Save the date for the 8th International Orthodontic Congress®
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With only two-and-half years until the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC), now is the time to mark your diary and make your plans to attend this extensive continuing-education event. The British Orthodontic Society (BOS), in association with the WFO, will bring the 8th IOC to London, England, Sept. 27-30, 2015.

The Congress in 2015 will be held at ExCel, the venue for many of the 2012 Summer Olympic and Paralympic events, and the scene of jubilant victories within the sporting world. In 2015, London promises to be just as enticing, as the legacy from the Olympics continues to thrive, and the city will welcome the Rugby World Cup in September 2015 as well.

The BOS is creating exciting continuing-education and social programs for the 8th IOC. To make this program available to as many WFO members as possible, the BOS has created a pre-payment plan for the Congress registration fees. All WFO members, students through the end of 2013 are participating in the trust by donating their time and resources to treating these children. These orthodontists are working in tandem with other dental colleagues, who assist the applicants with the first step of the application process — the clinical assessment.

A child interested in applying to the trust for orthodontic treatment must present a clinical assessment form to his or her family dentist or dental therapist, who will then use a modified version of the Dental Health Component (DHC) of the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN) to assess the child’s malocclusion. To qualify for the trust’s orthodontic program, a child must present with at least two or more occlusal traits as described in the clinical assessment form. As part of the assessment, the family dentist or dental therapist must also record caries, oral hygiene and dental attendance status. During regular, annual dental checks, dentists may also independently recognize patients who could be considered for treatment through the trust.
In 1987, Dr. Sikki Singh, a WFO fellow, returned to his home province of Kwa Zulu Natal (KZN) in South Africa after completing the graduate orthodontic program at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. As he established his private orthodontic practice in Durban, South Africa, he immediately saw the tremendous need for orthodontic and cleft lip and palate treatment among the impoverished residents of the province. Compelled to act, he started a community-based orthodontic clinic at the Wentworth Hospital Dental Clinic, located south of Durban, in 1990.

Although there are many hospitals and clinics spread around the province, there is no tertiary level of dental care,” said Dr. Singh, who notes that Kwa Zulu Natal has the largest and most impoverished population in South Africa. “This means that indigent patients with severe dental and facial problems, such as malocclusions, cleft lip and palate, craniofacial anomalies and jaw injuries, have no recourse for treatment or rehabilitation. Moreover, there is no full-fledged dental faculty in KZN to alleviate the problem. . . . I could not turn a blind eye to their plight.”

Motivated by the clinic, he treated approximately 20 patients a month and worked with the resident dentists and dental assistants. Word about the clinic quickly spread. It began to draw patients not only from Kwa Zulu Natal but also from Eastern Cape, a neighboring province. The plastic surgery department and the craniofacial clinic affiliated with the medical school at the University of Kwa Zulu Natal also began referring all of the cleft lip and palate patients to the orthodontic clinic for orthodontic treatment. Outlying hospitals, clinics and private practitioners also referred their patients to the clinic.

To qualify for treatment, patients have to provide documentary proof that they cannot afford private treatment. All patients are placed on a waiting list. A number of patients are selected for treatment each month.

Through the years, however, the Wentworth Foundation has faced numerous challenges as the patient load has grown. The volunteers have had to deal with the issues of expenses, space and working conditions.

Rischal Singh received orthodontic treatment for his cleft lip and palate. These are his before- and after-treatment photos. Currently, he is being assessed for a nose revision.

“South Africa is a country of very rich and very poor — first world and third world. Working in the foundation’s clinics always brought me back to reality. The reality is that +/- 70% of the people in South Africa are poor. The greatest pleasure for me and my team is trying to help the disadvantaged in whatever way we can to bring a smile to their faces.”

— Dr. Sikki Singh

New Zealand Association of Orthodontists

Prior to the launch of the trust, the NZAO sent all members of the New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA) and the New Zealand Dental Therapists Association (NZDTA) information on the program, as well as copies of the clinical assessment form and the patient application form.

Dr. Peter Fowler, chairman of the trust, notes this resource would not be possible without the assistance of the orthodontists/dental colleagues. “The wish for a smile trust has been enthusiastically received, with offers of sponsorship and support coming from a wide range of organizations and individuals, including a number of NZDA and NZDTA members,” he said.

“The trust is confident that it will successfully deliver on its goal to provide specialist orthodontic treatment to young New Zealanders in financial need for many years to come. We want to acknowledge and thank our dental colleagues for their support.”

The first group of applicants has been received and processed by the trust’s selection committee. Sixteen patients have been selected to have full orthodontic treatment taken. Final selection will be based on assessment of these clinical records by the selection committee. It is expected that the first of these patients will start treatment in March. The trust has the capacity to treat more than 80 patients annually, and the selection committee will choose two more groups of patients later this year.

“The fact that the patients have to commit to undertaking at least 20 hours of community service during the course of their orthodontic treatment has elevated the profile of the trust in the media,” Dr. Fowler said. “This has helped expose the benefits of the trust, not only in providing a life-changing smile through specialist orthodontic treatment but also encouraging the development of the patients’ life-skills and their involvement within the local community.”

To learn more about the trust, go to the NZAO website, www.orthodontists.org.nz.
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Dr. Miroslav Milacic recognized for furthering postgraduate orthodontic education in Slovenia

WFO fellow receives Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Gold Medal

Dr. Gagan Bhalla, a WFO fellow who practices orthodontics in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, received the Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Gold Medal from the Non-resident Indian (NRI) Welfare Society in October 2012. Barness Sandip Verma, the parliamentarian under secretary of state for energy and climate control in the UK, hosted the awards event at the House of Lords in London, England.

Shri Gauhar Nawab, international president of the NRI Welfare Society, presented the award to Dr. Bhalla. The award recognizes Dr. Bhalla’s efforts to represent India in Canada and to increase understanding between Indian and Canadian cultures. Dr. Bhalla was one of 58 people worldwide, and the first Canadian orthodontist and yogi, to receive this honor in 2012.

Dr. Bhalla is vice president and a member of the board of directors for Patanjali Yogpeeth (PYP) Canada. This organization strives to create a disease-free world by adopting a scientific approach to yoga and ayurveda, a traditional Hindu system of medicine. Dr. Bhalla also conducts free yoga pranayam classes, interactive workshops and seminars to promote good health and well-being. He has trained more than 700 yoga teachers.

Dr. Bhalla has also participated in numerous fundraising activities for the Lions Club, the Credi Valley Hospital and Gold Haven International, which assists children and women in need in several countries.

He received his dental degree from the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York and completed the graduate education in Slovenia. The book is organized into three parts. The first section highlights contributions from Dr. Milacic’s closest professional co-workers and friends. The second part offers a selection of professional and scientific papers of teachers and assistants from the Medical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana. The third portion features research papers from Dr. Milacic’s former students.

“We are very proud to have been able to include in the book articles by leading orthodontists from abroad, including Dr. Hasan Ali, Dr. Frank Wandel, Dr. David Turpin, Dr. Bassem Gokal, Dr. Tarek and his friends, Dr. Lawrence Andrews, who reminds us of a thought of his, which deserves special attention. ‘The technique of the straight-wire appliance is like penicillin. It does not help those who are ignorant of how it works.’”

Dr. Turpin, editor emeritus of the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, submitted the article “The high cost of strong ethical standards” to Dr. Ovsenik for publication and is impressed with the data included in the book. “The data showed dramatic improvement in treatment outcomes over several years as Mika implemented use of a straight-wire appliance instead of treating nearly everyone with functional appliances,” Dr. Turpin said. “He also assisted on the gathering of excellent records, including the use cephalometric analysis and orthopedic surgery when needed. This was revolutionary for this school at that time, and the results were dramatic, I think. Mika is an excellent teacher and deserves this honor.”

The book is also a celebration of achievement during difficult times. In 2010, orthodontists in Slovenia marked an important milestone. For the first time, the Slovenian Orthodontic Society hosted the European Orthodontic Society’s annual congress in Slovenia. The organization was slated to host the congress in 1991, but had to pass on this honor due to the wars in Slovenia, Bosn and Ossetia.

“She was an international president of the EOS (in our country),” said Dr. Ovsenik, who served as president of the EOS in 2009-10. “This ambition was finally fulfilled by the 8th Congress of the European Orthodontic Society in Porec. Following 2010, the need to merge our work and our endeavors in providing the best postgraduate education of future specialists into a larger and comprehensive whole was generally felt by everybody. The time span from 1992 to 2012 also represents the period of Dr. Milacic’s work in Slovenia, the decision to honor him under the patronage of Medical Chamber of Slovenia was readily accepted.”

In September 2012, the University of Ljubljana and the Medical Chamber of Slovenia honored Dr. Miroslav Milacic for his contributions to the specialty of orthodontics in Slovenia. Pictured here, from left, are Dr. Maju Ovsenik, professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics at the Medical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana; Dr. Miroslav Milacic; Dr. Franco Faranci, past chair of the Department of Orthodontics at the Medical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana; and Dr. Gordana Zivcic Kalan, past president of the Medical Chamber of Slovenia. Both Dr. Miroslav and Dr. Franco received plaques from the Medical Chamber of Slovenia. They founded the Faranci and Milacic School Orthodontic Treatment, which is now under the auspices of the Medical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana. Dr. Milacic is a WFO fellow and a member of the European Board of Orthodontists.

Since 1991, orthodontists had silently nurtured the ambition to organize the meeting of the European Orthodontic Society (EOS) in our country,” said Dr. Ovsenik, who served as president of the EOS in 2009-10. “This ambition was finally fulfilled by the 8th Congress of the European Orthodontic Society in Porec. Following 2010, the need to merge our work and our endeavors in providing the best postgraduate education of future specialists into a larger and comprehensive whole was generally felt by everybody. The time span from 1992 to 2012 also represents the period of Dr. Milacic’s work in Slovenia, the decision to honor him under the patronage of Medical Chamber of Slovenia was readily accepted.”

The WFO has renewed its trademark registration of the phrase “International Orthodontic Congress” with the U.S. government. The trademark registration, which is protected by U.S. law, grants the WFO exclusive rights to use International Orthodontic Congress as the name of its continuing-education meeting that is held every five years.

The renewal is in effect for 10 years. The WFO has held this trademark registration since 1992.
Dr. Roberto Justus to receive the 2013 Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award from the AAO Foundation in May in Philadelphia

Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO, will receive the Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award from the AAO Foundation (AAOF) on May 5 during the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Ceremony, which will be held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. AAO President James Kunkemoller, who is the president and CEO of Great Lakes Orthodontics, will present the award to him.

The AAO constituent organizations annually nominate award candidates who are either full- or part-time teachers or chairs of graduate orthodontic programs, are involved with orthodontic research and have made personal sacrifices to promote the orthodontic specialty. Every three years, the AAO constituent organizations must nominate individuals who are citizens of countries other than the United States or Canada.

The Thai Association of Orthodontists’ mobile orthodontic unit, is in the middle of the group. Ms. Angsumalee Atthachadee, far right, is a staff member with the public relations unit of the Thai Association of Orthodontists. She helped emcee the event with one of the patients. Dr. Somchai Satravaha, president and head of the mobile orthodontic unit. Dr. Satravaha is also a past president of the ThaAO and a member of the WFO Executive Committee.

For the past two years, the Thai Association of Orthodontists (ThaAO) has coordinated a mobile orthodontic unit that treats cleft lip and palate patients at the Maharaj Hospital in Nakhon Ratcahsima, a province in northeastern Thailand. On Jan. 29, the ThaAO hosted a New Year’s party at the hospital to introduce the patients to each other and to give them an opportunity to show off their talents.

The ThaAO invited 200 guests to the special event. The guest list included the patients, their families, hospital staff members, and members of the Thai Red Cross Society, the Ministry of Public Health and the National Health Institute. The ThaAO members encouraged the patients to participate in different activities during the event. Some entered the event, and others performed the Thai classical dance to convey New Year’s wishes to the attendees. Patients also showed off their guitar skills, played games and danced to the popular song “Gangnam Style.”

“Gangnam Style.”

The party included a buffet lunch, which was sponsored by the Government Pharmaceutical Organization. For many patients and their families, this was their first experience with a buffet meal.

“The party went well, all were happy, and I believe the objectives were accomplished,” Dr. Satravaha said.

The cleft lip and palate patients dance to the popular song "Gangnam Style."
Educators convene for the Second Chinese Orthodontic Collaboration Meeting in Beijing, China

In September 2012, the chairs of the leading graduate orthodontic programs in mainland China and Hong Kong met for the Second Chinese Orthodontic Collaboration Meeting in Beijing, China, which was held in conjunction with the XIV International Symposium on Dentofacial Development and Function and the 11th National Conference of Orthodontists in China.

Dr. Ricky Wong, program director of orthodontists at the Faculty of Dentistry at The University of Hong Kong, and Dr. Urban Hägg, honorary professor at the Faculty of Dentistry at The University of Hong Kong, initiated this meeting to strengthen ties and collaboration among the various graduate orthodontic programs. The attendees included Dr. Lin Jiuxiang and Dr. Zhou Yanheng of Peking University; Dr. Zhao Zhihe of Si Chuan Faculty of Dentistry at The University of Hong Kong, and Dr. Zhu Shengji of The University of Hong Kong; Dr. Zhang Man of Wuhan University; and Dr. Wang Jianguo of Nankai University. “Many of these professors were my classmates when I was doing my orthodontic training,” Dr. Wong said. “Therefore, these meetings strengthen our collaboration and friendship.”

During this meeting, the faculty members discussed how best to share resources among the orthodontic programs through the Internet. They also viewed a demonstration of an Internet-based video conference system for in-school seminars and joint clinic meetings. In addition, the orthodontists discussed multi-center research collaboration, student/staff exchange research collaboration, external examiner collaboration, external speaker collaboration, a mini-residency system, an Internet-based course on the Tip-Edge appliance, and a joint orthodontic symposium for students.

The educators will meet again in August 2013 during the 12th National Conference of Orthodontists in Shanghai, China. Dr. Robert Justus to attend orthodontic meetings on behalf of the World Federation of Orthodontists in 2013

This year, WFO President Dr. Roberto Justus and members of the WFO Executive Committee will attend WFO affiliate organization meetings and other orthodontic continuing education events to foster support for the WFO.

For 2013, Dr. Justus has been invited to attend several meetings. He will be the keynote speaker in all, he has attended or will attend the following meetings board-certification examinations:

- the American Board of Orthodontics’ Clinical Examination, Feb. 8-12, in St. Louis, Missouri, USA (Dr. Justus served as an examiner);
- the Annual Session of the Mexican Association of Orthodontists, March 6-9, in Acapulco, Mexico;
- the 2013 Biennial Orthodontic Congress and Exhibition of the Association of Orthodontists, Singapore, March 21-24, in Singapore (Dr. Justus was a speaker);
- the 2013 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists, May 1-7, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA (Dr. Justus will be a speaker);
- the 13th International Convention of the Lebanese University School of Dentistry, May 8-12, in Beirut, Lebanon (Dr. Justus will be a speaker);
- the American Board of Orthodontics’ Clinical Examination, June 1-4, in St. Louis, Missouri, USA (Dr. Justus will serve as an examiner);
- the 12th National Conference of Orthodontists of the Chinese Orthodontic Society, Aug. 14-15, in Shanghai, China (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- the Annual Meeting of the Société Belge d’Orthodontie-Belgische Vereniging Voor Orthodontie (SOBOR-BEVOR), Sept. 6-7, in Ostende, Belgium (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- the Annual Meeting of the Ukrainian Association of Orthodontists, Sept. 12-15 (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- the British Orthodontic Society’s Annual British Orthodontic Conference, Sept. 17-22, in Manchester, England;
- the 9th International Congress of the Brazilian Association of Orthodontists in conjunction with the 19th Congress of the Associação Latino Americana de Ortodontia, Oct. 9-12, in Natal, Brazil (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- the XV Regional Congress of the Southern Regional Society of Orthodontists, Oct. 22-24, in Oaxaca, Mexico (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- the Gianelly Symposium at the Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Oct. 26, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- the XIII Orthodontic Congress of the Venezuelan Society of Orthodontists, Nov. 4, on the Isla de Margarita, Venezuela (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker); and
- the XXI International Congress of the Società Italiana di Ortodonzia, Nov. 5, in Rome, Italy (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker).

The dates of these meetings coincide with the WFO affiliate organization meetings. The dates do not necessarily correspond to the official meeting dates.

American Association of Orthodontists to sponsor breakfast reception for WFO affiliate organization presidents in May

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) will sponsor the annual breakfast reception for presidents of WFO affiliate organizations May 5 at the Philadelphia Marriott in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. This reception will coincide with the AAO’s 2013 Annual Session. The AAO has invited all WFO affiliate organization presidents to attend this meeting. The meeting will include an update on plans for the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® in London in 2015. Highlights from this gathering will be posted on the WFO website, www.wfo.org, and published in the next issue of the WFO Gazette.

Visit www.wfo.org for additional member resources, news

The WFO website, www.wfo.org, has an all-new look and enhanced navigation, making it easy to access the expanded content, including links to the affiliate organization websites, a meeting calendar for upcoming orthodontic meetings and membership information. The home page also features up-to-date news briefs and direct links to the WFO Gazette, the website for the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists and the website for the upcoming 8th International Orthodontic Congress® in London, England, in 2015.

In the coming months, WFO fellows will be able to pay their dues and change their contact information through the website. Watch the WFO website and the WFO Gazette for updates on these new features.

Download the WFO guidelines for establishing new national, regional orthodontic certifying boards


WFO affiliate organization meetings posted online

Go to www.wfo.org to review a complete list of upcoming meetings. Please send meeting announcements to Mr. Terri Wise at wfo@wfo.org.
practice and by promoting specialty education,” Dr. Justus said. “Roberto was instrumental in establishing the Mexican Board of Orthodontics,” said Dr. Kolich, who is a past president of the ABO. “As a result, when the American Board of Orthodontics began to write outside examiners to help with the clinical examination, Roberto was one of the first external examiners to participate in the ABO exam. He became involved with the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontists, and eventually was its president and a strong proponent for establishing worldwide board certification, which he has continued to support in his current role as WFO president.”

Dr. Justus was elected to the WFO Executive Committee in 2000. He has been president of the WFO since 2010. His five-year term will conclude during the 8th International Orthodontic Congress” in London, England, in 2015. “As president of the World Federation of Orthodontists, I am very proud to have such a distinguished group of colleagues in my Executive Committee,” Dr. Justus said. “All of us work together in our endeavor to elevate the standard of orthodontic care. I am indebted to their hard work to improve orthodontics worldwide.”

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The December 2012 issue of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists features the following articles:

• "Assymetrical third molar extractions: Evidence-based informed consent" by Drs. Sanjuan Kandasamy, Laurance Jerrold and Jay Friedman.

• "Retrieval mechanics for impacted teeth" by Dr. Earl Johnson.

The March 2013 issue of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists will focus on these topics:

• "Visual scan behavior of new and experienced clinicians assessing panoramic radiographs" by Drs. Thorsten Gruenheid, Dustin A. Bollwevet, James R. Miller, and Brent E. Larson.

• "Cone beam computed tomography evaluation after palatal expansion and orthodontics" by Drs. Bar Nguyen, Omar Kadoglu, G. Frans Currier and Justin Olsen.

Orthodontics is not all that defines Dr. Justus. His spare time is filled with music appreciation, handpainted projects and fitness activities. But, most important, he is a devoted husband of 47 years, a father and a grandfather. “I have been blessed by having a wonderful wife, Yolanda, who has loved and supported me for so many years,” Dr. Justus said. “She supports me in everything I do, without complaining about the many hours I spend in front of my laptop dealing with many WFO issues, preparing my lectures, reviewing research protocols, theses and papers. Her support has been essential to my success every step of the way. I am also most proud of having three wonderful and highly accomplished children, who are now parents. They are Mauricio, an MBA from Harvard, who is now dedicated to planning and building hyperbaric electric dams to produce green energy in Mexico; Adrian, who is a Manhattan School of Music master graduate and an internationally known solo violinist; and Yamara, who earned her master’s degree from the University of Washington, is an orthodontist in solo practice in Portland, Oregon, and is an American Board of Orthodontics diplomate.”

Echoing many of Dr. Justus’ colleagues, Dr. Nicholas Barone, secretary-treasurer, noted, “Dr. Justus’ congeniality and professionalism. ‘He’s certainly a continuous student of orthodontics,’” said Dr. Barone, who has worked with Dr. Justus during ABO Clinical Examinations. “He is the ultimate professional and certainly a gentleman. He loves to share his knowledge from his research and studies. Orthodontics is his passion.”

N e w s  &  A n n o u n c e m e n t s

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) has announced the recipients of its top honors for 2013. The following WFO fellows will receive an award from the ABO during the 2013 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in May. Dr. Jimmy C. Boley of Richardson, Texas, USA, will receive the O.R. Vaughan Special Recognition Award. Dr. G. Frans Currier, professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, will receive the Dale B. Wied Award of Excellence in Orthodontics.

The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society elected its officers in December 2012. The officers will serve a two-year term. Dr. KAZU TANNE, a professor in the Department of Orthodontics and Craniofacial Developmental Biology, Applied Life Sciences, at the Hiroshima University Institute of Biomedical and Health Science in Hiroshima, Japan, is president. Dr. Pradeep Shetty, vice-president (clean), professor and postgraduate guide at the Maan Dental College in Bangalore, India, is vice-president. Dr. HEE-MOON KYUNG, a professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the Kyungpook National University School of Dentistry in Daegu, Korea, is treasurer. Dr. Bryce Lee, vice-president of the College of Dental Surgeons (Singapore) in the Academy of Medicine of Singapore, is secretary general. Dr. LOH KAI WOH, who is in private practice in Singapore and a visiting professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the Nanyang Medical College in China, is the immediate past president.

Dr. Athanasios E. Athanasious, past president of the WFO, is now the professor and director of orthodontics at the Dubai School of Dental Medicine, which is an institution of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Academic Medical Center at Dubai Healthcare City in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Dr. Athanasious previously served as professor, chairman and program director of the Department of Orthodontics at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki School of Dentistry in Thessaloniki, Greece.

The Bangladesh Orthodontic Society (BOS) held its 3rd National Orthodontic Conference Feb. 1-2, 2013, at the Dhaka Dental College Hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The conference theme was “Smile for Better Life,” and 110 BOS members were in attendance. Senior orthodontists and postgraduate orthodontic students presented 25 scientific papers. Dr. Md. Zakir Hassan, secretary-general of the BOS, highlighted the progress of orthodontics in Bangladesh during his welcome address. Dr. Emdadul Haq, president of the BOS, thanked all of the contributors to the conference, as well as Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO, and Dr. Kazuo Tanne, president of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society, for their congratulatory messages, which were published in the conference program. The Canadian Association of Orthodontists has announced its new officers: Dr. Paul Major of Edmonton, Alberta, is president; Dr. Garry A. Solomon of Belleville, Ontario, is president-elect; Dr. Helene Gruelas of Oakville, Ontario, is 1st vice-president and Dr. Jean-Baptiste Retouvery of Montreal, Quebec, is 2nd vice-president, and Dr. Michael Patriquin of Toronto, Ontario, is secretary-treasurer.

The Lebanese Orthodontic Society (LOS) held a continuing-education seminar for 100 orthodontists Dec. 15, 2012, at the Rotana Hotel Haimeh in Beiruit, Lebanon. Dr. Moneshe Papadopoulos, professor and chair and program director of the Department of Orthodontics at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki School of Dentistry in Thessaloniki, Greece, presented the lectures for this meeting. The LOS was established in 1985 and has 120 members.

The Società Italiana di Orthodonzia has announced that Dr. Felice Festa of Formia, Italy, is serving as the 2013 president of the organization.

The Taiwan Association of Orthodontists held its 24th National Meeting in Taichung, Taiwan, in December 2012. More than 700 delegates from Southeast Asia attended the three-day meeting that focused on complications and risk management in orthodontics. The conference featured more than 80 lectures. Visiting speakers included Dr. Brent Larson of the United States, Dr. John Kanyuuki of the United States and Dr. Allan Thom of England.

2012 WFO financial statement to be posted online

The 2012 financial statement for the WFO will be available online by April. The WFO will complete its financial audit in March. To access the completed financial statement, go to www.wfo.org. On the home page, select the link about WFO under menu options, select Governance and then Financials.