic Society (BOS), in association with the WFO, is organizing the 8th IOC and is looking forward to welcoming WFO fellows to London.

Online registration for the 8th IOC is open. The early-bird registration fees will be in effect through June 2, 2015; registration fees will increase after this date. Visit the 8th IOC website, http://wfo2015london.org, to register.

The Opening Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 27 will officially begin this much-anticipated Congress. During this event, Dr. Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman will deliver the WFO Lecture. Dr. Kuijpers-Jagtman is professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics and Craniofacial Biology at Radboud University in Nijmegen, Netherlands. She is also the editor-in-chief of the scientific journal Orthodontics and Craniofacial Research.

“Dr. Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman is well-known for the outstanding research she has done, which has resulted in the advancement of orthodontics,” said Dr. Roberto Justus.

WFO student members who become WFO fellows will receive a one-year dues waiver

This membership promotion is in effect through September 27, 2015

WFO student members who complete their graduate orthodontic program and apply for WFO fellowship between now and Sept. 27, 2015, will not have to pay dues their first year as a WFO fellow — a savings of $40 (U.S. dollars). If student members choose a multiple-year fellowship membership, they will also receive the waiver. Through this promotion, those membership options will be extended by one year. For example, the three-year membership, which is available for $120 (U.S. dollars), will be in effect for four years. The five-year membership, which is available for $184 (U.S. dollars), will be in effect for six years.

This latest membership promotion is in addition to the one currently in place for WFO student memberships and renewals. Since September 2013, the WFO Executive Committee has waived membership dues for new orthodontic student memberships and student membership renewals. This dues waiver is also in effect through Sept. 27, 2015. Previously, annual dues for orthodontic student members were $20 (U.S. dollars).

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WFO student member creates an organization geared to postgraduate orthodontic students worldwide

The World Federation of Postgraduate Orthodontic Students provides an online forum for WFO student members; more resources to come

Driven by a desire to unite postgraduate orthodontic students all over the world, Dr. Karolina Kaczor Urbanowicz, a WFO student member, has formed a new orthodontic organization for students, the World Federation of Postgraduate Orthodontic Students (WFPOS). This newly formed organization, which is recognized by the WFO, is open only to WFO student members. Students may join the WFPOS for free.

While attending the Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists, the 90th Congress of the European Orthodontic Society and the 45th International Congress of the Società Italiana di Ortodonzia earlier this year, she met orthodontic students from all over the world. These conversations made her realize an opportunity was waiting.

“I met a lot of new friends who are doing their postgraduate programs in orthodontics in many different countries all over the world,” said Dr. Kaczor Urbanowicz, who is originally from Poland and now attends the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem, Israel. She earned her DMD from the Medical University of Warsaw. “During our conversations, we were exchanging our ideas and opinions about the congresses, clinical cases and research. Then an idea came to me that it would be great if we could continue to exchange our orthodontic experience and clinically encountered problems among ourselves in an organized manner.”

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WFO Executive Committee to select slate of candidates for the 2015-2020 WFO Executive Committee in May 2015

WFO Council to elect to Executive Committee members in September 2015

Earlier this year, the WFO requested WFO affiliate organizations to nominate individuals to serve on the 2015-2020 WFO Executive Committee. Nominations were due by the WFO Secretariat by Sept. 27, 2014. In May 2015, the current WFO Executive Committee will select 10 of the nominated candidates for consideration by the WFO Council. This final slate of candidates will be announced in late May 2015 on the WFO website and in the next issue of the WFO Gazette, which will mail in June 2015.

The WFO Council will convene and vote on the slate of candidates prior to the 8th International Orthodontic Congress in London, England, in September 2015. The 10 individuals who are elected will represent the six major regions of the world on the Executive Committee and will help carry out the WFO’s mission to advance the art and science of orthodontics.

In addition to these newly elected members, the WFO Executive Committee will include the president; the secretary-general, an ex officio member; the editor of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists, an ex officio member; and a representative from the Japanese Orthodontic Society, the host of the 9th IOC in 2020 in Yokohama, Japan.

American Board of Orthodontics announces important changes to its certification pathway

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO), which is recognized by the American Dental Association and sponsored by the American Association of Orthodontists, routinely seeks orthodontic educators’ feedback in regard to its board-certification process. As a result of recommendations received at the Vincent G. Kolich ABO Educators Symposium in March 2014, the ABO has refined its certification process to standardize requirements among all examinees. Below is a synopsis of the changes that went into effect at the beginning of October 2014. Complete details on the certification pathway can be found online at www.americanboardortho.com.

The ABO directors request feedback from orthodontic educators, examiners and examinees on a regular basis," said Dr. Paul Casteljen, president of the ABO. "We take this information seriously. The changes to the certification and renewal pathways clarify and facilitate the examination process and will encourage more orthodontists to pursue certification. The Board anticipates impending changes to the ABO website and increased educational outreach to the public will further enhance the value of board certification for ABO Diplomates.

The ABO now offers one certification pathway — the Initial Certification Examination. Eligibility for this pathway is divided into two categories: the Recent Graduate and the Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner.

Both categories require the examinee to be a graduate of an advanced specialty education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics in the United States or Canada that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The examinee must also successfully complete the ABO Written Examination for eligibility to participate in the Initial Certification Examination.

Recent Graduate: This examinee must submit a minimum of three of the required six cases within 24 months of graduating from a CODA-accredited orthodontic program. Recent Graduates must submit cases that they solely treated while in their residency program, clinical orthodontic practice or a combination of both. The balance of case requirements will be collected, either from residency within 24 months of graduation or from post-residency practice, within 10 years and two more attempts at completion of requirements.

Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner: This examinee graduated from a CODA-accredited orthodontic program more than 24 months ago and must submit six cases from clinical orthodontic practice. Full-time orthodontic educators, who have met all other requirements, may present a maximum of three cases that they directly supervised while teaching within a CODA-accredited program.

Initial Certification Examination Case Criteria: The Recent Graduate and the Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner must meet the same case criteria. Standardization of the clinical examination has balanced the requirements for the two categories of examinees. Specifically, both the Recent Graduate and Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner may now submit at least one non-orthognathic surgical case with bilateral end-to-end or greater Class II molar relationship present at the time of appliance placement. All other case requirements remain the same.

Banking Process: If an examinee does not fully complete the Initial Certification Examination at the first sitting, presented cases that are evaluated as complete will be “banked,” or documented, at the ABO Central Office. The examinee, whether a Recent Graduate or Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner, will have 10 years and two more attempts to collect the balance of required cases.

Certification Renewal Examinations

The ABO has also announced changes to the certification renewal examinations. Diplomates with time-limited certificates must complete the First Certification Renewal Examination (followed by the Second, Third and Fourth Certification Renewal Examinations) to maintain certification every 10 years. The ABO will institute an online examination component for the Certification Renewal Examinations as of September 2015. With the addition of the online exam, case requirements have been reduced, and cases are to be submitted online and by mail only.

During the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in London, England, the WFO and the American Board of Orthodontics will host the 4th symposium on orthodontic board certification. Please read the related article on this page.

WFO affiliate organizations to select representatives for the WFO Council

WFO Council to convene prior to the 8th IOC in 2015

The WFO Council, the major policymaking body of the WFO, will convene Sept. 26, 2015, prior to the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in London, England. This will mark the fourth meeting of the Council since the WFO was founded in 1995.

The WFO Secretariat is in the process of receding the names of councilors who will represent WFO affiliate national and regional organizations during the Council meeting. Each affiliate national and regional organization may nominate one representative to serve on the Council. However, if more than one affiliate organization is domiciled in a country, the organizations may have to adjust the final allocation of seats subject to the terms of Article 6.7 of the WFO Bylaws. In addition, 49 councilors are selected at large based on each affiliate organization’s pro rata share of the total WFO membership.

Affiliate organizations must submit the names of councilors to the WFO by March 15, 2015. Please send this information to Terrie Wise of the WFO Secretariat. Her e-mail address is wfo@wfo.org. WFO Councilors will be invited to attend a special luncheon-only dinner on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015.

Duties of the WFO Council

The WFO Council performs several duties during each International Orthodontic Congress. At the upcoming 8th IOC, the Council will elect the 10 WFO Executive Committee members. The Council will also consider amendments to the WFO Bylaws, and the councilors will receive full reports on the actions of the WFO Executive Committee over the last five years and a full financial report on the status of the WFO.

The WFO encourages all WFO fellows to attend the WFO Council meeting. A visitor’s section will be provided for those who wish to watch the proceedings. The location, as well as the names of the WFO councilors, will be announced in the next issue of the WFO Gazette.

WFO to host symposium on orthodontic board certification during the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® in 2015

During the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC) in London, England, the WFO and the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) will host a half-day symposium on orthodontic board certification to assist existing orthodontic certifying boards and those national and regional WFO affiliate organizations that wish to form an orthodontic certifying board. The WFO encourages all interested individuals to attend this free symposium, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 27, 2015, at ExCel London, the convention center for the 8th IOC.

This symposium, which will be similar to the symposium held in 2010 during the 7th IOC in Sydney, Australia, will feature a presentation by the ABO directors, who will discuss the ABO’s process for certification, as well as the changes that have occurred in recent years. Following this presentation, attendees will break into groups to discuss common issues, such as the selection of clinical examiners, examination criteria, examination evaluation criteria, clinical record requirements, and the development of a written examination. The groups will present their discussion outcomes at the end of the symposium.

The WFO has made it a priority to support and encourage the development of orthodontic boards. As part of this endeavor, the WFO published the WFO Guidelines for the Establishment of New National and Regional Orthodontic Certifying Boards. The WFO has also recognized 15 orthodontic certifying boards around the world, including the American Board of Orthodontics, the Argentine Board of Orthodontics, the Australian Orthodontic Board, the Brazilian Board of Orthodontics, the European Board of Orthodontists, the French Board of Orthodontics, the German Board of Orthodontics, the Indian Board of Orthodontics, the Italian Board of Orthodontics, the Japanese Orthodontic Board, the Korean Board of Orthodontics, the Mexican Board of Orthodontists, the Philippine Board of Orthodontists, the Taiwanese Board of Orthodontists and the Thai Board of Orthodontists.

Several years ago, the WFO formed its Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards, which is involved with the planning of the upcoming symposium. Representatives from the recognized orthodontic certifying boards serve on this committee, and Dr. David Turpin and Dr. Thomas Alman, both members of the WFO Executive Committee, serve as co-chairs.
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Dr. Kuijpers-Jagtman

The 8th IOC will be divided into three segments: the Doctors Programme, the Allied Health Professionals Programme, and the World Village Day Programme. The Doctors Programme will be held Monday, Sept. 28 and Tuesday, Sept. 29. The World Village Day Programme will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29. ExCeL London, an international exhibition and congress center, will be the site of the 8th IOC. Situated in a stunning waterfront location, ExCeL is located in the heart of London’s Royal Docks, which is within easy reach of central London. The venue is part of a 108-acre site that includes three over-ground railroad stations, easy access to the underground network and the London City Airport. The complex also features five on-site hotels and numerous bars and restaurants. ExCeL was the site of many 2012 Summer Olympic and Paralympic events.

Doctors & Allied Health Professionals Programmes

The Doctors Programme will feature world-renowned speakers and will focus on the latest advancements in the specialty of orthodontics. Lectures will cover a broad array of topics, including treatment of severe malocclusion, contemporary imaging, clinical trials, treatment mechanics, and growth and development. Several lectures will also provide information on the status of orthodontics around the world, including South Africa, Russia, Brazil and China. Dr. Justus will speak on the WFO’s progress within the past five years, and Dr. Allan Thom, WFO president-elect, will address the WFO’s goals for the coming five years.

The Allied Health Professionals Programme, which is tailored to dental technicians, hygienists, dental attendants and office staff, will feature lectures on self-ligation, temporary anchorage devices (TADs), trauma, transplanted teeth, autism, aligners and orthodontic surgery, among many other topics.

For complete details on the offered lectures, the daily schedule and an up-to-date list of invited speakers, please refer to the 8th IOC website, http://wfo2015london.org.

World Village Day Programme

The World Village Day Programme offers WFO affiliate organizations the unique opportunity to present a half-day scientific program. All delegates are welcome to attend any of these meetings, which will provide an extraordinary cultural opportunity.

Not only will the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC) give you the opportunity to learn about the latest advancements in the specialty but it will also provide you with exciting social events that will be held in famous London venues.

8th IOC social events to feature some of London’s famous landmarks

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

Kick off the 8th IOC by attending the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception on Sunday, Sept. 27 at ExCeL. These events, which are included in the overall registration fee, will give you the opportunity to meet your colleagues from all over the world.

International Reception

The International Reception will be held Monday evening, Sept. 28 at Madame Tussauds, the world famous wax museum and one of London’s most popular attractions. This will be a unique opportunity to explore the lifelike wax versions of the royal family, world leaders, sporting heroes and celebrities. Food and drinks will be served. Tickets are limited for this event due to the size of the museum. Purchase your tickets (£100 each) when you register for the 8th IOC.

AAO Students/Post Grad Reception

The American Association of Orthodontists is sponsoring the AAO Students/Post Grad Reception on Monday evening, Sept. 28 at the Fox Bar at ExCeL. While there is no cost to attend this event, orthodontic students must reserve their tickets in advance. When registering for the 8th IOC, orthodontic students must select this event in the Optional Functions section.

Presidents Reception

The Natural History Museum will be the site of the Presidents Reception on Tuesday evening, Sept. 29. This world-class venue is located in London’s South Kensington area and features one of the world’s most extensive and important collections of wildlife, including specimens collected by Charles Darwin. This will be a unique opportunity to wander among the dinosaurs while enjoying entertainment, food and drinks, and conversation with colleagues and friends. Tickets are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are £125 each and can be purchased when registering for the Congress.

Gala Dinner

The gala dinner will be held Wednesday evening, Sept. 30 at the Old Billingsgate Market. The market, which was built in 1875 on the River Thames, was once the home of the largest fish market in the world before being transformed into an elegant venue for some of London’s most prestigious events and parties. The market features stunning views of several famed London landmarks. Food and drinks will be served. Tickets are £150 and can be purchased when registering for the Congress. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Golf Day

Extend your stay in England and enjoy a few rounds of golf by participating in a two-day informal golf competition at Woburn Golf Club, which features three outstanding courses. The competition will begin Thursday, Oct. 1, after the 8th IOC has concluded. The Woburn Golf Club is approximately an hour away from London.

If you wish to review the course, please visit www.woburngolf.co.uk. Overnight accommodations can be arranged at the Woburn Hotel, www.thewoburnhotel.co.uk. Accommodations are limited, book early to reserve your room. The golf tournament is £359 per person. If you wish to bring a non-playing partner, the cost is £495 per person, which includes dinner, bed and breakfast.

For More Information

To learn more about all of these social events, visit the 8th IOC website, http://wfo2015london.org.

We are delighted to announce that the World Village Day has attracted an unprecedented level of interest, and we anticipate it will demonstrate what the world of orthodontics has to offer on a truly global scale,” said Dr. Ana Johal, the World Village Day Programme chair. “Unlike any previous International Orthodontic Congress, the World Village Day Programme of the 8th IOC has attracted no less than 15 WFO affiliate organizations from around the world. It will prove to be the largest meeting of its type.”

To accommodate the scale of interest received, eight parallel sessions will run throughout the darling event. The World Village Day Programme will offer the best opportunity to learn about outstanding clinical and/or research work being undertaken within the specialty of orthodontics.

“This combined program will prove to be very attractive to all delegates who attend the meeting,” Dr. Johal said.

Abstract submission deadline approaches for allied health professionals

Allied health professionals may submit abstracts for poster presentations only for the Allied Health Professional Programme. The deadline is May 31, 2015. Go to http://wfo2015london.org to review the submission process guidelines.

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In October, the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists (JWFO) published one of the most relevant studies in 2014 for the specialty. The article, entitled “A survey of the status of orthodontics among organizations within the World Federation of Orthodontists,” provides the best perspective available of the specialty, and it will be an important source of information for clinicians, academicians and policymakers. Go to www.jwfo.org to read the article in its entirety.

In 2011, the WFO commissioned a follow-up study to one it conducted more than a decade ago in an effort to gather extensive information on the global orthodontic community. The original two-year study, which began in 1997, investigated how the specialty is practiced, as well as the methods used by professionals in different countries and regions to deliver orthodontic care. This new study builds on and makes comparisons to the data collected previously.

Dr. Neil Kessel, then an orthodontic resident at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC), coordinated the follow-up study on behalf of the WFO and used the project as the basis of his master’s thesis. In 2012, all 109 WFO affiliate organizations received an invitation to participate in an online survey. A written survey was sent to organization representatives who did not have an e-mail address. Sixty-eight percent of the WFO affiliate organizations completed the survey. The final results were compiled into the article, which is written by Dr. Kessel, Dr. Garland Hershey, Dr. Geb Phillips and Dr. William Dekock and appears on the following pages.

This issue focuses on two case reports:

• “Repeated bracket bonding: Conventional or self-etching primer?” by Drs. Thorsten Grünheid and Brent Larson;

• “Influence of occlusal finishing on extraction-site closure stability” by Drs. Juliana Moura Storniolo, Guilherme Janson, Kelly Spaepen, José Fernando Castanha Henriquez, Sérgio Estélia Barros and Carolina Carmo de Menezes;

• “Correlation of root resorption and infraclosure in mandibular deciduous second molars without succedaneous permanent teeth” by Drs. Daniela Gamba Garbi, Arthur César de Medeiros Alves, Guilherme Janson, Renata Biella Salles and Daniella Gallotti Ferreira;

• “Reliability and applicability of 3D measurements of posterior teeth” by Drs. Belder Jacob, Danielle Geshay, Roberto Carrillo and Peter Bouchang;

• “Mandibular arch dimensions following bonded and banded rapid maxillary expansion” by Drs. Catherine Miller, Eustáquio Araújo, Rolf Behrents, Donald Oliver and Orlando Tanaka.

This issue also features two case reports:

• “Eight-year follow-up of bimaxillary transverse distraction osteogenesis” by Drs. Waldemar Daudt Polido, Carlos Alberto Estevanell Tarateu and Susana Allgayer;

• “Camoilage treatment of severe skeletal Class III malocclusion with miniscrew anchorage” by Drs. Yoshitaka Yasuda, Masahiro Iijima and Haru Mizoguchi.

WFO fellows and student members receive full access to the JWFO’s online content as part of their membership benefits. The WFO encourages members to use the JWFO website as a portal to the WFO website. WFO fellows and students should first log into the WFO website at www.wfo.org. Once logged in, they will have direct access to all of the JWFO articles.

In its entirety.

It was demonstrated that the specialty of orthodontics has increased its level of government recognition worldwide. Orthodontic education standards have become better defined and appear to have become more rigorous in most regions of the world. At the same time, accreditation processes for ensuring education standards are met exist in more than 90 percent of the countries that have WFO affiliate organizations.

Moreover, the public’s recognition of the benefits of orthodontic treatment is apparently reflected in the increase of the number of orthodontic programs in most regions, resulting in more comprehensively trained orthodontic providers. “Nevertheless, we still have to be concerned with the quality of the formal orthodontic education,” said Dr. Jorge Faber, editor-in-chief of the JWFO. “Only Europe and Southeast Asia/Oceania experienced decreases in the number of programs believed to be below an acceptable standard. This shows that we still need to improve orthodontic training worldwide. Possibly the WFO Guidelines for Postgraduate Orthodontic Education, which can be accessed on the WFO website, could be used by policymakers in their countries to raise the level of orthodontic programs locally.”

The number of national orthodontic certifying boards remains low, and board-certification rates are below 30 percent in nearly all countries with existing boards. Nonetheless, these numbers may increase since the majority of these boards are relatively young and need time and assistance to mature and build value. The general purpose of orthodontic certifying boards is to elevate the level of orthodontic care for the public by encouraging excellence in clinical practice and specialty education. Thus, board programs have meaningful roles in the specialty.

The survey also captured trends in clinical practice.
Thai Association of Orthodontists’ mobile orthodontic unit inspires Vietnamese orthodontists

Vietnamese doctors hope to establish a similar service to treat cleft lip and palate patients by end of 2014

On a monthly basis, members of the Thai Association of Orthodontists (ThaAO) volunteer their time to provide free orthodontic treatment to cleft lip and palate patients at the Maharaj Hospital in Nakhon Ratchasima (Korat), a province in northeastern Thailand. The ThaAO has sponsored this mobile orthodontic unit since November 2010, and this effort has now inspired Vietnamese orthodontists and dentists to provide a similar service. Recently, Vietnamese orthodontists and dentists traveled with the ThaAO’s mobile orthodontic unit to gain more information about the program.

Vietnamese doctors learned of the ThaAO’s mobile orthodontic unit in November 2013 during the 8th Biennial World Cleft Lip and Palate Congress in Hanoi, Vietnam. Dr. Somchai Satravaha, president of the ThaAO’s mobile orthodontic unit, delivered a lecture on the treatment of cleft lip and palate patients and discussed the ThaAO’s mobile orthodontic unit with attendees.

“Not only did they show us the treatment protocols but also shared with us how to connect with other resources to realize the project because this project needs an interdisciplinary approach among healthcare professionals and charitable organizations. Dr. Somchai Satravaha arranged a meeting for us with Thai Red Cross Society leaders to learn how they manage to connect together to help these patients.”

Dr. Tran said that the group aims to set up a mobile orthodontic unit for comprehensive orthodontic care for about 50 patients at first. “Many things have been done to bring this project into being. We are working with all relevant parties to make it a reality. We hope our work in patient care will start by the end of this year. We highly appreciate the support from the Thai Association of Orthodontists and Dr. Somchai Satravaha.”
Indian Orthodontic Society celebrates its Golden Jubilee Year in honor of 50th anniversary

Yearlong celebration will highlight new public awareness campaign, IOS Research Foundation

As of Oct. 5, 2014, the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) commenced celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year in honor of its 50th anniversary. The organization, which was founded in 1965, has grown to be one of the largest orthodontic specialty organizations worldwide. More than 3,500 life members and 2,000 student members belong to the IOS.

Throughout the coming year, the IOS will host events that promote the organization’s new public awareness campaign and celebrate the launch of the IOS Research Foundation.

In November, IOS leaders began traveling throughout India with the Smile Torch. This torch, which was inspired by the Olympic torch, will be in 20 cities for 15 days each. During this time, IOS representatives will promote the benefits of orthodontics through essay contests, painting competitions, screenings of the new IOS movie “Orthodontists and Smiles,” radio advertisements, television and radio interviews, free orthodontic screenings at schools and public organizations, smile runs and fashion shows.

To complement these activities and to further its efforts to educate the public about the benefits of orthodontic treatment, the IOS launched its new public awareness website, www.bracespecialists.com in September 2014. The IOS movie “Orthodontists and Smiles” is also posted on this website. According to IOS practice management surveys, approximately 220,000 patients are undergoing orthodontic treatment in the private sector in India.

In addition, the IOS is addressing practice management and marketing concepts at the member level. The IOS has held four Practice Management and Ethical Marketing Symposiums for its members and will host four more in 2015. “The need for such an initiative stems from the lack of management training protocols in contemporary teaching curriculums,” said Dr. Nikhil Vaid, president-elect of the IOS. “Topics like evaluating practice success parameters; goal setting, branding, conducting consultations; HR management, appointment scheduling; incorporating technology in practice; the scope of marketing, both internally and online; the ethical code in practice; and managed care are thoroughly deliberated upon in these two-day symposiums.”

The IOS will host its Mid Year Convention in September 2015, just prior to the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC). The IOS will also participate in the 8th IOC World Village Day Programme. “2015 will be a banner year, not only in IOS history but also with respect to its contribution to the WHO and the IOC,” Dr. Vaid said. “This is the first time we have ever participated in the International Orthodontic Congress World Village Day. This is a proud moment for us.”

In December 2015, the organization will launch the IOS Research Foundation, which will support funding for research, to document orthodontic research in India. The IOS Research Foundation will be formally announced at the IOS Global Orthodontic Editors Meeting in December 2015 in Hyderabad, India. Orthodontic journal editors Dr. Vinod Krishnan, Dr. Ravi Nanda, Dr. David Turpin, Dr. Jorge Faber and Dr. Steven Lindauer, among others, will participate in this meeting.

“The IOS administration welcomes colleagues from across the world to participate in the IOS Golden Jubilee activities,” Dr. Vaid said. “Contact IOS leaders for more information. We would be proud to play host to our colleagues.”

For more information on the IOS, go to www.iosweb.net.

Association of Orthodontists Singapore announces plans for its upcoming congress in February 2015 in Singapore

The Association of Orthodontists Singapore (AOS) will welcome delegates from across the Asia-Pacific region to Singapore for the 3rd Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress (AOSC). This biennial Congress will be held Feb. 6-8, 2015, at the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore. Registration is now open. Go to www.aoscongress.com to register.

With the theme of “Frontiers in Orthodontics—Defining the Boundaries,” the Congress will encourage orthodontists to investigate new trends in treatment. “The AOSC 2015 conference will focus on reviewing current trends in orthodontics and comparing traditions to evidence-based research to redefine boundaries,” said Dr. Geraldine Lee, chairperson of the organizing committee for the AOSC 2015.

Keynote speakers Dr. Peter Ngan, Dr. Peter Sinclair Lindauer, among others, will participate in this meeting.

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Promote continued growth of the WFO by encouraging orthodontic students to become WFO student members. Student dues are waived through Sept. 27, 2015.

Also, now through Sept. 27, 2015, orthodontic student members who become WFO Fellows will receive a one-year dues waiver, a savings of $40 (U.S.).
Angle Orthodontic Study Group in Curitiba, Brazil, celebrates its 40th anniversary

This past August, the Angle Orthodontic Study Group in Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil, celebrated its 40th anniversary. Similar to the WFO, this group strives to further the specialty of orthodontics for both orthodontists and orthodontic patients. Today, 19 orthodontists belong to this study club. Four of the members are WFO fellows, and all of the members belong to the Associação Brasileira de Ortodontia, an affiliate organization of the WFO.

“I have been a member of the WFO since 2005 and a member of the Angle Orthodontic Study Group since 1992,” said Dr. Orlando Tanaka of Curitiba. He notes the two organizations work like parents — providing the right way to keep going and advancing knowledge in orthodontics.

The Angle Orthodontic Study Group, which is named in honor of Dr. Edward Huyatt Angle, the father of modern orthodontics, organizes four meetings a year. “For two of them, we invite periodontists, endodontists, pediatric dentists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, restorative and cosmetic dentists, ortho-odontologists, and plastic surgeons, as well as several other types of specialists, to discuss issues of common interest,” Dr. Tanaka said. “At the other two meetings, the members of the study group present their case reports and scientific articles. Sometimes these meetings are only open to members.”

The group held four meetings this year. At the first meeting in March, Dr. Renato Parsekian Martin of Araraquara, Brazil, who is also a WFO fellow, gave an eight-hour lecture on evidence-based decisions that enhance clinical practice efficiency.

“Several subjects were discussed, including efficient bonding, diagnosis and treatment planning, and a logical choice of bracket and prescription,” Dr. Tanaka said. “The lecture, in which he showed several well-treatment cases with conventional and self-ligated brackets, lingual and ceramic brackets, was a great mixture of scientific knowledge and clinical practice. Surgical, non-surgical, extraction and non-extraction cases were shown in growing and non-growing patients in order to illustrate each of the points shown. The lecture finished with him discussing how it would be possible to decrease treatment time and maintain quality in the near future.”

Dr. José Vahadi-Sneto of Goiânia, Brazil, was the guest lecturer for the second meeting in June. He covered orthodontic treatment, and new treatment paradigms.

Although the regular members of the Angle Orthodontic Study Group qualified from different schools, these differences bring not conflict, but growth and learning through the exchange of experiences,” Dr. Tanaka said. “We can be in equal in diagnoses and the treatment objectives, however different we may be in the treatment alternatives and even in the carrying out of treatment. Our conduct and choices in the treatments, however, are neither guided by the appeals of marketing campaigns nor dictated by fads.”

In addition to Dr. Tanaka, the members of the group are Dr. Andrea Stahlke, Dr. Armando Saga, Dr. Cláudio Sahakoski, Dr. Felix Hoette (founder), Dr. Hiroshi Maruo (founder), Dr. Ivan Taffarel, Dr. João Tadeu Graciano, Dr. José Carlos da Cunha, Dr. Maria Hoette (founder), Dr. Muriel Bittencourt, Dr. Odilon Guariza Filho, Dr. Paulo Baggio, Dr. Pedro Tondelli, Dr. Roger Rechenbach, Dr. Silva Dalagnol, Dr. Tere Takaishi (founder), and Dr. Vladimir Cerec. Dr. Roberto Camargo, one of the founders of the group, is deceased.

The group carefully selects its members. Potential members are invited by a current member to participate in the meetings. The candidates are evaluated by the majority of the members, and each candidate presents four treated orthodontic cases.

A three-member committee also evaluates the candidates. Once a candidate is approved, he or she presents finished cases during the group’s final meeting of the year.

Board certification is also important to this group. Several members are diplomats of the Brazilian Board of Orthodontics. Four other members are preparing to take the board certification examination in 2015.

“Dr. Angle described his dream 114 years ago as a ‘society organized for the promotion of that branch of dental science known as orthodontia,’” Dr. Tanaka said. “We hope he would also be proud of this Angle Orthodontic Study Group.”

Greek Orthodontic Society held 13th International Symposium in April in Athens

The Greek Orthodontic Society (GOS) held its 13th International Symposium April 5-6, 2014, in Athens, Greece. Delegates from 11 countries attended the meeting, which featured presentations from Dr. Athanasios E. Athanasou of Greece and the United Arab Emirates, Dr. Andrea Buzzacchi of Italy, Dr. Adrian Becker of Israel, Dr. Giulio Alessandri of Greece and the United Arab Emirates, Dr. Andrea Bazzucchi of Italy, Dr. Moschos Papadopoulos, professor and director of the Department of Orthodontics at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; and Dr. Sossani Sideropoulou-Chantzianni, president of the Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece. Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis, president of the GOS and the European Federation of Orthodontics, welcomes orthodontists to the 13th International Symposium of the GOS, which was held April 5-6, 2014, in Athens, Greece.

The speakers presented on a range of clinical topics, including anchorage control in orthodontics; the effects of orthodontic treatment on enamel, root and periodontium; lenitalgia; pre-surgical and post-surgical orthodontics; temporomandibular dysfunction; and treatment of impacted teeth. The symposium also included a poster exhibition and a commercial exhibition.

During the symposium’s Opening Ceremony, attendees were welcomed by Dr. Periklis Panos, the symposium coordinator; Dr. Demetrios Halazonitis, associate professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Athens; Dr. Georgios Damanakis, president of the Greek Association for Orthodontic Study and Research; Dr. Anna Papadogiorgaki-Anagnostou, president of the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists; Dr. Emmanouil Vardas, vice president of the Dental Association of Attica; Dr. Stathis Efstathiou, president of the Cyprus Orthodontic Society; Dr. Moschis Papadopoulos, president of the Greek Orthodontic Society; Dr. Aris Gagande, president of the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists; Dr. Pavlos Sidiropoulou-Chantzianni, president of the Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece; Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis, president of the GOS and the European Federation of Orthodontics concluded the Opening Ceremony with a short speech.

From left, Dr. Abbas Zaher of Egypt, Dr. Giulio Alessandri Bonetti of Italy and Dr. Tian-Min Xu of China were all speakers at the 13th International Symposium of the Greek Orthodontic Society.

Upcoming GOS Events

The GOS, along with the Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece, will host the 17th Panhellenic Congress Dec. 6-7, 2014, in Athens, Greece. The GOS will also host the annual General Assembly of the European Federation of Orthodontics during this Congress. To learn more about the GOS, go to www.gordho.gr.
South African Society of Orthodontists commemorates 50th anniversary in August 2014

The South African Society of Orthodontists (SASO) celebrated its 50th anniversary during its 2014 Annual General Meeting and Congress Aug. 27-30 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Today, more than 100 orthodontists in South Africa belong to SASO, and SASO leaders hope to expand South African orthodontists’ influence on the specialty of orthodontics in the coming years.

The 2014 Congress, which featured five keynote speakers, attracted more than 130 orthodontists and postgraduate orthodontic students. The planning committee devised a schedule that allowed the keynote speakers to present for an extended length of time. On the first day, Dr. Bönn Ludwig and Dr. Benedict Wilmes, both of Germany, covered temporary anchorage devices, insertion sites for implants and mandibular plates, molar distalization, molar mesialization, and rapid palate expansion and Class III treatment. The second day featured Dr. Chris Chang of Taiwan, who discussed Class III treatment, gummy smile correction, tooth impaction and ortho-implant combined treatment. All the keynote speakers participated in a panel discussion as well. On the third day, Dr. Dan Grauer of the United States presented lectures on digital imaging and models, customized appliances, interdisciplinary management of the gingival smile, treatment planning of complex cases, and deficient incisor exposure at rest and during speech. Dr. Jorge Faber, editor-in-chief of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists, presented on the final day, addressing aspects of orthognathic surgery, obstructive sleep apnea in children and adults, rapid prototyping and miniscrew anchorage.

Dr. Mark Wertheimer, now the immediate past president of SASO, said the lecture format was well-received by the attendees and the speakers.

“In most cases, at congresses around the world, one generally gets to hear a speaker for 45 minutes or an hour,” Dr. Wertheimer said. “This doesn’t really give the audience the chance to benefit from the full extent of what a world-class speaker has to offer. Our lecture format, therefore, was far more meaningful in that the audience could get a huge amount of information from the speaker, who was able to share much more with them. The speakers also noted that while the content may be demanding and time-consuming, they also liked being able to share a wealth of material, which they often do not have time to do. The opportunity to spend a day each with the best on the circuit today was special. The panel session was an excellent innovation, too.”

“SASO has an illustrious list of honorary members that includes almost every icon in orthodontics. All of these people have visited South Africa to present to our members. It is our intention to continue this tradition of having the very best present courses here. We would like to have orthodontists from around the world join us for these courses and enjoy everything our country has to offer.”

In his letter to the membership in the Congress program, Dr. Wertheimer provided an overview of SASO’s history and South African orthodontists’ contributions to the global development of the orthodontic specialty, including those of Dr. Lionel Sadowsky, Dr. Cyril Sadowsky, Dr. Alex Jacobson, Dr. Emil Rosson and Dr. Ellie Lasoevoth, among many others. Dr. Wertheimer also highlighted SASO’s strides in communicating with the membership and the public. During the past few years, SASO has created a new website, www.saso.ca, and established a presence on social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter. SASO also launched a new smartphone app at the Congress. This app provided information on the meeting, and, going forward, the organization will use it to communicate with its membership and the public.

These efforts will help SASO’s overall goals to expand continuing education opportunities and to promote the organization at an international level.

“Continuing education is a big area, both for the members and for the general dentists,” Dr. Wertheimer said. “Educating the public is also very important. The exam for students and the quality and standards of orthodontics in South Africa are other areas we would like to be involved in, but there are challenges in the influence we may exert in this area. It was my intention to raise the bar and ensure that this momentum is sustained going forward.”

Dr. Wertheimer, who will speak on the status of orthodontics in South Africa at the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in September 2015, actively encourages SASO members to join the WFO, as well as to attend the 8th IOC. Dr. Wertheimer is also participating in the American Association of Orthodontists’ (AAO) Ambassador Program. The AAO is striving to appoint one ambassador from each country in which AAO members are present. The ambassadors communicate with each other and AAO leaders via an online community so that the AAO can better serve its international members’ needs.

“I believe that South African orthodontists need to occupy a more visible position on the international stage,” Dr. Wertheimer said. “We have been sitting on the sidelines and traveling behind the radar for too long. We need to make ourselves heard. Our participation in the WFO and the AAO can help in this regard.”

2013-2014 Executive Committee of the South African Society of Orthodontists

Pictured here are the members of the 2013-14 Executive Committee of the South African Society of Orthodontists (SASO). In the front row, from left, are Dr. Steven Flax, fees committee member, Dr. Ester Cumbar-Kraschner, vice-chair; Dr. Mark Wertheimer, president; Dr. Francesco Ferretti, treasurer; Dr. Ahej Morar, secretary, and Dr. Antoniette Ackerman, continuing-education committee member. In the back row, from left, are Dr. Tony McCollum and Dr. Errol Stein, editor of the SASO newsletter. Not pictured are Dr. Phumzile Hongwa, Dr. Phil Beukes, continuing-education committee member, Dr. Vasti Retief, continuing-education committee member; and Dr. Mark Jackson, website manager. Dr. Cumbar-Kraschner is now serving as the president of SASO.

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“Of the WFO’s stated missions is to encourage and assist in the formation of national and regional certifying boards in the field of orthodontics when requested,” Dr. Kessel said. “Of the 15 certifying boards that serve on the WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards, seven were formed after the WFO was founded in 1995. While the WFO certainly wasn’t the sole driving force behind these new boards, in many instances the WFO was able to facilitate the process of creating an orthodontic certifying board by sharing information from established organizations.”

For Dr. Kessel, this project gave him the opportunity to appreciate the development of global orthodontic community and the role the WFO has played in developing it.

“The world is getting smaller and will continue to do so,” he said. “Take a look at any orthodontic journal, and every month you will see articles submitted by creative authors from around the world. Moreover, these articles are being translated and are available in digital format. Certainly, the future will only make it easier for the conscientious orthodontist to keep current with the specialty’s classic literature, as well as its newest findings.”
American Association of Orthodontists to host 2015 Annual Session in May in San Francisco, California

The American Association of Orthodontists invites WFO fellows and their staff members to its 2015 Annual Session, which will be held May 15-19, 2015, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California, USA. Registration is now open. Go to www.aao.org to register online.

The theme “Bridging Science & Technology” will bring together all the latest advances in the specialty, as well as the science and research that are pushing the specialty to greater heights. In addition, more than 300 companies will participate in the Exhibit Hall.

“It seems very fitting to me that a specialty experiencing unprecedented innovation should meet just north of Silicon Valley, America’s hub of high-tech innovation and development,” said Dr. Robert Varner, president of the AAO. “This Annual Session will encompass the latest information on every aspect of technology applicable to orthodontic clinical care and practice management. It is truly a unique opportunity for members to present their clinical cases free short lectures for orthodontic students and developing invitation to join the forum. Future plans include organizing member forum where the students can exchange ideas and organization, WFO student members should send an e-mail to of many postgraduate orthodontic students so far. To join the membership.”

Doctors Scientific Program

Overall, the Doctors Scientific Program will offer more than 100 lectures on clinical and practice management topics, and will feature 16 speakers from the Pacific Rim who will discuss management of third molars, photoemissions of lingual orthodontics using mini-tube appliances. In addition, the program will feature three prestigious named lectures. Dr. Gerald Nelson will deliver the John Valentine Meredith Lecture; Dr. Kari A. Varagon will give the Jacobs A. Salzman Lecture; Dr. Richard McLaughlin will present the Edward H. Angle Lecture. The 2015 Annual Session Technology for the Orthodontic Office session will spotlight in-depth information on technology intelligence, which includes reputation management, website design, social media strategy, open source software and HIPAA-related technology issues. Practice Management Software User Classes will be held Friday, May 15. At these complimentary sessions, representatives from CloudWorx, Carestream, Dolphin, Focus Software, Oasys and New Horizons Software will present their software products. These sessions will be part of the Doctors Program and the Orthodontic Staff Program.

WFOOS Created for Postgraduate Students

However, she realized she would need the assistance of senior colleagues to make her idea a reality. She presented her ideas for the new organization to Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO, and he granted the support of the WFO.

“I first met Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz earlier this year at the AO Annual Session,” Dr. Justus said. “She is incredibly enthusiastic about the specialty, her studies and orthodontic research. I am awed by the positive energy she radiates. When she presented her idea for the World Federation of Postgraduate Orthodontic Student Study, I was very excited to learn about this organization. Through her leadership, I think she will generate much interest in the organization and will bring our orthodontic student members together. The WFO is pleased to support her efforts and this organization. The WFOOS will only make the WFO stronger and more relevant to our younger members.”

Although the organization is new, it has drawn the interest of many postgraduate orthodontic students so far. To join the organization, WFO student members should send an e-mail to wfos@wfo.org.

To date, Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz has established an online member forum where the students can exchange ideas and information. When students contact her, she sends them an instant invitation to join the forum. Future plans include organizing free short lectures for orthodontic students and developing opportunities for members to present their clinical cases and research within larger international meetings. Overall,

Orthodontic Staff Program

The AAO has reduced all orthodontic staff registration fees by $100 from the 2014 Annual Session fees. Staff members from AAO-member practices may register for $100 (U.S.) per person when registering by the early registration deadline, April 10, 2015. AAO Orthodontic Staff Club members receive an additional $20 (U.S.) discount.

The Orthodontic Staff Program speakers include Jeff Hargert of the Ritz-Carton Leadership Center; Dennis Snow, a customer service expert who has worked with Walt Disney World Company; Crystal Washington, an online media consultant; and John Siles, an identity theft expert.

Featured Speakers Series

The Featured Speakers Series will bring three well-known speakers together to address relationship issues. Laura Fisher, an anthropologist, human behavior researcher and professor at Rutgers University, will present “She Thinks, He Thanks: Gender Differences in the Brain.” Laura Berman, a sex educator, relationship therapist and television host on the Oprah Winfrey Network, will present “The Passion Prescription.” Jeane Robertson will discuss the use of humor to cultivate relationships in her lecture “Humor: A Strategy for Success.”

Special Events

The Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, May 16 will spotlight the legendary rock-and-roll/hip-hop band Huey Lewis and the News. Comedian Jay Leno will be the keynote speaker for the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 17. The AAO also welcomes all WFO fellows to attend the International Reception on Saturday evening at the Westin St. Francis Hotel.

“The AAO looks forward to welcoming WFO fellows to this meeting and at the International Reception,” Dr. Varner said.

Post-conference Program

The Annual Session Post-conference Program will be held May 21 to May 22 at the Silverado Resort in Napa, California, USA. Dr. Greg Huang, Dr. David Turpin and Dr. David Hatcher will present this program that focuses on how to apply published evidence in your practice. Tickets to this conference are $300 and cover all lectures and a continental breakfast on both days.

N E W S & A N N O U N C E M E N T S

The American Board of Orthodontics installed its 2014-15 officers, who are all WFO fellows, in May. Dr. Paul Castelin of Princeton, Illinois, USA, is president; Dr. Eladio DeLeon Jr. of Augusta, Georgia, USA, is vice-president-elect; and Dr. Steven Dugani of South San Francisco, California, USA, is secretary-treasurer. Dr. Marvin Kastrop of Billings, Montana, USA, is the immediate past president.

The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society elected new officers Oct. 20, 2014, during the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference in Kauching, Malaysia. Dr. Nikhilash Vaid of the Indian Orthodontic Society is president; Dr. Taran Jaruprakom of the Thai Association of Orthodontists is vice president; Dr. Bryce Lee of the Association of Orthodontists Singapore is secretary-general; and Dr. Prashant Zavell of the New Zealand Association of Orthodontists is treasurer. Dr. Kazuo Tanne of the Japanese Orthodontic Society is the immediate past president.

The Croatian Orthodontic Society elected new officers, who will serve a four-year term. Dr. Senka Meotrovic is president; Dr. Stipean Spajl is vice president; Dr. Artilina Kosc and Dr. Natasa Radica are members of the executive committee.

The Japanese Orthodontic Society has installed its 2014-15 officers. Dr. Hiroysuki Ishikawa is president. Dr. Koji Moriyama, Dr. Noriyoshi Shimizu, Dr. Isao Saito, Dr. Kazuyoshi Igarashi and Dr. Seiji Yoshida are members of the Executive Committee. Dr. Kazuhito Arai, Dr. Toru Inami, Dr. Yasuyo Nomura, Dr. Toshihiko Himuro, Dr. Toru Imai, Dr. Akihiko Ohata, Dr. Noriyuki Kitai, Dr. Hiroshi Tasaka, Dr. Hajime Suwara, Dr. Kazuo Igarashi, Dr. Yoshiki Nakamura, Dr. Shoichi Miyawaki, Dr. Kazuo Himada and Dr. Toshihiko Fukawa are directors. Dr. Kunihiko Ogawa and Dr. Kazuo Tanne are inspectors. Dr. Takashi Kaji is secretary to the president, and Dr. Narushige Nakamura is secretary. Dr. Toshihiko Fukawa is also serving as the chairman of the Japanese Orthodontic Board.

The Korean Association of Orthodontists installed its new officers in April 2014. They will serve a two-year term. Dr. Tae-Won Kim is president, and Dr. Hee-Moon Kyung is president-elect. Dr. Yoon-Ah Koek and Dr. Seun-Gun Tahk are vice presidents. Dr. Hyun-Seog Yu is secretary general. Dr. Dong-Hwa Chung is director of international affairs.

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September 17-19, 2015

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