Travel bag at the ready, Dr. Allan Thom looks forward to meeting orthodontists around the world this year

Here, Dr. Thom reflects on his first three trips as WFO president

During the successful 8th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC) in London in September 2015, I was elected president of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO). I do not regard this as a personal achievement, but as recognition that the British Orthodontic Society (BOS) has a place upon the world stage.

One of the duties of the WFO president is to visit conferences of affiliate societies. The first three months of my presidency were busy with travel to Italy, Japan and India.

In October 2015, the Società Italiana di Ortodonzia (SIDO) held its 46th SIDO International Congress in Milan, Italy, under the presidency of Dr. Giampietro Farronato. More than 5,000 delegates from Europe, Africa, India, Russia, the Middle East and other countries attended. The excellent lecture sessions were complemented with an extensive trade exhibition.

The SIDO meetings are renowned for wonderful Italian hospitality at the social functions, and this meeting was no exception. One of the highlights was an evening visit to EXPO 2015, a world’s fair exhibition that was held in Milan from May to October 2015. The theme of the EXPO was “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life.” My wife, Heather, and I had never been to an EXPO fair and were more than surprised by the vast open-air complex of pavilions (some three- or four-stories high) that covered hundreds of acres. Each pavilion, representing a country of the world, had bilingual guides and displays on the use and preservation of the country’s natural resources.

Another highlight was the SIDO banquet at Sforza Castle, which is steeped in medieval history. It was a grand occasion.

From left, Dr. Leonid Persin of Moscow, Russia, and Dr. Allan Thom, president of the WFO, enjoy dinner and an evening exploring EXPO 2015 in Milan, Italy. Both were attending the 46th SIDO International Congress.

Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz said, “I strongly encourage all WFPOS members to consider this opportunity to travel to Italy and to enjoy the 47th International Congress in October. It is really unique that Dr. Allegretti approached us students and proposed such an opportunity that creates a new venue for us to broaden our knowledge. The WFPOS highly appreciates her nice gesture such an opportunity that creates a new venue for us to broaden our knowledge. The WFPOS highly appreciates her nice gesture.”

So much can be accomplished if we all work together. I look forward to serving for the next five years.” As vice president, Dr. Maplethorp will assume the duties of the WFO president at the president’s request or in the president’s temporary absence. While Dr. Maplethorp will not automatically succeed Dr. Allan Thom as WFO president in 2020, she, along with the other members of the 2015-2020 WFO Executive Committees, will be eligible to be elected president.

Dr. Maplethorp is serving her second term on the WFO Executive Committee. During her first term, she played an integral role in the redevelopment of the WFO website, www.wfo.org, the new version of which debuted in 2012. As chair of the current WFO Website Review Committee and the RFP Committee, she continues to guide the future direction of the site, along with committee members Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis of Greece and Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid of India. The results so far have been rewarding.

“I enjoy most that information for our members, potential members and the public can be updated within minutes,” Dr. Maplethorp said. “I enjoy the challenge of using technology in a financially responsible manner to do the best benefit for our members. I would love to see the website translated into many languages, and, hopefully, technology will soon bring that goal within our grasp.”

Dr. Maplethorp is also serving on the Bylaws Committee, the History Committee, the Publications Committee, the RFP Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the History Committee, the Publications Committee, the RFP Committee, the Executive Committees, will be eligible to be elected president.

The WFO Executive Committee elected Dr. Amanda Maplethorp of Port Moody, British Columbia, Canada, to serve as WFO vice president in December 2015.

Dr. Maplethorp said, “It is a great honor for an organization as small as the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) to have a representative on the Executive Committee, but for me to be elected as vice president is particularly special. Just before I attended the University of British Columbia, I attended the United World College of the Atlantic for two years and loved the global visions of that program. Being on the Executive Committee of the WFO, to me, is a chance to give back both to the great profession of orthodontics and to the United World College global vision. My vision is this: So much can be accomplished if we all work together.

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Japanese politeness and hospitality are legendary, and my wife and I were “assigned” a local lecturer and PhD student to look after us, which they did superbly. The Japanese Orthodontic Society delegates were the most generous and wonderful of hosts. I cannot thank them enough for their kindness and precise attention to detail. Surely, this is an indication of what can be expected in 2020 when the JOS will host the 9th IOC in Yokohama just outside Tokyo. This is a date for the diary. I know it will be one of the greatest IOCs in the WFO’s history.

Yokohama is a city of delight and surprises. The greatest surprise was the ever-striking mountain range of how to find one’s way around the metro and mainline stations. Whilst the bullet trains are legendary and run to time to the second, the stations are another feature. They are mazes, not unlike termite hills with their multiple levels, multiple exits and multiple entries! One day we traveled over 150 km in 35 minutes by bullet train. But it took us another 35 minutes to find our way out of the station! Kyoto must be the garden city of Japan. Its wide grid-like streets feature delightful coffee shops and restaurants. Because of its beauty, this city was never bombed during the Second World War. Kyoto is also home to the dying art of geisha entertainment. Genuine geishas are rarely seen out in public. Fortunately, we saw three in a short space of time.

Dr. Allen Thom, president of the WFO, visited the Devnar School for the Blind in Hyderabad, India, while attending the 50th Golden Jubilee Congress of the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS). Throughout 2015, members of the IOS carried the Smile Torch from city to city in India to promote awareness about orthodontic treatment. Dr. Thom carried the Smile Torch to this school.

This school offers an astounding education and extensive resources to the children, giving them a future opportunity. I found my visit to be a most enjoyable, but moving, experience, and I will always remember the hundreds of smiling faces of the children as they waved goodbye. I was moved to tears not for thetorch, but for the hope and opportunity these children have.

The Indian Orthodontic Society is to be congratulated on organizing such an excellent conference. I thank them for the warm hospitality given to my wife and me.

The 2016 IOS meeting is in Goa, a place of sunshine and beaches. I highly recommend this meeting.

Dr. Thom selected six further updates on my travels on the WFO website, www.wfo.org.

Amphitheatre at the Lucian Blaga Medicine University in Sibiu, Romania. The main topics will focus on retention and the esthetic effects of orthodontic treatment. Keynote speakers include Dr. Roberto Justus of Mexico, immediate past president of the WFO; Dr. Giovanni Furratto of Italy; Dr. Jonathan Sandler of the UK, a member of the WFO Executive Committee; Dr. Alison Murray of the UK; Dr. Luca Lombardo of Italy; Dr. Sibiu Sigrist of Italy; Dr. Iamis Borhath of Hungary; Dr. Ion Lupan of Moldavia; Dr. Oleg Solomon of Moldavia; and Dr. Valentina Trifan of Moldavia. Dr. Victor Bobo is the president of the Congress. For more information on this meeting, send an e-mail to areo@gmail.com.

Satravaha, a past WFO Executive Committee member, was made a member and editor emeritus of the WFO’s periodical Observatorio. She is also the direct representative of the WFO to the American Dental Education, Association for Excellence in Orthodontics and the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the College of Dentists.

The weather was a wonderful contrast to our cold Decembers in the UK. Many of the social functions were grand outdoor occasions. Areo will hold its 7th International Orthodontic Congress May 21-25, 2016, at the Victor Papanikolou Amphitheatre at the Lucian Blaga Medicine University in Sibiu, Romania. The main topics will focus on retention and the esthetic effects of orthodontic treatment. Keynote speakers include Dr. Roberto Justus of Mexico, immediate past president of the WFO; Dr. Giovanni Furratto of Italy; Dr. Jonathan Sandler of the UK, a member of the WFO Executive Committee; Dr. Alison Murray of the UK; Dr. Luca Lombardo of Italy; Dr. Sibiu Sigrist of Italy; Dr. Iamis Borhath of Hungary; Dr. Ion Lupan of Moldavia; Dr. Oleg Solomon of Moldavia; and Dr. Valentina Trifan of Moldavia. Dr. Victor Bobo is the president of the Congress. For more information on this meeting, send an e-mail to areo@gmail.com.

**WFO Selects Vice President**

"The 2015-2020 WFO Executive Committee is an enthusiastic group, and, under the leadership of Dr. Thom, is already off to a very busy start," she said. "To list only a few projects, the WFO will host the 2015 International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in 2015, and it is now available. The website will continue to be updated, hopefully with some video content. We hope to grow our membership by offering services that will help our members. We are also looking into scholarship opportunities and new awards, developing a bylaws template to assist new departments on the world stage, and focusing on the role of the WFO in 2020. Dr. Keiji Moriyama and Dr. Takashi Ono have assured us that the 25th anniversary of the WFO will be celebrated.

Dr. Maplethorp, like her peers on the WFO Executive Committee, will represent the WFO at various WFO affiliate organization meetings and conferences throughout the year. She will attend the 2016 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists and the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the CAO. She is also looking forward to visiting Goa, India, for the 51st Indian Orthodontic Congress and the 8th World Implant Orthodontic Conference. In addition to her work with the WFO, Dr. Maplethorp is in private practice in Maple Ridge, British Columbia. She is a past president of the CAO and remains active on several of the organization’s committees. She is also a past president of the British Columbia Society of Orthodontists. Dr. Maplethorp is a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the American College of Dentists.
WFO membership is on the rise among orthodontic students

WFO membership, especially among orthodontic students, is growing as eligible individuals take advantage of two membership promotions.

In September 2015, the WFO Executive Committee announced dues would be waived for new WFO student memberships and student membership renewals, as well as for those student members who transition to WFO fellowship. In September 2015, the Executive Committee voted to extend these offers for an additional year. The dues waiver for both groups is in effect through Sept. 27, 2016. Orthodontic students will save $20 (USD) in annual dues. WFO student members who complete their graduate orthodontic program and apply for WFO fellowship will not have to pay dues their first year as a WFO fellow, a savings of $40 (USD).

Since the extension of the promotion last year, more than 500 orthodontic students have become WFO student members, bringing the total number of student members to more than 1,900. A large group of WFO student members have also transitioned to WFO fellowship.

Application forms for new applicants in all classes of WFO membership must still be completed and can be found online at www.wfo.org.

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discussions about the treatment of aging patients and their experiences. These discussions provide a broader perspective on the impact of orthodontics on quality of life.

The benefits of orthodontic treatment on oral health, and, consequently, on quality of life, have been extensively demonstrated.

Historically, the specialty of orthodontics has been linked to the treatment of children, teenagers and young adults. In the editorial, Dr. Faber challenges readers to think beyond this paradigm.

“Older people are increasingly seeking more orthodontic treatment worldwide,” Dr. Faber said. “They are looking for functional and esthetic improvements, and we are technically prepared to treat those patients.”

However, he notes that orthodontic treatment modalities for older adults can be more complex. Often times, the treatment will require an interdisciplinary approach. In addition, treatment time can be reduced as orthodontists and patients may opt for partial treatments.

“For instance, it is possibly wise to provide comprehensive three-year treatment for an individual who is 85 years old,” Dr. Faber said. “However, a three-month treatment may improve this person’s quality of life.”

Despite these complexities, he believes the specialty can rise to the challenge. He encourages orthodontists, researchers and orthodontic associations to consider this issue and how they might promote orthodontic treatment among these individuals.

“It is time to rethink the scope of orthodontics,” Dr. Faber said. “For many years, we thought that our main purpose was to provide beautiful smiles. Evidence supports the claim that we go far beyond that. We improve patients’ breathing patterns, and we improve function, esthetics and self-esteem; in summary, the major goal of orthodontics is to improve quality of life. We must extend the benefits of orthodontic treatment to older people and fight against the prejudice that orthodontic treatment is limited to young people.”

Invited Speakers & Topics

• Prof. Milthran Goonewardene, Australia (TADs in Surgical Orthodontics)
• Prof. Anne Marle Kuijpers-Jagtman, Holland
• Prof. Fraser M.C. Donald, UK (Six Months Smiles: The Problems)
• Prof. Stephen Richmond, UK (Understanding the Face)
• Dr. Simon Littlewood, UK (Bonded Retainers: Removable Retainers)
• Dr. Fahad Nahai, UK (Facial Aesthetics: Facial Asymmetries)
• Prof. Peter Nguyen, USA (TADs in Class III Malocclusions)
• Prof. Ravindra Nanda, USA (Accelerating Orthodontic Treatment)
• Prof. Roberto Justus, Mexico (Anterior Open Bite: Post-Surgical Relapse: Root Resorption)
• Prof. Won Moon, USA
• Prof. Chung How Kau, USA (The Future of Orthodontics)
• Summit Yadav, DDS, MDS, PhD (Open Bite Closure with and without TADs)
• Prof. Bernd Lapapagi, Germany
• Prof. Keiji Moriyama, Japan
• Prof. Takashi Ono, Japan (Orthodontic Science; Japanese Nii Archwire)
• Prof. Anthony Ireland, UK (Orthodontic Materials: Orthodontic Risks)
• Prof. Allan Thom, UK
• Prof. Hans U.P. Pauzen, Sweden (Autotransplantation of Premolars)

And more speakers from 18 APOS country members
Bali beckons: Register for the 10th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference to be held in September 2016

The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) will hold the 10th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference (APOC) Sept. 1-3, 2016, at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia. The 16 member organizations of the APOS, will host the APOC and the 11th Annual Meeting of the IAO. Dr. Krisnawati Tarman is chair of the APOC and the IAO Annual Meeting.

“Bali is the most sought after holiday destination in the Asia Pacific, and we at the APOS are super excited to welcome orthodontic colleagues from across the world to Bali,” said Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, president of the APOS and a member of the WFO Executive Committee. “The TAO expects at least 1,500 delegates at this event. The speakers are prestigious names in orthodontics.”

The conference will look to the future of orthodontics and will cover multidisciplinary treatment, management of craniofacial deformities, orthodontic technology, new treatment strategies and community service. The APOC will also include a breakfast session for the presidents of the APOS-member organizations. Dr. Allan Thom, WFO president, will be in attendance at this breakfast meeting.

“This event promises to be a unique blend of cultural exchange and an opportunity for colleagues to showcase cutting-edge scientific research to colleagues from across the region, and possibly the globe,” Dr. Vaid said.

To learn more about the APOC, go to www.10apoc.com.

Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society holds first APOS Residents Forum in Taichung, Taiwan in December 2015

The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) held its first APOS Residents Forum Dec. 4, 2015, during the 28th Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Association of Orthodontists (TAO). This forum provided a platform to engage the future of the orthodontic specialty — the orthodontic residents.

“Scientific exchange amongst budding orthodontists grooms them holistically into professionals who are aware of happenings in surroundings other than their own,” said Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, APOS president and a member of the WFO Executive Committee. “It’s the duty of a regional specialty association to create such opportunities for them. This gave rise to the idea of a Residents Forum.

“The Residents Forum also gives residents from different countries a chance to forge friendships that could last a lifetime. The APOS strongly believes that the future of the profession is not only based on advances in science but also on the depth of personal interactions.”

The APOS received 7% applications for the clinical and research presentations. Of these applications, the APOS selected 53 residents from at least eight of the APOS-member organizations to present scientific papers during the meeting. These presentations were judged by Dr. Galaju Jo, the first president of the APOS; Dr. James Cheng of the TAO; Dr. Mubassar Fida of the Pakistan Association of Orthodontists; Dr. Roberto Tan of the Association of Philippine Orthodontists; Dr. Priyadharsan Vetanagalu of the Sri Lanka Orthodontic Society; and Dr. Chetan V. Jayade of the Indian Orthodontic Society; Dr. Eric Lion of the TAO and Dr. Tanan Jaruprakorn of the Thai Association of Orthodontists, chaired this forum.

APOS journal recognizes the top articles published in 2013 and 2014

At its annual general meeting Dec. 5, 2015, APOS Trends in Orthodontics, the official journal of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS), announced several awards to recognize the top articles published in 2013 and 2014. The award winners will present their work at the 10th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference, which will be held Sept. 1-3, 2016, in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia.

“The purpose of conceptualizing awards for the journal was to encourage excellence amongst the authors submitting their work to the journal, and to raise the bar on published literature in the region,” said Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, president of the APOS and editor-in-chief of the journal, as well as a member of the WFO Executive Committee. He noted that the awards are named after past APOS Executive Committee members in honor of their contributions to the society.

A three-member team served as the jury for the awards: Dr. Ketki Motyama, a member of the APOS and WFO Executive Committee; Dr. Tanan Jaruprakorn, APOS vice president; and Dr. Mubassar Fida, a member of the APOS Executive Committee. The award-winning articles are available at www.apospublications.com. The website offers free access to all articles.

The following clinical articles and original research articles were recognized:

- Fu Minkui APOS Trends Award (best clinical article)
  “Orthodontic camouflage via total arch movement in a Class II with hypodiploidy condylar resorption” – Ji-Sung Jang et al., Vol. 4, No. 6

- Daniel Huang APOS Trends Award (second best clinical article)
  “Twenty-year post-treatment assessment of Class II Division I malocclusion treated with non-extraction approach” – Ashok Karad et al., Vol. 3, No. 1

- Jyothindra Kumar APOS Trends Award (best original research article)
  “Evaluation of apical root resorption in orthodontic patients with maxillary anterior intrusion using utility arches and mini screws: A comparative study” – Munafedilbara Bhat et al., Vol. 4, No. 1

- Hendro Kusunoto APOS Trends Award (second best original research article)
  “Hybrid bone position and head posture comparison in skeletal Class I and II subjects: A retrospective cephalometric study – Pawankumar Drupadeo Trikale et al., Vol. 4, No. 5

- Loh Soo Ann APOS Trends Award (best clinical pearl/innovation article)
  This recognition was not awarded.

In addition, Dr. Letizia Perillo of Italy and Dr. Gowt Shankar of India were recognized as best reviewers for the journal from 2013 to 2015.

WFO History Committee seeks information, photographs

The WFO History Committee, formed in 2015, is seeking information from all WFO members who can provide verbal or written recollections of the history of their national organizations and/or the affiliation with the WFO. Send this information and photographs to Asten Cochran of the WFO Secretariat at wfo@wfo.org. Materials may be mailed to: World Federation of Orthodontists, #101 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141.
Indian Orthodontic Society bestows honorary membership upon three orthodontists

The Executive Committee of the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) bestowed honorary membership upon three orthodontists during its 50th Golden Jubilee Congress in December 2015 in Hyderabad, India.

The IOS selected the following individuals for this honor:

• Dr. Allan Thom, president of the WFO, in recognition of his global leadership and service to the specialty of orthodontics;

• Dr. Somchai Sattravaha, past president of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society and a past member of the WFO Executive Committee, in recognition of his contributions to the orthodontic publishing world; and

• Dr. David Turpin, editor emeritus of the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and a past member of the WFO Executive Committee, in recognition of his contributions to the orthodontic education and camaraderie in the Asian-Pacific region.

Dr. Allan Thom, left, accepts his honorary membership certificate and medal from Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, the 2014-2015 president of the Indian Orthodontic Society and a member of the WFO Executive Committee. Dr. Thom is president of the WFO and previously served two five-year terms as a member of the WFO Executive Committee.

Dr. Sattravaha was also surprised to learn of this honor. "When I was informed that I would be given the honorary membership, I was speechless and overwhelmed with appreciation and happiness," she said. "I never thought that some orthodontists out there would be watching what I have been doing to involve the orthodontic profession, and that they appreciated and recognized my work. I feel honored and feel that I am blessed. The members of the IOS are very warm and friendly. I enjoyed their warm hospitality and feel honored to become part of the IOS family."

"Having the opportunity to step onto the podium along with Drs. Somchai Sattravaha and Allan Thom to be inducted as honorary members of the Indian Orthodontic Society was beyond all expectations," Dr. Turpin said. "So many others within the IOS contributed so much to the success of that organization that I felt greatly humbled. Among those I met and spent time with was Dr. Keki M. Mistry, a founding member and past president of the society. He obtained his master's degree in orthodontics at the University of Illinois prior to continuing his schooling at the University of London and the Royal College of Surgeons in London. He is a pioneer in dentistry and one of the first dental specialists to usher in the concept of orthodontics as a specialty of dentistry in India. Other current officers played a major role in the success of the 50th jubilee, including outgoing president Nikhilesh Vaid, C. Deepak and past president Joseph Varghese. As a result of this array of expertise sharply focused on planning the meeting, success was obvious with nearly 2,200 orthodontists participating. It is clear to me that orthodontic leaders throughout the world are extremely active in raising the level of orthodontic treatment throughout the world."

Dr. David Turpin, left, accepts his honorary membership certificate and medal from Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, the 2014-2015 president of the Indian Orthodontic Society and a member of the WFO Executive Committee. Dr. Turpin served one five-year term on the WFO Executive Committee from 2010 to 2015. Dr. Y.S. Chowdary, the India minister of state for science & technology and earth sciences, stands in the back. Dr. Gangadhara Prasad, the 2014-2015 IOS president-elect, is to the right of Dr. Vaid.

Prior to 2015, the IOS had only granted honorary membership to one other individual. Dr. Rastnanda 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, received this honor in 2012.

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Indian Orthodontic Society’s 1st Global Editors Forum draws large audience interested in scientific publishing

The Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) offered its 1st Global Editors Forum as a pre-conference program one day prior to the 50th Golden Jubilee Congress in December 2015. While the conference was open to all Congress attendees, the IOS also invited educators and researchers from the graduate orthodontic departments throughout India. More than 250 orthodontists attended, and their overall interest in publishing led to a very interactive discussion at the end of the program.

The forum featured Dr. David Turpin, editor emeritus of the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics; Dr. Jorge Faber, editor-in-chief of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists; Dr. Ravindra Nanda, editor-in-chief of Progress in Orthodontics; Dr. Steven Lindauer, editor-in-chief of The Angle Orthodontist; Dr. Vinod Krishnan, associate editor of Orthodontics and Craniofacial Research; and Dr. Shidei Padamanabhan, editor of the Journal of the Indian Orthodontic Society. Dr. Nikhil race Vaid, the 2014-2015 president of the IOS; and Dr. Krishnan were co-chair of the program.

The editors covered an array of topics from different areas of publishing, including approaching orthodontic science with a research attitude, how to make science interesting, conducting and reporting guidelines for proper research, the editorial flow of international peer-reviewed journals, andsubmitted more than 758 abstracts. In addition, orthodontic companies held academic workshops to provide the attendees with more information.

"The annual meeting has been held 14 times with increasing domestic and international impact," said Dr. Zhou, who is also a member of the WFO Executive Committee. "It has become the biggest and best orthodontic academic conference in China. The meeting helps encourage communication among orthodontists worldwide to develop the discipline and improve the sustainability and capability of Chinese orthodontics to the world."

The IOS will hold its 15th Annual Meeting in Xi’an, Shaanxi Province, China, Oct. 11-14, 2016. Xian Jiaotong University School of Stomatology will host the meeting.
Brazilian association welcomes more than 2,000 attendees to the 10th ABOR International Congress in October 2015

The Associação Brasileira de Ortodontia e Ortopedia Facial (ABOR) held its 10th International Congress Oct. 7-10, 2015, in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil. The meeting drew more than 2,000 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Portugal, the United States, Uruguay, Italy and Denmark. “During these four memorable days, conference rooms were always full, and attendees showed great satisfaction with the high scientific level of presentations,” said Dr. Ricardo Machado Cruz of Brasilia, Brazil, who represents Central and South America on the WFO Executive Committee. “The highlights were two symposia on the approaches to Class II treatment and the indications and use of temporary anchorage devices, which were debated by internationally recognized speakers. Dr. Peter Buschang, Dr. Lorenzo Franchi, Dr. Sam Daher and Dr. Eustáquio Araújo (coordinator) and Dr. Sam Daher took part in the Class II Symposium during the 10th International Congress of the Associação Brasileira de Ortodontia e Ortopedia Facial. The Congress was held Oct. 7-10, 2015, in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, and Dr. Båte Mëler and Dr. Sebastian Baumgaertel discussed temporary anchorage devices.”

ABOR will hold its 11th International Congress Oct. 11-14, 2017, in Belém do Pará in northern Brazil.

Korean Association of Orthodontists convenes for 48th Annual Scientific Congress

The Korean Association of Orthodontists (KAO) held its 48th Annual Scientific Congress Oct. 29-31, 2015, at the Holiday Inn in Gwangju, South Korea. The theme of the Congress was “Today’s Question, Tomorrow’s Idea: Advancing the Scope of Orthodontics.” The invited speakers included Dr. Roberto Justus, the immediate past president of the WFO; Dr. Dieter Drescher of the University of Düsseldorf in Germany; and Dr. Hee-Moon Kyung, president-elect of the KAO; and Dr. Jose Manuel Rivera, a past president of the Association of Philippine Orthodontists.

More than 50 orthodontists (pictured above) attended the Annual Orthodontic Symposium of the Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists (HKSO) Sept. 20, 2015, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Macau. The HKSO elected its new president. The theme of the Symposium was “Today’s Question, Tomorrow’s Idea: Advancing the Scope of Orthodontics.” The Congress was held Oct. 7-10, 2015, in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil. The meeting drew more than 2,000 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Portugal, the United States, Uruguay, Italy and Denmark. “During these four memorable days, conference rooms were always full, and attendees showed great satisfaction with the high scientific level of presentations,” said Dr. Ricardo Machado Cruz of Brasilia, Brazil, who represents Central and South America on the WFO Executive Committee. “The highlights were two symposia on the approaches to Class II treatment and the indications and use of temporary anchorage devices, which were debated by internationally recognized speakers. Dr. Peter Buschang, Dr. Lorenzo Franchi, Dr. Sam Daher and Dr. Eustáquio Araújo (coordinator) and Dr. Sam Daher took part in the Class II Symposium during the 10th International Congress of the Associação Brasileira de Ortodontia e Ortopedia Facial. The Congress was held Oct. 7-10, 2015, in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, and Dr. Båte Mëler and Dr. Sebastian Baumgaertel discussed temporary anchorage devices.”

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FEO participates in 8th International Orthodontic Congress® in London

The European Federation of Orthodontics (FEO) Board of Trustees convened Sept. 27, 2015. The FEO General Meeting took place the following day. Both meetings were held in conjunction with the 8th International Orthodontic Congress® in London. The FEO Board of Trustees (pictured above) includes the following individuals: from left, Dr. Danny Oo Hei, administrator; Dr. Owen Cratty, secretary general; Dr. Ursula Hirschfelder, secretary general adjutant; Dr. Silvia Allegrini, vice president; Dr. Angel Alonso Tosso, president; Dr. Odile Hutereau, treasurer; and Dr. Patrizia Lucchi and Alberto Caprioglio. Drs. Christian Kirschneck, Peter Proff, Michael Maurer, Claudia Reicheneder and Piero Römer received the Best Paper Award.

The European Federation of Orthodontists (FEO) held its 8th International Orthodontic Congress® in September 2015. Four speakers (pictured above), representing various FEO societies, participated in one of the FEO sessions. Pictured here, from left, are Dr. Moshchak Papadopoulos (speaker); Dr. Joseph Bousheral (speaker), Dr. Abbas Zaher (speaker), Dr. Bärbel Kahl-Nieke (speaker), Dr. Odile Hutereau, Dr. Olivier Mauchamp and Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis. Drs. Hutereau, Mauchamp and Skoularikis chaired the FEO sessions. The second FEO session featured three speakers, and the FEO presented its Best Clinical Paper Award to Drs. Marco Rosa, Erica Promusca, Patrizia Lucchi and Alberto Caprioglio. Drs. Christian Kirschneck, Peter Proff, Michael Maurer, Claudia Reicheneder and Piero Römer received the Best Paper Award.

The European Federation of Orthodontic Specialists Associations (EFOSSA) held its General Assembly Meeting June 14, 2015, in Venice, Italy. Pictured here are the participating representatives from Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the UK. Dr. Julian O’Neill of the UK (front row, fifth from left, wearing jacket and tie) is president of the organization. The group discussed cross-boder contracts for health services, the difference between private orthodontic courses and Erasmus-based orthodontic programs, and the Network of Erasmus-based European Orthodontic Programmes, among other topics.

Go to www.wfo.org to renew membership dues and to access member resources, including the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists.
The APOS recognized four of the presentations with the following awards:

- **Prof. Gakuji Ito Award – Best Oral Research Presentation**
  "Effect of the estrogen degradation in the temporomandibular joint under mechanical loading"
  – Dr. Shao-Ching Su

- **Dr. Crisiev Santanyana Award – 2nd Best Research Presentation**
  "A comparative study of lateral cephalograms and cone-beam computed tomography under upright and sagittal postures respectively in upper airway evaluations"
  – Dr. Hou Wen Eng

- **Prof. Hideo Mitani Award – Best Clinical Presentation**
  "A Class II D1 adult patient with excessive overjet treated by VBns and platelet rich plasma injection"
  – Dr. Shovan Naveenam

- **Prof. Somchit Satavahana Award – 2nd Best Clinical Presentation**
  "Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of patient with multiple missing teeth and periodontists"
  – Dr. Jian-Chan Chen

The award recipients received cash prizes and plaques to commemorate their achievements.

The second APOS Residents Forum will be held in 2018 during the 11th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference in Boracay, Philippines.

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**Pakistan Association of Orthodontists**

Haidar, Dr. Khaleel Emaad, Dr. Purnet Batra, Dr. Abad, Dr. Wagan Walah, Dr. Sahib Al Ghabban and Dr. Nazir Lalani. Dr. Farhat Abbas, dean of the Medical College at Aga Khan University, delivered the welcome address. Dr. Alvi and Dr. Fida also spoke to the attendees during the welcome session.

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**Orthodontic Meetings Around The World**

- **American Association of Orthodontists**
  2016 Annual Session
  April 20-May 5, 2016
  Orange County Convention Center
  Orlando, Florida, USA
  www.aaoinfo.org

- **Romanian Association for Excellence in Orthodontics**
  7th International Orthodontic Congress
  May 19-21, 2016
  Lucian Blaga Medicine University
  Sibiu, Romania
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- **Professional Society of Orthodontists Russia**
  XVII Congress of Orthodontists of Russia and First International Congress of Russian and Mediterranean Orthodontists
  May 26-28, 2016
  Baltic Hotel
  St. Petersburg, Russia
  www.ortho.vtorso.pro

- **Sociedad Española de Ortodoncia**
  62nd Congress
  June 1-4, 2016
  Seville, Spain
  www.sedo.es

- **European Orthodontic Society**
  92nd Congress
  June 11-14, 2016
  Stockholm, Sweden
  www.eos2016.org

- **Academia Mexicana de Ortodoncia**
  XXIII International Congress
  June 27-28, 2016
  330 Century Medical Center
  Mexico City, Mexico
  www.academiamedicanaortodoncia.com

- **Sociedad de Ortodoncia de Chile**
  XVII International Congress of Orthodontics
  August 24-26, 2016
  Casa Padría
  Santiago de Chile, Chile
  www.sorichile.cl

- **Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society**
  10th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference
  September 1-3, 2016
  Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia
  www.tapanes.com

- **American Association of Orthodontists**
  2017 Annual Session
  April 21-25, 2017
  San Diego, California, USA
  www.aaoso.org

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**1st Global Editors Forum**

Post-conference workshops covered the use of Botox and fillers, laser use in dentistry, edgewise wire bending, the multidisciplinary approach to the treatment of the gummy smile, ClearPath certification, and research protocol and article writing. Speakers included Dr. Kassem, Dr. Al Ghabban, Dr. Batra, Dr. Lalani, Dr. Walah and Dr. Farhat Raza Khan.

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**9th International Orthodontic Congress & 6th Meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists**

October 4-7, 2020
Pacifico Yokohama Convention Complex
Yokohama, Japan
www.wfc2020yokohama.org

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