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British Orthodontic Society’s Against the Odds competition annually recognizes an inspiring patient’s triumph over great adversity during orthodontic treatment

Patients’ entries focus on their personal experiences, challenges, and the support received during treatment. The competition judges include Prof. Tim Newton, a professor of psychology at King’s College London Dental Institute. Prof. Newton has worked in behavioral sciences in relation to dentistry for more than 20 years, and his particular interests include the management of dental anxiety, the working-life of the dental team and patients’ perceptions of treatment. He is also an honorary member of the BOS.

“For me, the Against the Odds competition has always been about celebrating two things: the transformational change orthodontics can bring about in individuals, often those who have struggled with other difficulties in their life, and the dedication, talent and professionalism of orthodontists and their teams,” Prof. Newton said. “All our judging is done anonymously — we do not know who the nominated orthodontist is until we have made a decision on the winner. I have had the pleasure of working with several other judges. On almost every occasion there were heartfelt differences of opinion, which I found truly inspiring since it not only reflected the excellence of the submissions but also helped us to refine what exactly we meant by ‘Against the Odds.’

“I would like to say what a joy and a privilege it has been to hear patients’ stories firsthand from their submissions. For me, one of the greatest things about the competition is that it places the patient at the heart of our judging.”

Dr. Adil Mannan accepts the 2013 Against the Odds trophy from the British Orthodontic Society during the British Orthodontic Conference in September 2013. His patient Emily Leng submitted the winning entry ‘Against the Odds competition.’
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Lebanese Orthodontic Society has supported the orthodontic specialty for almost 50 years

Founded in 1965 in Beirut, Lebanon, the Lebanese Orthodontic Society (LOS) is considered to be one of the oldest dental scientific societies in the Middle East. Today, the LOS is a member of the Arab Orthodontic Society, a corresponding member of the European Federation of Orthodontics and an affiliate organization of the WFO. The LOS currently has 152 affiliated members who are orthodontic specialists and practice orthodontics exclusively. The LOS contributes to the development and progress of orthodontics in Lebanon through the organization of one main meeting per year, as well as many seminars.

Four orthodontists were instrumental in the founding of the LOS: Drs. Pierre Riscallah, Edgardo Debbaneh, Frédéric Maalouf and Alexandre Khoury. Dr. Riscallah was elected as president in 1965 and remained in that position until 1999. He continued to serve as honorary president until his death in 2010. Dr. Riscallah was the founder of the Department of Orthodontics at the Faculty of Dentistry at Saint Joseph University in Beirut. He served as the head of this department from 1959 to 1980.

From left, Dr. Zouhair Skaf, historian of the Lebanese Orthodontic Society (LOS); Dr. Roberto Justus, WFO president; and Dr. Joseph Bouserhal, a WFO Executive Committee member and the 2010-11 LOS president, participated in the 10th Lebanese Orthodontic Congress in April 2011 in Beirut, Lebanon.

From left, Dr. Navindra Nanda of Farmington, Connecticut, USA, receives an award of appreciation from Dr. Fadi Ghaith, the 2012-13 president of the Arab Orthodontic Society and the 2012-13 president of the Lebanese Orthodontic Society, during the 11th Arab Orthodontic Meeting and 12th Lebanese Orthodontic Congress in November 2013 in Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Nanda, professor and head of the Department of Craniofacial Sciences and chair of the Division of Orthodontics at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, was an invited speaker for this meeting, which drew nearly 300 orthodontists.

The organization’s activities, however, were interrupted during Lebanon’s civil war and political upheaval from 1975 to 1993. In 1993, the LOS resumed its activities, and Dr. Riscallah began organizing scientific meetings once again. Working closely with the Lebanese universities, the LOS supports the development of the specialty in Lebanon by furthering the continuing education of its members and by encouraging the development of scientific research in orthodontics. In October 2001, the LOS hosted the 5th Arab Orthodontic Meeting in Beirut, during which the first director of Arab orthodontists was released. In February 2002, a scientific agreement between the Société Française d’Orthopédie Dentofaciale (SFODF) and the LOS was signed in Beirut. The LOS also hosted the first meeting of French-speaking orthodontists in Beirut in February 2005. Most recently, Beirut was the site of the 11th Arab Orthodontic Meeting and 12th Lebanese Orthodontic Congress in November 2013. Since 1993, several renowned orthodontists have participated in LOS meetings and seminars, including Drs. Robert Garcia, Francis Bassigny, André Horn, Claude Lemasson, Jacques Faure, Hugo De Clerck, Claude Chabre, Jean-Jacques Alain, Pierre Plançé, Thierry De Coster, Luc Dermant, Olivier Sorel, Jacques Trett, Olivier Manchamp, Tito Pelmuká, Hans-Peter Banfuen, Hans Paulson, Haluk Iveri, Dieter Drescher, Robert Birkett, Ashtion Hasun, Herman Van Berck, Brian Preston, Leslie Will, Roberto Justus, Moschlos Papadopoulos, Athanasios Athanasiou, Rainer-Bernhard Mielke, Vittorio Cacciafiga, Hugo Trevisi, Emile Rousoum, Samir Kapila, Navindra Nanda, Hee-Moon Kyung, Paul-Georg Brinkmann and Matti Palomo.

Since becoming a WFO affiliate organization in 1998, the LOS encourages its members to join the WFO as WFO membership offers access to the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists and reduced rates for international meetings, among other benefits. Today, 42 LOS members are WFO fellows.

“As the newly elected LOS president, my objectives are to encourage all LOS members to become WFO fellows and to attend the 9th International WFO Congress® in London, as well as to push for establishing an Arab orthodontic certifying board and to organize a special congress in Beirut in 2015 to mark the 50th anniversary of the LOS,” Dr. Fidel Nabbout said. Dr. Nabbout is in private practice in Lebanon and Kuwait, and is affiliated with the Lebanese University as an assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics.


Korean Association of Orthodontists Foundation offers Charity Orthodontic Project for Adolescents to help those in need

The Korean Association of Orthodontists (KAO) Foundation, which was founded in 2012, is furthering the KAQ’s efforts to provide complimentary orthodontic treatment to underprivileged children in South Korea. The KAQ has been offering this type of assistance since 2003. The KAQ Foundation’s Charity Orthodontic Project for Adolescents aims to provide orthodontic treatment to 180 adolescents this year. Those adolescents chosen for treatment are exempt from payment. At this time, the program does not have a waiting list, and patients are selected on a yearly basis. Approximately 200 KAQ-member orthodontists participate in the Charity Orthodontic Project for Adolescents. The KAQ recognizes these members at its annual meeting and gives them a certificate of appreciation.

“The primary goals of the Foundation are to provide orthodontic care for adolescents in need and to support research on malocclusion, but it also provides education and information on orthodontic treatment to the public,” said Dr. Chung Jiyi Jwng, president of the KAQ. “The Foundation has increased its help to adolescents, and, in 2013, more than 150 children received treatment through the program.”

As part of its public and community outreach efforts, the KAQ Foundation promotes orthodontic care on Baruni Day. “Baruni stands for straight teeth in Korean and also represents the charity group founded by the KAQ,” Dr. Jwng said. Baruni Day will be held May 25, 2014.

WFO affiliate organizations: Encourage your members to join the WFO

WFO affiliate organizations can help further the growth of the WFO by publicizing the WFO membership application process. WFO affiliate organizations may link their websites to the WFO website, www.wfo.org, to promote WFO membership and easy access to WFO membership applications.

The WFO website features membership applications for fellows, academic members, student members and retired members. All applications can be accessed through this WFO Web page: http://www.wfo.org/membership/application-forms-and-membership-classifications/ This Web page also provides details on each membership classification.

AAO to sponsor breakfast reception for WFO affiliate organization presidents in April

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) will sponsor the annual breakfast reception for presidents of WFO affiliate organizations April 27, 2014, in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. This reception will coincide with the 2014 AAO Annual Session.

The WFO 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, England, in September 2015. Dr. Roberto Justus, WFO president, and Dr. William Deloccasion, WFO secretary-general, will discuss recent and upcoming WFO activities. Highlights from this gathering will be posted on the WFO website, www.wfo.org, and will be published in the next issue of the WFO Gazette.
Dr. Robert Justus to attend orthodontic meetings on behalf of the World Federation of Orthodontists in 2014

This year, WFO President Dr. Robert 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 2014, Dr. Justus has been invited to attend several meetings. At some of the conferences, he will be the keynote speaker. In all, he has attended or will attend the following meetings:

- the Indian Orthodontic Society’s Bombay Orthodontic Study Group meeting, Jan. 27-28, in Mumbai, India (Dr. Justus was the keynote speaker);
- a half-day lecture, Feb. 15, to orthodontic students at the Department of Orthodontics, Arizona School of Dental and Oral Health, A.T. Still University in Phoenix, AZ;
- the First Asian Pacific Orthodontic Forum, organized by Wenzhou Medical University, James Cook University and Zhejiang Stomatological Association’s Orthodontic Committee, Feb. 22-24, in Wenzhou, China (Dr. Justus was the keynote speaker);
- the 2014 Annual Session of the Mexican Association of Orthodontists, March 4-8, in Ríoserra Maya/Cancun, Mexico;
- the 2014 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists, April 25-29, in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA (Dr. Justus will be a speaker);
- a two-day symposium for the Polish Orthodontic Society, May 9-10, in Warsaw, Poland (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- a half-day lecture, Aug. 28, to orthodontic students at the Department of Orthodontics School of Dentistry, Universidad Intercontinental in Mexico City, Mexico;
- the Annual International Congress of the Sociedad de Ortodoncia de Chile, Sept. 3-5, in Santiago, Chile (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists and Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists 2014 Annual Session, Sept. 12-15, in Chicago, Illinois, USA (Dr. Justus will be a speaker);
- the Annual International Congress of the Sociedad Argentina de Ortodoncia, Sept. 17-20, in Buenos Aires, Argentina (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker);
- the Annual Meeting of the Colegio de Especialistas en Ortodoncia del Estado de Colima, Nov. 6-8, in Manzanillo, Mexico; and
- the Taiwan International Orthodontic Forum, organized by the Taiwan Association of Orthodontists, Nov. 21-25, in Taipei, Taiwan (Dr. Justus will be the keynote speaker).

The above dates reflect when Dr. Justus was or will be in attendance at the various events. These dates do not necessarily correspond to the official meeting dates.

Attend the Rugby World Cup 2015 while in London for the 8th International Orthodontic Congress

London, England, will not only be the site of the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) but also the Rugby World Cup (RWC) 2015. The tournament, which coincides with the 8th IOC, kicks off Sept. 18, 2015, and 31 venues will host 48 matches over six weeks. RWC 2015 tickets go on sale to the general public in September 2014. More than one million tickets for the Rugby World Cup 2015 will be made available at $100 or less, and 500,000 tickets will be available at $50 or less. To learn more about the RWC 2015, go to www.rugbyworldcup.com.
Dr. Thomas Ahman, a WFO Executive Committee member since 2010, will receive the 2014 James E. Brophy AAO Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) on April 27, 2014, during the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Ceremony that will be held in conjunction with the AAO Annual Session in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

Dr. Ahman, who has been in private orthodontic practice in Lima, Ohio, USA, for 28 years, has held numerous leadership positions within the AAO. Most notably, he was highly involved with the AAO’s House of Delegates, which is the organization’s policy-making body that convenes during the AAO Annual Session. For seven years, he represented the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (GLAO) as a delegate to the House of Delegates. For three of those years, he served as the GLAO’s delegate chair. Dr. Ahman then went on to serve as the speaker of the House of Delegates for three years.

In the capacity, he guided the House of Delegates as it elected officers, adopted the annual budget and voted on policies. In addition to those roles, Dr. Ahman served on the AAO Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns for eight years, serving as chair for two years. He has been involved with several other committees over the years.

“Dr. Ahman is one of the most innovative minds in the IOS who chose the path not taken and was willing to think outside of the box to come up with really useful and relevant clinical innovations, which can contribute positively to the science of orthodontics,” Dr. Vaid said. “Most of these ideas have now been published in peer-reviewed international journals.”

The Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) recently held the 9th Annual Meeting Jan. 27-30, 2014, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Nine international speakers from North America, Asia and Europe participated in the meeting, including Dr. Larry Wofford (United States); Dr. Hee-Moon Kyung (Korea); Dr. Takashi Ono (Japan); Dr. Athanasios Athanasious (United Arab Emirates); Dr. Donald Ferguson (United Arab Emirates); Dr. Ward Smalley (United States); Dr. Antonino Secchi (United States); Dr. L. Douglas Knight (United States) and Dr. Eric Kuo (United States). The meeting drew more than 600 attendees. In addition, Dr. Khalid Albadr, president of the IOS, presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Suleiman Aiemran, past president of the IOS.

The SOS will hold its 9th International Annual Congress Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2015, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The IOS website is www.sos.sa.

The Peruvian Society of Orthodontics (Sociedad Peruana de Ortodoncia) has announced its new officers. Dr. Fernando Silva Esteves is president, and Dr. Sheeren Awuapara Flores Raffo is secretary.

If you are a member of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) and have logged into the AAO website, www.AAOinfo.org, enter your e-mail address and your AAO website password to log into the WFO website. (The AAO and WFO share membership information via their database.) If you know which e-mail address is on file with the WFO and have never logged into the AAO website, select forget your password. You will be asked to enter your e-mail address. You will then receive an e-mail that will help you reset your password. Restart the login process using your e-mail address and new password. If you encounter problems, contact Ms. Wise to request a temporary password.

New member resources await on the WFO website.

Once you are logged in, you will land on the Member’s Home page. Select My Information to update your contact information and demographics. If you are a member of the AAO, any updates you make to this section will also change your information on file with the AAO.

If your WFO membership will expire within the next six months, you may renew your membership online. Select Pay Dues Online to renew your membership. If you need assistance, contact Ms. Wise.

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