Tick tock, tick tock: Limited time remains to register for the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® in London

Join your colleagues from around the world at the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC), which 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. However, time is of the essence. Visit the 8th IOC website, www.wfod2015london.org, to register for this world-class Congress and to secure your hotel accommodations. Online registration will be open through Sept. 17. After that date, attendees will need to register on-site.

“We are absolutely thrilled that four months out we have 2,500 registrations,” Dr. Jonathan Sandler, chairman of the IOC, said. “We have also secured $1.5 million in sponsorships, which guarantees it to central London. All 8th IOC attendees are welcome to attend this entertaining and informative session. During this event, Dr. Anne Marie Kuipers-Jagtman will deliver the WFO Lecture. Dr. Kuipers-Jagtman is professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics and Craniofacial Biology at Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

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Membership growth, expanded membership benefits mark the past five years of the WFO

On May 17, WFO President Dr. Roberto Justus emceed the annual breakfast reception for presidents of WFO affiliate organizations during the 2015 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists. Toward the end of the breakfast, Dr. Justus noted that this was his fifth and final time to lead this event as president of the WFO. In September, Dr. Justus will conclude his five-year presidential term during the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC) in London, England.

With the end of his term approaching, Dr. Justus recently shared his thoughts on the WFO’s progress over the past five years with the WFO Gazette. Dr. Justus, who resides in Mexico City, Mexico, has been in private practice since 1968. He has served as a professor of undergraduate orthodontics at the Technological University of Mexico since 1973 and is also the professor and director of research in the Graduate Department of Orthodontics at the Intercontinental University, a position he has held since 1990. Throughout his career, Dr. Justus has received numerous awards and honors. Most recently, he received the 2013 Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Orthodontic Teachers and Research Award from the AO Foundation and the 2011 Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics from the American Board of Orthodontics.

WFO Gazette: When you began your term in 2010, you noted that membership growth was an area of importance. How much has the WFO grown in the past five years?

“WFO membership has grown by approximately 2,500 members, almost a 50-percent increase, in the last five years and is increasing daily. Many orthodontists and orthodontic residents who are not yet WFO members and wish to attend the 8th IOC are aware of the approaching registration deadline date. They know they will receive a

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16 WFO affiliate organizations to participate in 8th International Orthodontic Congress© World Village Day Programme

On Sept. 29, 2015, during the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC), 16 WFO affiliate organizations will each have the unique opportunity to present a half-day scientific program during the World Village Day Programme. All delegates are welcome to attend any of these meetings, which will provide an extraordinary cultural opportunity, as well as the best opportunity to learn about outstanding clinical and/or research work being undertaken within the specialty of orthodontics throughout the world.

“The 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC) will definitely deliver on its goal to bring the world of orthodontics together,” said Dr. Ama Jobah, chair of the World Village Day Programme. “The World Village Day Programme will play an essential role. The participating organizations are extremely enthusiastic about their sessions.”

The following organizations are participating in the World Village Day Programme: the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS), the Arab Orthodontic Society, the British Orthodontic Society (BOS), the Chinese Orthodontic Society, the Danish Society of Orthodontic Specialists, the European Federation of Orthodontics (EFOD), the French Association of Orthodontic Specialists (APOS), the German Society of Orthodontics (DGKFO), the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS), the Italian Association of Specialists in Orthodontics/Academia Italiana di Ortodonzia (ASIO-AIdOr), the Italian Society of Orthodontics, the Japanese Association of Orthodontics, the Journal of Orthodontics Society of Orthodontic Specialists, the European Federation of Orthodontists (EFO), the Arab Orthodontic Society, the British Orthodontic Society, the Swedish Association of Orthodontists (SAG) and the Taiwan Association of Orthodontists (TAO).

No two sessions will be alike. Some sessions may feature three to four speakers while others may have as many as eight speakers.

The BOS session, for example, will feature eight speakers. The keynote presentation will be the 2015 Northcroft Memorial Lecture by Dr. Susan Cunningham, who is affiliated with the Eastman Dental Institute in London, England. She will present her research on patients’ expectations regarding orthodontic treatment and how they value the treatment outcomes.

“Over the last 10 years, the British Orthodontic Conference has grown into an extremely successful meeting, and we attract the vast majority of U.K. orthodontists to this annual event,” said Dr. Simon Littlewood, who is in charge of the BOS session. “What we are doing to try this year is provide a mini-British Orthodontic Conference in one day, within the International Congress. The speakers are of such high caliber that we are expecting to draw guests from elsewhere in the world to attend this session. Our speakers will cover diverse topics, such as how to make treatment go quicker, harnessing digital technology to improve treatment, high-quality interdisciplinary care and the use of TADS to reduce open bites. The British Orthodontic Society Village Day promises to be a very exciting day, and I am sure the excellent speakers will make it a sure-fire hit.”

The FEO session will also feature eight speakers. Two of the presentations will be of award-winning papers – the FEO Best European Research Paper and the FEO Best European Clinical Paper. The presenters of these papers will receive their awards at the end of the session.

Dr. Julian O’Neill, who is coordinating the FEO session, appreciates how the World Village Day adds even more dimension to an already unique international meeting. “The World Village Day provides a forum for speakers from all over the world who are chosen by their regional/local societies rather than the IOC scientific committee,” he said. “This should broaden the topics covered and introduce speakers possibly not normally heard on the international scene.”

The TAO has invited several professors to speak during its session. Dr. Johnny Law, the immediate past president of the TAO, hopes many postgraduate students will follow their mentors to this meeting. The spirit of the World Village Day also fits well with the TAO’s overall goal. “The TAO tries to participate in the academic program of the international orthodontic world and collaborates with all the affiliate organizations for the pursuit of orthodontic excellence,” Dr. Law said.

Several of the sessions will focus on the latest research. Those attending the SAO’s session will learn about the research being conducted at four universities in Sweden. The DGKFO has also invited five young innovative speakers who will cover the ongoing basic research that is setting the pace for excellence in clinical orthodontics, said Dr. Sabine Ruf, who is coordinating the session.

The JOS session will feature five speakers whose topics will cover growth modification and extraction, tooth autotransplantation, space gain methods in the maxillary arch, orthognathic surgery, and cleft lip and palate treatment. The IOS and APOS sessions will each feature seven original research featuring some excellent speakers,” said Dr. Nils-Hedie Vad, president of the IOS and APOS.

Prof. Birthe Melsen, chair of the Academia Italiana di Ortodonzia (ASIO-AIdOr), is looking forward to this event that will represent the “plurality of the orthodontic world,” and believes it will contribute to the overall success of the 8th IOC. Three speakers will participate in the ASIO-AIdOr session.

This is only a small sampling of what the World Village Day Programme will deliver. More details on the World Village Day Programme are available on the 8th IOC website, www.wfio2015london.org.

8th IOC Social Events Encompass Some of London’s Best Venues

Tickets are selling quickly. The best of London is yours to explore when you attend the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC). The 8th IOC social events include several of London’s famous venues, including Madame Tussauds and the Natural History Museum. Register today for the social events listed below. Complete details are listed on the 8th IOC website, www.wfio2015london.org.

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

The first social event of the 8th IOC is the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception on Sunday, Sept. 27 at ExCeL London. 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 (£109 each) when you register for the 8th IOC.

AAO Students/Post Grad Reception

The American Association of Orthodontics (AAO) is sponsoring the AAO Students/Post Grad Reception on Monday evening, Sept. 28 at the Fox Bar at ExCeL London. 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 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.

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.woburngcc.co.uk. Overnight accommodations can be arranged at the nearby Woburn Hotel, www.thewoburnhotel.co.uk. Accommodations are limited; book early to reserve your room. The golf competition is £59 per person. If you wish to bring a non-playing partner, the cost is £95 per person, which includes dinner, bed and breakfast.

WFO to honor Dr. Nigel Hunt during the 8th IOC

This September, the WFO will bestow honorary membership upon Prof. Nigel Hunt of London, England, during the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® in London. A well-renowned academic, clinician, educator, leader, negotiator and diplomat, Prof. Hunt has focused his academic career on the interrelationship between muscle structure and craniofacial form. Or, as he describes it, the “muscle stuff.”

His clinical expertise is in the management of dentofacial deformities with a particular emphasis on patients requiring combined orthodontic and surgical correction.

Noted for his academic and clinical endeavors, Prof. Hunt is the head of the orthodontics unit at London’s Eastman Dental Institute (EDI) and president of the British Orthodontic Society (BOS). He is also the dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Prof. Hunt’s working life has been most associated with EDI. Prior to undertaking his specialist orthodontic training at EDI, he worked in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Guy’s Hospital, London.
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WFO announces affiliate organization representatives to serve on the 2015-2020 WFO Council

To date, more than half of the WFO affiliate organizations have informed the WFO of their representatives who will serve on the WFO Council for the next five years. The WFO Council will convene Sept. 26, 2015, prior to the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC) in London, England. The Council will elect the 10 WFO Executive Committee members and will consider amendments to the WFO Bylaws. The councilors will also 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 selected representatives are listed below; the organizations are listed in alphabetical order. Organizations that have not selected their representatives should do so as soon as possible by contacting the WFO Secretariat at wfo@wfo.org.

Academia Costarricense de Ortomedia
Academia Mexicana de Ortodoncia – Dr. Carlos Garmona Zerina, Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez Balan y Dr. Jose Maria Robles Gil

American Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Morris Polole, Dr. DeWane McCamie, Dr. Brent Larson, Dr. Nahid Maleki, Dr. Chris Roberts, Dr. Rolfe Behrens and Dr. Gary Inman

Arab Orthodontic Society – Dr. Saud A. Nafia

Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society – Dr. Nidhiresh Vaid

Asociación de Ortodoncistas de Guatemala* – Dr. Ivan Marcarino

Asociación Ibero-Americana de Ortodoncistas – Dr. Jula Harlin

Asociación Mexicana de Ortodoncia – Dr. Carlos Garmona Zerina, Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez Balan y Dr. Jose Maria Robles Gil

Asociación Salvadoreña de Ortodoncia* – Dr. Giovanni Biondi

Associazione Italiana Ortodonzia – Dr. Giovanni Biondi

Australian Society of Orthodontists – Dr. Peter James Lewis, Dr. Robert E. Schwartz and Dr. Christopher Theodosi

Azerbaijani Professional Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Ahmad Rahhal

Azeri Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Ilham Khojaly

Bangladesh Orthodontic Society – Dr. Mohammed Zakir Hossain

Belgian Union of Orthodontist Societies – Dr. Bart Vande Vennet

Berenfverband der Deutschen Kieferorthopaden – Dr. Gundi Mindermann

British Orthodontic Society – Dr. Andrew Thomas Dillane and Dr. Donald John Burden

Bulgarian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Michael Patrician and Dr. Ritchie Mah

Caribbean Society of Orthodontists* – Dr. Yamheng Zhou, Dr. Tiammin Xu and Dr. Yuxing Bai

Chinese Orthodontic Society – Dr. Yanheng Zhou, Dr. Tiammin Xu and Dr. Yuxing Bai

Croatian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Dragan Vukobrat

Cypriot Orthodontic Society* – Dr. N.K. Loizou

Czech Orthodontic Society – Dr. Jan Turck

Danish Society of Orthodontic Specialists – Dr. Jannik Aaboe

Dutch Association of Orthodontists – Dr. N.K. B.J. Wijnen and Dr. M.K. J. Metz

Egyptian Orthodontic Society – Dr. Abbas Zahr

Emirates Society of Orthodontists – Dr. Moza Tahbura

Estonian Orthodontic Society – Dr. Kati Herman

European Federation of Orthodontic Specialists Associations – Dr. Bart Vande Vennet

European Federation of Orthodontics* – Dr. Marc G. Schuurman

European Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Christian Scherer

German Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Lukas Schmoeckel

Greek Association for Orthodontic Study and Research – Dr. Panagiotis Skoulakis and Dr. George L. Damanakis

Greek Orthodontic Society – Dr. Panagiotis Skoulakis and Dr. George L. Damanakis

Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists – Dr. Panagiotis Skoulakis and Dr. George L. Damanakis

Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists Ltd. – Dr. Vincent F. Leung

Hungarian Association of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontists* – Dr. Gyorgy Kisak

Icelandic Orthodontic Society – Dr. Arni Thordarson

Indian Orthodontic Society – Dr. Nidhiresh Vaid and Dr. Gokul Chandrasekhar

Indonesian Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Krisna Tarmar

Iranian Association of Orthodontists – Dr. M.S. Ahmadiani

Iraqi Orthodontic Society – Dr. Ali Al-Hwazzi

Israel Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Mordechai Itzkin

Japanese Orthodontic Society* – Dr. H. Y. Ishii and Dr. H. Tada

Korea Association of Orthodontists* – Dr. Hyunjoo Park and Dr. Tae-Soo Park

Korean Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Tae-Woo Kim, Dr. Yoon-Ah Kook and Dr. Dong-Hwa Chung

Latvian Orthodontists Association* – Dr. T. Niedra and Dr. S. Rite

Lebanese Orthodontic Association – Dr. Fidel Nabbout

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Lithuanian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Giedrius Vaidukas

Macau Association of Orthodontics – Dr. Wei Lin

Macedonian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. S. N. J. Hristov

Malaysian Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Noraini Binti Hj. Ali

Namibian Society of Orthodontists* – Dr. Andrew James DS Engelbrecht

New Zealand Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Frank Elliott

Norwegian Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Geir B. Kristiansen

Orthodontic and Dentofacial Orthopaedic Association of Nepal* – Dr. Rajai-Lerna Kiuru-Skytta

Orthodontic Section of the Finnish Dental Society – Dr. Raija Lenna Kiuru-Skytta

Orthodontic Society of Ireland – Dr. C. O’Conor

Pakistan Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Muhammad Faizullah

Palestinian Orthodontic Society – Dr. Ahmad Rahhal

Peruvian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Ricardo Franco

Polish Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Jacek Jakubowski

Professional Society of Orthodontists Russia* – Dr. Vitaly V. Popov

Saudi Orthodontic Society – Dr. Khalid Alhurairi

Serbian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Milos Saljic

Slovak Orthodontic Society – Dr. Pavol Kmet

Slovenian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Blažija Primožič

Società Italiana di Ortodonzia – Dr. Felice Festa

Société Belge d’Orthodontie* – Dr. Bernd Schmidt

Société Française d’Orthopédie Dentofaciale* – Dr. Michel Chevalier

Société Luxembourgeoise d’Orthodontie – Dr. Liliane Kihm

South African Society of Orthodontists – Dr. Mark Brian Wertheimer

Sri Lanka Orthodontic Society – Dr. Itinerath Para plannedagama

Sudanese Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Hamed Abdelaziz

Swedish Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Per Rissberg

Swiss Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Peter Kielburger

Syrian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Ahmad Al-Abbad

Taiwan Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Y.C. Cha and Dr. Shih Ping Lu

Thai Association of Orthodontists – Dr. Tanapol Siriwattanakit

The French Union of Specialists in Orthodontics – Dr. Vies Trin

Tunisian Orthodontic Society* – Dr. Ahmad Al-Abbad

Turkish Orthodontic Society – Dr. Ayse Tuba Altug Demirag and Dr. Suleyman Malluc

Uruguayan Orthodontic Society – Dr. Elena Voliarskis

*Representative not known at this time
World Federation of Postgraduate Orthodontic Students quickly exceeds 400 members, continues to grow

Organization will hold special lectures for members during 8th IOC

The newly formed World Federation of Postgraduate Orthodontic Students (WFOPS), which is recognized by the WFO, boasts a membership of more than 400 postgraduate orthodontic students and is continuing to grow. This organization is open only to WFO student members, who may join for free.

Hoping to unite postgraduate orthodontic students all over the world, Dr. Karolina Kaczor-Urbanowicz, WFOPS president and a WFO student member, formed the WFOPS in 2016 with the approval of the WFO. 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 invitation to join the forum. In addition, the organization aims to offer free short lectures for orthodontic students and opportunities for members to present their clinical cases and research, all within larger international meetings. Overall, Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz hopes the organization will bring orthodontic students together so that they can learn from each other.

“The idea to establish the WFOPS has proven to be really fruitful,” Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz said. “I have received a lot of e-mails from postgraduates all over the world. Interestingly, many of them have offered their help in the further development of our organization and have suggested their own ideas.”

Currently, plans are underway to offer WFOPS members access to three special lectures during the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in September 2015. The complimentary lectures, which will be open only to WFOPS students, will be held Monday, Sept. 28 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 29 (see the related article on page 2). These lectures will address the WFO’s goals for the coming five years, and Dr. Allan Thom, WFO president-elect, will address the WFO’s goals for the coming five years. Dr. Thom will speak to the WFOPS members. Afterward, the WFOPS will hold its first meeting. During this session, Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz hopes to establish the WFOPS Council, which will be charged with the governance of the organization.

“We highly appreciate the support of both the WFO and the British Orthodontic Society in the organization of this event,” Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz said. “Especially, we would like to express our gratitude to Prof. Roberto Justus, the WFO president, and to Prof. Jonathan Sandler, the chair of the 8th IOC Organizing Committee, for their constant support and guidance, and for providing us the room for the lectures.”

The organization has also received the support of the International Association for Dental Research and the American Association for Dental Research (IADR/AADR). Several WFOPS members who are interested in dental research were able to meet in person during a recent IADR/AADR meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The WFOPS members in attendance were from the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, China and England.

“We highly appreciate the help and great involvement of the IADR/AADR Executive Director Christopher Fox in allowing us to advertise both the 8th IOC and the WFOPS on the IADR/AADR website,” Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz said. “In this way, we are becoming a more and more powerful group.”

To join the organization, WFO student members should send an e-mail to wfpos.wfo@gmail.com. Updates on this organization will be posted on the WFO website, www.wfo.org.

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in Nijmegen, Netherlands. She is also the editor-in-chief of the scientific journal Orthodontics and Craniofacial Research.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 28, 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 offered Sunday, Sept. 27, Monday, Sept. 28 and Wednesday, Sept. 30. The Allied Health Professionals Programme will be held Monday, Sept. 28 and Tuesday, Sept. 29. The World Village Day Programme will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29 (see the related article on page 2).

Throughout the Congress, attendees will also have ample time to explore the massive exhibition hall.

Doctors & Allied Health Professionals Programmes

The Doctors Programme will feature nearly 50 of the top orthodontic speakers in the world, Dr. Sandler said. The lectures will focus on the latest advancements in the specialty of orthodontics and will cover a broad array of topics, including treatment of severe malocclusion, imaging, clinical trials, the contemporary orthodontic practice, treatment mechanics, evidence-based orthodontics, 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 over 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, transplanting 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, www.wfo2015london.org.

June issue of the JWFO is now online

The June issue of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists (JWFO), the WFO’s online scientific journal, is now available online. WFO fellows and student members receive full access to the JWFO’s online content as part of their membership. Members may use the WFO website, www.wfo.org, as a portal to the JWFO website. After logging in, members will have direct access to all of the JWFO articles. Articles can also be accessed through the JWFO website, www.jwfo.org.

The June issue includes the following articles:

- “Upper incisor exposure and aging: Perceptions of aesthetics in three age groups” by Dr. Mathew Melo Pihon, Dr. Vinicius Oliveira Matos and Dr. Baldov da Silva Coquere;
- “A pilot study on characterization of articulatory movements during fricative /s/ sound in an anterior open-lip subject: A tooth-visualized 3-T magnetic resonance imaging video evaluation” by Dr. Kuldaha Nanthapanon, Dr. Ii ichi Honda, Dr. Kazuo Shimagaki, Dr. Hiroko Ohmori, Dr. Marinaela Saen Yinsone-Arati, Dr. Toshih Karahayashi and Dr. Takashi Oso;
- “It is possible to distinguish between extraction and nonextractions treatments using facial images of adolescents with skeletal Class II malocclusions?” by Dr. Claudia Kochenburger, Dr. Vanessa Dias, Dr. Fernando Lima Martellini, Dr. Roni Raggio Luiz and Dr. Monica Terre de Sousa Araujo;
- “Bonded retainers maintain a high-standard orthodontic treatment outcome long term” by Dr. Anna Westerlund, Dr. Frank van Diggelen, Dr. Ann-Cathrin Johnsson and Dr. Heidrun Keilberg.

The June issue of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists covers a broad array of topics, including South Africa, Russia, Brazil and China. Dr. Justus will speak on the WFO’s progress over the past five years, and Dr. Allan Thom, WFO president-elect, will address the WFO’s goals for the coming five years. During this session, Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz hopes to establish the WFOPS Council, which will be charged with the governance of the organization.

“We highly appreciate the support of both the WFO and the British Orthodontic Society in the organization of this event,” Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz said. “Especially, we would like to express our gratitude to Prof. Roberto Justus, the WFO president, and to Prof. Jonathan Sandler, the chair of the 8th IOC Organizing Committee, for their constant support and guidance, and for providing us the room for the lectures.”

The organization has also received the support of the International Association for Dental Research and the American Association for Dental Research (IADR/AADR). Several WFOPS members who are interested in dental research were able to meet in person during a recent IADR/AADR meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The WFOPS members in attendance were from the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, China and England.

“We highly appreciate the help and great involvement of the IADR/AADR Executive Director Christopher Fox in allowing us to advertise both the 8th IOC and the WFOPS on the IADR/AADR website,” Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz said. “In this way, we are becoming a more and more powerful group.”

To join the organization, WFO student members should send an e-mail to wfpos.wfo@gmail.com. Updates on this organization will be posted on the WFO website, www.wfo.org.
Dr. Nikhil S. Vaid of Mumbai, India, is a member of the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) and has not previously served on the WFO Executive Committee. Dr. Vaid is a consultant orthodontist with an exclusive practice in South Mumbai and is a professor at the YMT Dental College and Hospital in Mumbai. He is the president of the IOS and the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS), and serves as the chair of the 2015 IOS Golden Jubilee Planning Committee (see the related article on page 7). Dr. Vaid is also a member of the WFO-IOC London 2015 Scientific World Village Day Coordination Committee for the APOS and IOS. He is the chief editor of the APOS Trends in Orthodontics and the IOS-Novelty.

Dr. Vanheng Zhou of Beijing, China, is a member of the Chinese Orthodontic Society (COS) and has not previously served on the WFO Executive Committee. Dr. Zhou is professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics at the Peking University School of Stomatology. Dr. Zhou has been with the university since 2000. He is president of the COS and serves on the editorial review board for the Chinese Journal of Orthomatology and the Chinese Journal of Orthodontics. He is an orthodontic member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and is a member of the International Association for Dental Research.

Central and South America

Dr. Ricardo Machado Cruz of Brasilia, Brazil, is a member and past president of the Brazilian Association of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and has not previously served on the WFO Executive Committee. He is in private orthodontic practice in Brasilia and is the coordinator of the orthodontic program in the Division of Dentistry in the Health Department of the Federal Court. From 2004 to 2013, he served as chair and professor of orthodontics for the Faculty of Dentistry at the Universidade Paulista in Brasilia. Since 2006, he has served as an associate researcher in the Genetics Department at the University of Brasilia. Dr. Cruz is a diplomat of the Brazilian Board of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and is a member of the editorial review board for the Dental Press Journal of Orthodontics. Beginning in October 2015, he will hold the position of scientific director of the Latin American Association of Orthodontics (ALADO).

Europe

Dr. Jonathan Sandler of Chesterfield, England, is a member of the British Orthodontic Society (BOS) and has not previously served on the WFO Executive Committee. He is a consultant orthodontist at Chesterfield Royal Hospital and an honorary professor at the University of Sheffield. He is a contributing editor for the journal of Clinical Orthodontics and is a member of the editorial boards for three journals: Dentistry, Dental Update, and Orthodontic Update. In recognition of his published research in the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Dr. Sandler was the joint recipient of the Helen E. Dewel award in 2010 and the David Turpin award in 2015. He was also the joint recipient of the Chapman Prize from the BOS in 2010, 2011, and 2014.

Dr. Panagiota Skoularikis of Nea Smirni, Greece, is the president of the Greek Orthodontic Society and the immediate past president of the European Federation Orthodontics. He has not previously served on the WFO Executive Committee. Dr. Skoularikis, who is an private orthodontic practice in Athens, Greece, is a member of the editorial board for the Hellenic Orthodontic Review, a member of the Permanent Peer Review and Advisory Council of the South European Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Research, and a member of the Scientific Committee of the Dental Association of Attica. He served as a member of the Orthodontic Committee of the Greek Ministry of Health and was an elected member of the General Assembly of the Hellenic Dental Association from 2011 to 2014.

North America

Dr. Thomas Ahman of Lima, Ohio, USA, is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) and has been nominated to serve his second term on the WFO Executive Committee. Dr. Ahman, who has been in private practice in Lima for 30 years, is a past speaker of the AAO House of Delegates and has served on several AAO committees. Dr. Ahman also served eight years on the AAO Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns. He is a past president of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists and is board certified by the American Board of Orthodontics.

Prof. Nigel Hunt

London, where he treated orthognathic cases. He saw that there was little research into orthognathic outcomes, and this would lead him to continue beyond orthodontic specialty training to become an orthodontic consultant.

During his training, he strove to understand why facial deformities occur, and, in particular, the role the muscles play in the growth of the jaws. His research on musculo-skeletal adaptation to disturbances of the craniofacial complex resulted in the growth of the jaws. His research on musculo-skeletal deformities occurred, and in particular, the role the muscles play in the etiology, prognosis, and outcome of treatment of craniofacial developmental anomalies.

For a few years, Prof. Hunt worked between EDI and two other dental hospitals in southeastern England, including East Grinstead, which has a facial deformity center. Then, in 1992, he resumed a full-time post at EDI, working as a consultant, senior lecturer and director of research. In 1996, he became head of the orthodontic unit at EDI and a consultant in orthodontics with the University College London Hospitals Trust. He was appointed as professor of orthodontics and head of the Division of Craniofacial Growth and Development at the University College London in 1998.

His role as an educator has been rewarding. In particular, he has enjoyed seeing some of his students take up his educational and research activities at EDI. For example, Dr. Susan Cunningham is now the orthodontic postgraduate program director while Dr. Rishma Shah undertook her own PhD project, producing a craniofacial skeletal muscle test bed for the investigation of muscular tissue function. "The ultimate goal of our research is to engineer craniofacial muscle tissue for those patients who are missing tissue for congenital or acquired reasons," Prof. Hunt said.

"Nigel has achieved a huge amount," Dr. Cunningham said. "He is so well respected nationally and internationally that to have him as a figurehead has been the most amazing plus for us. His research area was set up from scratch. He has driven the development of the orthognathic clinic and adult deformity deformity work. As director of education, he has a pivotal role in the management of Eastman."

When he served as the ROS chairman, an honorary position, Prof. Hunt oversaw a complete reorganization of the ROS. The society now has directorates, each one overseeing an essential area of the orthodontic profession, whether education, research, clinical standards or governance. "His work represents a major step forward to a more integrated society where the key posts and responsibilities are open to all members and can attract the keenest and most talented in each area of activity," Dr. Harradine said.

Prof. Hunt is a member of two editorial boards and several examination boards. He is also an international speaker who has published 100 papers, one book and several book chapters. He also works as an expert witness for the UK’s regulatory body, the General Dental Council.
WFO offers two membership promotions: One for student membership, one for WFO student members who transition to WFO fellowship after graduation

Orthodontic students still have time to take advantage of two WFO membership promotions.
A dues waiver is in effect through Sept. 27, 2015, for new orthodontic student memberships and student membership renewals. Orthodontic student members who become WFO student members in the past two years, as well as current orthodontic students who renew their WFO student membership, are eligible for this dues waiver. Previously, annual dues for orthodontic student members were $20 (U.S. dollars).

In addition, 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 fellow 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.

Applications for all classes of WFO membership must still be completed and can be found online at www.wfo.org. WFO student membership has almost doubled over the past two years. The WFO Executive Committee hopes to continue this growth trend for student and fellow memberships with these new promotions. To date, more than 1,800 orthodontic students belong to the WFO.

More than 160 WFO student members have transitioned to WFO fellowship since the dues waiver has been in effect.

The WFO Executive Committee will revitalize both membership promotions when it convenes during the 8th International Orthodontic Congress®, which will be held Sept. 27-30, 2015, in London, England.

The Smile Torch lights the way for the Indian Orthodontic Society’s 2015 public awareness campaign

This year, the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee in honor of its 50th anniversary. The organization, which was founded in 1965, has grown to be one of the largest and most recognizably special orthodontic organizations worldwide. More than 3,000 life members and 2,000 student members belong to the IOS.

Through the end of this year, the IOS is hosting events throughout India to promote the organization’s new public awareness campaign that is designed to educate the public about the benefits of orthodontic treatment and the qualifications of orthodontists. The IOS is heralding its commitment to a “smiling India,” said Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, president of the IOS.

In December 2014, IOS leaders began traveling throughout India with the Smile Torch. This torch, which was inspired by the Olympic torch, will be in more than 35 cities over the course of more than 300 days. While the torch is in each city, members of the local orthodontic specialty group and IOS representatives will promote the benefits of orthodontics through essay contests, art competitions, smile competitions, screenings of the new IOS movie “Orthodontists and Smiles,” radio advertisements, television and radio interviews, free orthodontic and dental screenings for children, smile runs, and more. Orthodontists are also volunteering their time to treat children in need of orthodontic care free of charge.

Kolkata was the first city to launch the torch. Hyderabad will be the final destination of the Smile Torch. The torch will reach this city as the IOS convenes for the 50th Indian Orthodontic Conference Dec. 11-13. During this meeting, the society will commemorate 50 years of being the “smile keepers of the society and country in the world to initiate such a large-scale mass contact program in orthodontics that will travel the length and breadth of the country.” Dr. Vaid said. The endeavor is for the average Indian to know that the doctors for crooked, malposed, forwardly placed teeth or deformities of the jaws are specialists called orthodontists who undertake special training in the field.

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However, he reported that many of the dental schools and clinics, as well as many primary and secondary schools, were greatly damaged or destroyed. ODOAN members are working to rebuild these schools. ODOAN has taken the initiative to build and restore demolished schools in some remote areas of Nepal.” Dr. Kafle said. “This huge task won’t be possible without help from our fellow WFO members.”

Those who would like to assist ODOAN by making a monetary donation or a donation of books, instruments, etc., should contact Dr. Kafle at dashrat07@yahoo.com or Dr. Rabindra Shrestha at rabindraaortho@gmail.com.

The 17th Panhellenic Congress held in Athens in December

The Greek Orthodontic Society (GOS) and the Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece, along with the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists, held the 17th Panhellenic Congress Dec. 6-7, 2014, in Athens, Greece.

The speakers presented on a range of clinical topics, including lingual orthodontics, orthodontic/peridontal cases, 3D imaging and more. The scientific program also included the European Federation of Orthodontics (FEO) annual awards presentation and the recently established FEO Young Speakers’ Contest. Go to www.wfo.org to read about these awards.

During the Congress, the GOS updated attendees about its participation in several solidarity projects. The GOS works together with the Doctors of the World/Médecins du Monde – Greece (MdM-Greece), a medical humanitarian non-governmental organization, to provide preliminary orthodontic treatment to children whose families cannot afford orthodontic treatment. During the Congress, representatives from the Vision of Hope, an organization that seeks out bone marrow donors, presented information about their work and encouraged Congress attendees to become bone marrow donors.

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Upcoming GOS events

The GOS, along with the Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece, will host the 18th Panhellenic Congress in December 2015 in Thessaloniki, Greece. To learn more about the GOS, go to www.grethio.gr
discounted registration fee if they are WFO members so they are submitting their membership applications to the WFO. This meeting discount is just one of the many membership benefits the WFO offers to its members.

Student membership has also increased dramatically, from 259 to 1,839 members, out of which 677 are from Mexico. Students are the lifeblood of any organization, and the WFO Executive Committee encourages students enrolled in accredited postgraduate orthodontic programs, as defined by the WFO affiliate organizations, to become members of the WFO. It is one of the most advantageous times to become a WFO student member. The WFO Executive Committee has waived the membership fee for students for almost two years now. The dues waiver is in effect until Sept. 27. Also, through Sept. 27, WFO student members who complete their graduate orthodontic program and apply for WFO fellowship will receive a one-year dues waiver. They will not have to pay dues their first year as a WFO fellow. During the 8th IOC, the new Executive Committee will decide whether or not to continue these dues waivers.

“Whatever the number of WFO affiliate organizations is also on the rise. We have seen new organizations form in countries where there has been no representation. This is inspirational. At this time, we have 109 affiliated organizations. We recently accepted a new affiliate organization in May.”

WFO Gazette: How has the WFO enhanced membership benefits over the past five years?

“A major accomplishment has been the establishment of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists (JWFO), which is the WFO’s scientific online journal. Members can access the journal as a free membership benefit. The JWFO typically has seven to eight articles and is published quarterly. The WFO has also dedicated the funds from the Thomas M. Graber Memorial Fund to support the journal’s T.M. Graber Section. Postgraduate orthodontic residents from all over the world review the latest dental literature in this section. Another major accomplishment is a user-friendly website. Among many website improvements, members can now pay their dues online.

WFO Gazette: How has the WFO supported orthodontic education worldwide?

“In many ways:

• By publishing the JWFO with relevant clinical and scientific articles that elevate orthodontic education worldwide.
• By encouraging the implementation of the WFO Guidelines for Postgraduate Orthodontic Education, which elevates the curriculum for orthodontic education. I can attest to the fact that these guidelines are being used worldwide. During the many international lectures and seminars I am invited to give, I have observed the importance that educators give to these guidelines.
• By encouraging the formation of new certifying orthodontic boards, which provide an updated reading list in preparation for the board exam. This not only elevates the orthodontic education of the candidates standing for the board but also the orthodontic programs that are obligated to prepare their residents to take the board exam. The WFO Guidelines for the Establishment of New National and Regional Orthodontic Boards is available on the WFO’s website.
• By organizing the International Orthodontic Congress® every five years, such as the upcoming 8th IOC in London. This meeting helps raise the standard of orthodontic education worldwide since the finest orthodontic clinicians, teachers and researchers in the world are invited to lecture and provide information to support the ‘evidence base’ of our specialty. Thus, individuals’ attendance at the IOCs gives them an opportunity to learn new ideas, techniques and also knowledge on how to practice evidence-based orthodontics.
• By the president of the WFO acting as a role model in orthodontic education. As a lifetime professor who has taught undergraduate and postgraduate students for over 46 years (and still going strong), I believe that I have supported orthodontic education worldwide. During my presidency, I have presented topics at international meetings that deal with the avoidance of iatrogenic problems, thereby protecting both patients and clinicians. The references for these topics (prevention of WLEs, prevention of periodontal problems and prevention of root resorption) are published in the book Antagogenetic Effects of Orthodontic Treatment—Decision-Making in Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment, written by me and soon to be published by Springer. The information I shared with my audiences was extracted from these references.

WFO Gazette: Board certification is important to you. In what ways has the WFO promoted board certification? What do you hope the future holds as far as board certification?

“In my travels to different countries, those that did not have a national orthodontic board were encouraged by me to establish one; and those that already had one were encouraged to provide their guidelines and procedures to those recommended by the WFO and to modify them accordingly if they find that their standards would be improved. I am happy to report that, during the 8th IOC, the WFO will host a symposium on orthodontic board certification. By hosting this symposium, we hope we will encourage new orthodontic boards to be established in the near future.

WFO Gazette: How has the WFO enhanced its communication with WFO affiliate organizations?

“The WFO Gazette, the WFO website and the WFO journal are excellent vehicles of communication with the affiliate organizations. For example, the WFO recently published a comprehensive survey on the status of orthodontics worldwide. This article, which was authored by Dr. Neil Kessel, Dr. Garland Hershey, Dr. Cell Phillips and Dr. William DeKock, was based on a study commissioned by the WFO. However, I have always said that personal communication is the reason for my having traveled so extensively (to more than 70 countries since becoming WFO president). During these visits, I was able to establish good rapport with the leadership of these organizations and have been able to provide CE to those attending the scientific meetings, simultaneously encouraging WFO membership. The annual WFO presidents’ breakfasts, kindly hosted by the American Association of Orthodontists at its annual sessions, also have been an excellent communication tool. I encourage all affiliate presidents to attend these informative breakfasts.”

WFO Gazette: The final plans are being put into place for the 8th International Orthodontic Congress®. What events are you most looking forward to?

“I look forward to listening to excellent lectures, learning new concepts and ideas, and attending social events where I can get together with old and new friends that I made during my presidency. I am also looking forward to the WFO Council meeting where important issues will be discussed, such as amendments to the WFO Bylaws. Most importantly, the election of the single slate of candidates who will serve on the 2015–2020 Executive Committee will take place. I am happy to inform that each one of the candidates has superb qualifications.

“I also look forward to the honor of presiding over the Opening Ceremony and handing over the president’s office to a most capable individual, Dr. Alan Thom, who is and will be my best friend.”

“The 8th IOC will be a wonderful conclusion to my 15 years of service to the WFO. I would particularly like to thank Dr. Jonathan Sandler, chairman of the 8th IOC, for the enormous amount of time and effort that he has put in, thus ensuring the success of this endeavor. I would also like to thank all the organizing committee members for contributing to this outstanding conference. This will be a conference that will be discussed for many years to come.

“I will also be able to recognize those who helped me during the past 15 years. For the first 10 years, I served the WFO under the able leadership of Dr. Lee Graber and Dr. Ahamasiis Ahamasiis. During all these years, I was helped, guided and supported by Dr. William DeKock, an excellent WFO secretary-general who is a co-founder of the WFO and in my first president. My work within the WFO was greatly facilitated by him. I will be forever grateful to him for his assistance. His support has been without parallel. I also wish to thank the WFO Executive Committee members for their friendship, their patience, and, most importantly, their invaluable help with all my WFO challenges over the last five years.”

WFO Gazette: What do you hope the WFO accomplishes in the next five years?

“I hope that the WFO membership will keep increasing and that the JWFO will soon achieve an impact factor through Medline accreditation.”

WFO Gazette: Do you plan to stay involved in organized orthodontics at an international level?

“What other personal/professional plans do you have?

“I plan to stay involved in organized orthodontics in many ways. I will continue to publish in international journals the research done by my residents at the Intercontinental University where I am the postgraduate research director. I will also continue to be a visiting professor at various programs around the world, to lecture at various orthodontic meetings around the world, and to treat my patients in my private clinic. I plan to continue my fitness program, so to see my 12 grandchildren grow and be with my wife of 50 years. She has, above everyone else, been supporting me during my presidency, accompanying me in all my travels and lovingly looking after me.”

WFO Gazette: What events are you most looking forward to?

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 education in preparation for the next 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. on Sept. 27, 2015, at ExCel London, the convention center for the 8th IOC. As of late May, close to 500 people had expressed interest in attending this symposium.

This meeting, 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 the ABO presentation, attendees will be invited into groups to discuss common issues, such as standards of care, accreditation standards, the written examination, clinical record requirements, the number and type of cases required for board certification, and the selection of clinical examiners. The groups will present their discussion outcomes at the end of the symposium.

Dr. Justus Report

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collaborating with our stakeholders, the orthodontists overseas, to set the standard of care and to encourage more orthodontists to become board certified worldwide.”
Dr. Charles Burstone, innovator and leader in biomechanics research, died in February 2015 in South Korea

Dr. Charles J. Burstone

WFO Fellow Dr. Charles J. Burstone, 86, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, USA, died of cardiac arrest Feb. 11, 2015, in Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Burstone, professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, was in Seoul to celebrate the retirement of Dr. Young Chul Park, who had served as a professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Yonsei University College of Dentistry, and to participate in the university’s Milestones in Orthodontic Philosophy Conference, which was dedicated to Dr. Burstone. On Feb. 11, Dr. Burstone delivered his last lecture on biomechanics and received a standing ovation at the end.

Dr. Burstone had many personal ties to South Korea. After completing dental school in 1950 at the age of 22, he served as a captain in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1953. For eight months, he was stationed at the K-9 Air Base in the Suwon district of Busan, South Korea. While there, he provided dental care to the troops and the local villagers. A lifelong photographer, Dr. Burstone explored the area near the base and filmed and photographed Korean villagers going about their daily tasks in a time of war.

Decades later, the National Folk Museum in Seoul created an exhibit, documentary film and book, entitled Korea 1952, based on Dr. Burstone’s rare collection of film and photographs. The museum’s special exhibit ran from June 22 to Sept. 5, 2011. News of Dr. Burstone’s contribution became widely known when most of the South Korean television stations included a segment on the documentary film during the prime time news.

In the ensuing years after his military service, Dr. Burstone embarked on his academic career in orthodontics, completing his master’s degree in 1955 at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. That same year, he became an assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Indiana University. From 1966 to 1970, he was a professor in the department. He also served as acting chairman of the department from 1956 to 1961, and as chairman from 1965 to 1970.

In 1970, Dr. Burstone and Dr. Sam Weinstein founded the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, which is now known as the Division of Orthodontics in the Department of Craniofacial Sciences. From 1970 to 1992, he served as professor and head of the department. While he was named professor emeritus in 1994, he continued to teach and conduct research at the university. Every summer, he would teach a two- to three-month course in biomechanics. In all, he taught more than 40 classes of orthodontists at the University of Connecticut. He also lectured worldwide on a regular basis.

Dr. Burstone was well-known for the development of the field of scientific biomechanics, including research in the biomechanics of tooth movement, the development of new appliances, understanding the force systems for appliances and the invention of new materials. He was the co-developer of many new orthodontic wires, including beta titanium, superelastic nickel titanium and long-fiber reinforced composites. The Association of University Technology Managers listed his research developments in fiber-reinforced composites as one of the 25 most important innovations that changed the world. He held numerous patents related to orthodontics, biomechanics and materials science.

Dr. Flavio Urbe, the program director of the Division of Orthodontics at the University of Connecticut and the Charles Burstone Professor, recalls Dr. Burstone stating that he would go into private practice once he figured out orthodontics. “He was definitely a well-rounded and wise individual,” Dr. Urbe said. “He was the father of modern biomechanics and was the most quoted author on biomechanics research.”

For more than 25 years, he received continuous support from the National Institutes of Health as a principal investigator on research grants. He also created a support fund for translational research at the University of Connecticut, which involved the application of basic science in orthodontics. In addition to his research in physics and engineering, he also contributed widely to the field of cephalometrics, diagnosis, treatment planning and interactive computer graphics. He was also well-known for his soft-tissue analysis of the face and pioneering work in facial esthetics. He published more than 25 books or book chapters and published more than 150 articles in refereed journals. At the time of his death, he was completing his last book, a collaborative effort with several Korean orthodontists.

Dr. Burstone received numerous accolades during his long career. In 1956, he received the American Association of Orthodontists’ Research Essay Award. In 1983, he received the Tokyo Medical-Dental School Research Award. The Canadian Association of Orthodontists awarded him the Grieve Memorial Lecture Award in 1987. He received an honorary PhD from the Royal Dental College in Aarhus, Denmark. In 1989. In 1990, he received the Robert Strang Memorial Lecture Award. In 1991, the University of Michigan honored Dr. Burstone with the Jarabak Lecture Award. In 1994, he became an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) awarded the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award to Dr. Burstone, a diplomat and past president of the ABO, in 1999. He was also a past president of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists.

Watch the documentary film Korea 1952 on the WFO website, www.wfo.org. The article that accompanies the documentary was originally published in Volume 17, Issue 1, 2012, of the WFO Gazette.

WFO forms History Committee, seeks members’ recollections of early years

The WFO quietly celebrated its 20th anniversary in May 2015. On May 15, 1995, 68 national and regional orthodontic societies from 62 countries joined with the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) to sign the charter of the WFO in the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco, California, USA, during the 95th AAO Annual Session and 4th International Orthodontic Congress.

Today, the WFO now boasts 199 affiliate organizations and more than 10,000 members. However, many of the founders and early enthusiastic supporters of the WFO are now deceased. With this in mind, Dr. Roberto Justin, president of the WFO, has approved the formation of the WFO History Committee to gather and document the origins and progress of each affiliate organization, including, but not limited to, names of the founders and early supporters of each affiliate and their activities and achievements over time.

Dr. Larson Kess, chair of the WFO History Committee, a former member of the WFO Executive Committee and a past associate editor of the WFO Gazette, is seeking information from all WFO members who can provide verbal or written recollections of the history of their national organizations and/or the WFO. Interested individuals should forward this information to the WFO Secretariat. Photographs, if available, are welcome as well. Please e-mail this information to wfo@wfo.org, or mail it to the World Federation of Orthodontists, 401 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141.
Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society looks ahead to upcoming events and reviews several projects underway

Officers of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) met in February 2015 during the 3rd Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress in Singapore to discuss upcoming events scheduled in 2015 and 2016, as well as several projects that are underway.

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