Affiliates and Fellows: Plan to celebrate World Orthodontic Health Day on May 15

Celebrate the orthodontic specialty’s ability to create beautiful, healthy smiles and share our positive story with residents of your region. The WFO initiated World Orthodontic Health Day on May 15, 2017, also establishing that date going forward as an annual worldwide day to celebrate orthodontic treatment.

By the second World Orthodontic Day in 2018, many affiliate organizations, orthodontic departments at universities and hospitals, and individual WFO Fellows had developed unique approaches to observing the celebration that were locally visible and educational for the public.

Dr. Abbas Zaher receives WFO Regional Award of Merit

Dr. Abbas Zaher has received the first of several WFO Regional Awards of Merit to be presented this year. Dr. Zaher, of Alexandria, Egypt, received his award during the 14th Arab Orthodontic Conference and 13th Annual Conference of the Saudi Orthodontic Society. The conference took place February 22-24 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The Regional Award of Merit, which was created in 2015, recognizes WFO members who make significant contributions to orthodontics, whether through academic, research, clinical practice or leadership and service in organized orthodontics. A nominee must be, or have been, a Fellow, Academic, or Retired Member of the WFO.
The concept for World Orthodontic Health Day was originally developed by the WFO Promotions Committee under the leadership of Dr. Nikhil Vaid, chair, with Dr. Ricardo Machado Cruz and Dr. Yanheng Zhou. They are WFO Executive Committee members for Central and East Asia, Central and South America and Central and East Asia, respectively.

**Use World Orthodontic Health Day posters, logos to add visual interest to promotions**

“We would like to remind everyone that we have posters for World Orthodontic Health Day available to assist with promotions,” says Dr. Vaid. “There are six new posters for 2019 in addition to the five posters introduced in 2018 and the three original posters from 2017. Simply click on the link and download as many posters as you would like to use. Also, please use the logo that was especially designed for World Orthodontic Health Day. The logo and posters may be used for all print and digital marketing of the day and to promote planned events with printed flyers, social media posts, etc.”

The WFO thanks Dr. Yuly Moncayo of Equador, who donated photos used in three of the 2019 World Orthodontic Health Day posters.

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**World Orthodontic Health Day Logo**

(available in five file types)

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Plan to Attend the WFO International Orthodontic Congress

Early Registration has opened for the 9th International Orthodontic Congress, which will be October 4-7, 2020 in Yokohama, Japan. The WFO Executive Committee encourages all Fellows to plan to attend the meeting. Watch for the Fall 2019 issue of the Gazette with an announcement of registration opening.

Attendees at the IOC will enjoy outstanding speakers from throughout the world in a scientific program being developed by the Organizing Committee, led by Dr. Takashi Ono, professor and chair of Orthodontic Science in the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences at Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU).

English is the official language of the WFO and the WFO sponsored IOC. Therefore, lecturers will speak in English and lectures will be translated into Japanese for Japanese Orthodontic Society members who do not speak English.

Outside the lecture halls, WFO Fellows will be treated to the extraordinary experience of visiting this intriguing and beautiful Japanese city, the second-largest in Japan. Although not as familiar to many westerners as Tokyo, Yokohama is just a 30-minute local metro ride to that city and is also a favorite tourist destination for those visiting Kamakura, Mt. Fuji and Kyoto.

Yokohama offers rich cultural experiences and entertainment

Yokohama itself has much to offer visitors. A port city engaged in international trade since 1859, Yokohama today has a population of three million people. Popular sites for residents and visitors alike include:

- **MINATO MIRAI 21**
  A seaside urban area in central Yokohama whose name means “harbor of the future.” Minato Mirai 21 is located along the Tokyo Bay waterfront. Major buildings in the district include the Yokohama Convention Center where the IOC will take place.

  As Yokohama’s central area for business, shopping and tourism, Minato Mirai 21 offers more than 600 shops and 200-plus restaurants. Located on a man-made island in the district is a theme park featuring the Cosmo World Ferris Wheel, which affords a remarkable view of the city. Views may also be found via the district’s Yokohama Landmark Tower — the second tallest building in Japan, offering a 69th floor observatory (the Sky Garden). Other attractions of interest include the Yokohama Museum of Art and the Nippon Maru, a four-masted sail training ship and museum that is permanently docked in the harbor.

- **SANKEIEN**
  Located in southern Yokohama, Sankeien, which opened to the public in 1904, is a traditional Japanese-style garden. Historic buildings located in the garden include an elegant daimyo (feudal lord) residence, several tea houses and the main hall and pagoda of Kyoto’s old Tomyoji Temple.

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NOODLE MUSEUMS

Fans of ramen will be intrigued by The Cup Noodles Museum, an interactive museum in the Minato Mirai District with exhibits telling the story of instant ramen noodles. The museum was opened by the Nissin Food company, the founder of which invented instant ramen noodles in 1958. Known for its popularity with budget-conscious college students seeking to save money, this quick-to-prepare food is enjoyed worldwide.

The Shinyokohama Raumen Museum also focuses on this popular Japanese noodle dish which was originally introduced from China. Exhibits show the variety of ramen noodles, soups, toppings and bowls used in Japan, and how the noodles are made. The museum offers nine ramen restaurants, with each offering a ramen dish from a different part of Japan and made with fresh ingredients.

YOKOHAMA CHINATOWN

Yokohama Chinatown is Japan’s largest Chinatown. Located in central Yokohama, its colorful streets are filled with interesting shops and restaurants offering outstanding Chinese cuisine.

Late evening in one of the streets of Yokohama Chinatown, one of the busiest touristic areas of Japan.
Zoorasia

One of Japan’s newest and largest zoos, Zoorasia offers visitors the opportunity to view many species of animals living in spacious areas similar to their natural habitats. The zoo’s exhibits are organized along ecological lines: Asian Tropical Forest, Subarctic Forest, Oceanian Grassland, Central Asian Highland, Japanese Countryside, Amazon Jungle and African Tropical Rainforest. Among other animals, visitors can see elephants, polar bears, black bears, okapi and proboscis monkeys. Nature trails and recreation areas for kids are available along with restaurants and cafes.

Experience Yokohama with Your Family

Dr. Allan Thom, president of the WFO, joined other members of the Executive Committee and organizers of the IOC at a site visit in Yokohama last October to view facilities where the IOC and special events will take place. Dr. Thom took his 11-year-old grandson with him and says they both found the trip very inspiring and educational.

“Our IOC hosts, the Japanese Orthodontic Society, have chosen a superb location,” says Dr. Thom. “Although Yokohama is a short metro ride from Central Tokyo, most of those attending the IOC will almost certainly wish to stay in hotels in Yokohama. There are hotels at all prices and activities for all ages.

“For my grandson, the trip was a unique opportunity to experience a culture totally different from Western Europe,” adds Dr. Thom. “He was never bored for a moment with so many activities available in Yokohama and central Tokyo. For me, it was a pleasure to watch him soak up customs, eat with chopsticks as though he had always used them, learn a few words of the unfamiliar language and communicate with other kids. Many young people in Japan speak English and take every opportunity to do so with visitors. I have no hesitation in recommending combining a family holiday with the 9th IOC. Everyone, of all ages, will thoroughly enjoy their visit to unique Japan, a wonderfully clean, safe and respectful country. I cannot recommend it highly enough.”

Orthodontists from around the world invited to Nice

The European Orthodontic Society under the presidency of Dr. Olivier Sorel will hold its annual congress in one of the most glamorous places in the world: the city of Nice. The Congress will take place June 19-22, 2019.

The EOS congress welcomes clinicians, residents and academicians from around the world due to its rigorous selection of speakers. With attention focused in one auditorium, there is a topic keynote speaker followed by short lectures, all selected by the meeting scientific committee. A list of speakers and activities is available at www.eos2019.com/en.

The Congress President’s Reception will be held in the Colline du Château with its beautiful gardens and spectacular view overlooking the city and port. Noted for its beauty, the city of Nice on the French Riviera offers its Promenade des Anglais, the old city with its open-air markets, an outstanding “marché aux fleurs” market and many museums.

The magnificent sites surrounding Nice include the road to Monaco with the small village of Eze perched on the cliffs, Cannes, St. Paul de Vence and the Maeght Foundation Art Museum.

“We are honored to welcome colleagues from all over the world and especially WFO member fellows and students,” said Dr. Sorel.
Nominations of Fellows wishing to serve on the next WFO Executive Committee are now being accepted. In accordance with WFO Bylaws, any WFO-affiliated organization may submit names of qualified candidates to the WFO Nominating Committee for consideration to serve on the next WFO Executive Committee. All nominated Fellows must be members in good standing of the WFO.

The WFO Nominating Committee will begin the review and vetting process that will eventually result in the Executive Committee deciding on a single slate of candidates. This approved single slate of candidates will be presented to the members of Council at least four months prior to the next Council regular meeting. The election will take place during the Council’s meeting at the 9th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in Yokohama, Japan on October 3, 2020. Nominations may be submitted until October 3, 2019.

One of two WFO governing bodies, the Executive Committee leads the WFO between International Orthodontic Conferences

The WFO Bylaws provide for two major governing bodies to develop policies and lead the WFO. They are:

- **The Council of the World Federation of Orthodontists**, which consists of national and regional representatives. The WFO Council meets once every five years during the International Orthodontic Congress and its members are appointed by each affiliated society. The WFO Council elects a 10-member WFO Executive Committee.

- **The Executive Committee** develops policies and leads the WFO in the interim between each IOC. The WFO Executive Committee elects the president and vice-president of the WFO and appoints the Secretary-General who administers the home office of the WFO, located in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Positions on the WFO Executive Committee are allocated as follows:

- **Africa and the Middle East** 1 seat
- **Central and East Asia** 2 seats
- **Central and South America** 2 seats
- **Europe** 2 seats
- **North America** 2 seats
- **Oceania and South East Asia** 1 seat

The next president of the WFO will be Dr. Nikhilesh R. Vaid, from India. He has served on the WFO Executive Committee with great distinction and will begin his term as president of the WFO following the 9th IOC in Yokohama. Dr. Allan Thom from the United Kingdom will complete his term as WFO president following the IOC and will mark 15 years of outstanding personal service to the WFO.

Six Executive Committee members will complete their final terms in 2020

The following members of the Executive Committee will be completing their second terms as representatives from their respective regions and are **not eligible for re-nomination and re-election**:

- Current WFO Vice President Dr. Amanda Maplethorp from Canada (North America); and
- Five regional representatives: Drs. Thomas Ahman from the United States (North America), Joseph Bouzerhal from Lebanon (Africa and Middle East), Himawan Halim from Indonesia (Oceania and South East Asia), Keiji Moriyama from Japan (Central and East Asia) and Paul Jonathan Sandler from the United Kingdom (Europe).

The departing Executive Committee members have all served the WFO and their regions with great diligence during the past 10 years. Their contributions have been exemplary, and we are most grateful for their dedicated service.

The following members of the Executive Committee are completing their first term of service on the WFO EC and are all eligible for re-election to a second term, which they have agreed to serve if nominated and re-elected: Drs. Ricardo Michado Cruz of Brazil (Central and South America), Panagiotis Skoularikis from Greece (Europe), and Yanheng Zhou from China (Central and East Asia). All have served the WFO with many hours of their time and in an outstanding manner.

The WFO provides benefits to its members including the online *Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists*, and the bi-annual *WFO Gazette* and the WFO website. Fellows of the WFO receive the *WFO Gazette*, and the website with its international orthodontic directory and other information as benefits of membership at no additional cost above their low annual dues. As such, any prospective member of the WFO Executive Committee should understand that WFO pays no stipend for service on the Executive Committee.

Candidates for service on the WFO Executive Committee should understand the requirements of service. Each candidate’s affiliate organization president should submit the nominee’s current curriculum vitae of no more than five pages to:

- Dr. Lee W. Graber, Secretary-General,
  World Federation of Orthodontists

By Email: wfo@wfo.org or by Fax: ++ 1-314-985-1036

All nominations including CV’s must be received by 4:00 PM (Central Standard Time) on October 3, 2019. **All nominations will be acknowledged directly to the submitting entity from the WFO Central Office.** If you have any questions, please contact the WFO Central Office at wfo@wfo.org.
The Greek Orthodontic Society (GOS) and the Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece held, with the cooperation of the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists, the 21st Panhellenic Congress. The Congress took place December 8–9, 2018, in Athens, Greece. Speakers presented on a wide range of topics such as cleft lip and palate, digital orthodontics, impacted teeth, craniofacial and dentofacial anomalies, mini-implants, aligners, 3D imaging, orthodontics and interdisciplinary treatment, etc. A parallel session for orthodontic technicians took also place during the first day of the Congress. On Friday, December 7, there was a one-day pre-congress course by Dr. Demetrios Halazonetis who presented, “Imaging in Orthodontics.”

During the Opening Ceremony, attendees were welcomed by Dr. Apostolos Tsolakis, Congress coordinator and associate professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Athens. Short addresses were presented by Dr. Nikolaos Mallios, vice-president of the Dental Association of Attica; Dr. Athanasios Katsikis, president of the Hellenic Dental Association; Dr. Demetrios Halazonetis, professor and director of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Athens; Dr. Anna Papadogeorgaki-Anagnostou, president of the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists; Dr. Paul-Panagiots Karvelas, president of the European Federation of Orthodontics (FEO) and Dr. Ioulia Ioannidou-Marathiotou, president of the Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece. Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis, president of the GOS and member of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) concluded with a short speech. A large exhibition on new orthodontic products and materials took place parallel to the scientific program of the congress. To learn more about upcoming GOS events, go to https://grortho.gr.

Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society

The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society executive committee met in Singapore on February 24, 2019 for its annual general meeting, concurrent with the Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress (AOSC). The APOS now has 20 affiliate societies, the Mongolian Association of Orthodontists having been admitted as the 20th affiliate during the meeting. The APOS encourages its affiliates and fellows to attend the WFO International Orthodontic Congress in Yokohama in 2020 in large numbers, with APOS leaders and many fellows being very excited about the IOC. Dr. Eric Liou from the Taiwan Association of Orthodontists will be the new editor-in-chief of APOS Trends in Orthodontics, the Journal of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society beginning in 2020, after Dr. Nikhillesh Vaid retires from that role. This appointment was ratified during this meeting. Dr. Yanheng Zhou, the president of APOS, thanked the organizers from the Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) for excellent hospitality and organization of the meeting.

Japanese Orthodontic Society

The 77th meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society and the 7th Joint Meeting of Japanese Orthodontic Society and Korean Association of Orthodontists took place in Yokohama, Japan, October 30 – November 1, 2018. This joint meeting in Yokohama Japan brought together almost 4,000 delegates from across South East Asia and worldwide. Japanese attention to detail and efficiency ensured a successful meeting. A dedicated session, “World Trends in Orthodontics” was presented by Dr. Keiji Moriyama (WFO Executive Committee member and president of the JOS), Dr. Allan R. Thom (president the WFO), Dr. Brent E Larson (president of the American Association of Orthodontists), Dr. Ricardo M. Cruz (WFO Executive Committee member and past president of the Brazilian Association of Orthodontists), Dr. Panagiotis Soularikis (WFO Executive Committee member and president of the Greek Orthodontic Society), Dr. Yanheng Zhou (WFO Executive Committee member and president of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society) and Dr. Takashi Ono (WFO Executive Committee member and Chair of the 9th WFO IOC Organizing Committee).

WFO Affiliate News

Members of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society Executive Committee gathered for a photo.

Dr. Allan R. Thom, president of the WFO (left) is pictured with Dr. Takashi Ono, 9th WFO Organizing Committee Chair Chair.

Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis (right), president of the Greek Orthodontic Society and a WFO Executive Committee member, hands Dr. Apostolos Tsolakis (left), a certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the 21st PanHellenic Congress.
KOREAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS MEETING

The Korean Association of Orthodontists (KAO) held its 2018 Annual Scientific Congress in Seoul, Korea November 21-23. Attendees enjoyed superb Korean hospitality during the meeting, which was led by the president of the KOA, Dr. Yoon-Ah Kook. The main theme of the meeting was “Lifetime Orthodontics. Brace your Smile, Bravo your Life.” The invited speakers for the special lectures were Dr. Peter H. Buschang, Dr. Jae Hyun Park and Dr. Hee-Moon Kyung. Simultaneous translation was provided during pre-congress, special lectures, symposia and special sessions over the three days. Over 3,300 registrants, including 378 international registrants and 721 orthodontic staff, attended the excellent presentations. The KOA will celebrate its 60th anniversary during the next Annual Scientific Congress, which will be October 2-4, 2019 at the COEX Convention and Exhibition Center in Seoul (rather than taking place in November).

ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (SINGAPORE)

The Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) held its 8th International Orthodontic Conference February 22-24 at the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore. The meeting’s 900 attendees, including some from as far away as Hungary and Oman, were drawn by the three-day conference and exhibition and pre and post-congress workshops. Attendees were treated to a Welcome Reception at the S.E.A Aquarium, Resorts World Sentosa. Lecturers included keynote speakers, Dr. David Sarver, Dr. Birte Melsen and Dr. Rolf Behrents, sharing detailed case studies and key insights. Held alongside the conference, 30 exhibiting companies and over 100 represented brands also came together for the exhibition. Leading orthodontic companies such as Invisalign, Ormco, Dentsply Sirona and more conducted live demonstrations and talks. The 2019 Scientific Poster Competition saw 63 presenters, an amount double that of the previous year. The Residents’ Symposium, held on February 21, was attended by over 80 participants with attendees enjoying an afternoon of insightful discussions and a tour of the newly minted National University Centre for Oral Health Singapore. During the Conference, Dr. Allan R Thom (president of the WFO) presented plaques of appreciation from the WFO, to Dr. Mohan (AOSC president) and Dr. Yian San Seow (organizing Chair).

TAIWAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS

The Taiwan Association of Orthodontists (TAO) held its 31st Annual Session and 2nd International Forum December 7-9, 2018 in Taipei under the presidency of Dr. Johnson, Hsin-Chung Cheng. This successful meeting was attended by delegates from across Asia including presidents of orthodontic associations in Australia and New Zealand all keen to hear from the numerous international speakers. Speakers included Dr. Brent Larson (American Association of Orthodontists president), Dr. Ravi Nanda (USA), Dr. Greg Huang (USA), Drs. Jung-Yul Cha and Tae-Wo Kim (South Korea), Drs. Nikhil Vaid, Keiji Moriyama and Takashi Ono (WFO Executive Committee member) and Dr. Jorge Faber (Brazil). There were an equal number of Taiwan speakers and an excellent poster display by residents. As with all TAO meetings there was an exciting social programme featuring Karaoke (from delegates) and an acrobatic display (not by delegates!). Dr. Allan R Thom (WFO president) gave an opening address and presented Dr. Johnson, Hsin-Chung Cheng with a token of appreciation from the WFO. At the meeting’s Gala Dinner the new executives of the TAO were installed, including:

- President – Dr. Spinx, Shih-Ping Lu
- Vice President – Dr. Eddie, Hsiang-Hua Lai
- Secretary General – Dr. Sam, Sheng-Pin Hsu

Pictured at the Taiwan Association of Orthodontists Annual Session, left to right, were: Dr. Yoon-Ah Kook, president of the Korean Association of Orthodontists; Dr. Brent Larson, president of the American Association of Orthodontists; Dr. Allan R. Thom, president of the WFO; and Dr. Yeong-Chang Yen, who has served in numerous leadership roles with the Taiwan Association of Orthodontists.
WFO Meetings Around the World

2019

The 3rd Annual World Orthodontic Health Day
May 15, 2019

Societa Italiana di Ortodonzia
International Spring Meeting
May 24-25, 2019
Rome, Italy
www.sido.it

Sociedad Espanola de Ortodoncia
Grenada, Spain
June 5-8, 2019
www.sedo.es

European Orthodontic Society
Annual Meeting
June 17-22, 2019
Nice, France
www.eos2019.com

German Society of Orthodontists e.V. (DGKFO)
92nd Annual Meeting
September 4-7, 2019
Nuremberg, Germany
www.dgfko.de

Jordan Orthodontic Society
11th Annual JOS Congress
September 10-13, 2019
Amman, Jordan

Canadian Association of Orthodontists
Annual Session
Delta Fredericton Hotel and Fredericton Convention Centre
September 19-21, 2019
Fredericton, NB, Canada
http://cao-aco.org/EVENTS/future.asp

Korean Association of Orthodontist
52nd Annual Scientific Session
October 2-4, 2019
Coex, Seoul, Korea

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12th International Orthodontic Congress
of the Brazilian Association (ABOR)
October 9-12, 2019
Expo Convention Center
Windsor Oceanico, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
www.abor.org.br

Swiss Orthodontic Society
Annual Congress
October 31 - November 2, 2019
Congress Center Kursaal
Interlaken, Switzerland
https://www.swissorthoch.ch/

Spanish Society of Orthodontics
SEDO Winter Congress
November 15-16, 2019
Madrid, Spain

Japanese Orthodontic Society
78th Annual Meeting
November 20-22, 2019
Nagasaki, Japan

2020

Australian Orthodontic Congress
27th Annual Meeting
March 19-23, 2020
Cairns, Queensland, Australia

American Association of Orthodontists
2020 Annual Session
May 1-5, 2020
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

The 4th Annual World Orthodontic Health Day
May 15, 2020

Societa Italiana di Ortodonzia
International Spring Meeting
May 15-16, 2020
Verona, Italy
www.sido.it

Spanish Society of Orthodontics
SEDO Summer Congress 2020
May 28-30, 2020
Gran Canaria, Spain

European Orthodontic Society
Annual Meeting
June 10-13, 2020
Hamburg, Germany
eos-congress-2020.com

German Society of Orthodontists e.V. (DGKFO)
93rd Annual Meeting
September 16-19, 2020
Ulm, Germany
www.dgfko.de

9th International Orthodontic Congress
October 4-7, 2020
Pacifico Yokohama Convention Complex
Yokohama, Japan
www.wfo2020yokohama.org

Societa Italiana di Ortodonzia
51st International Congress
October 15-17, 2020
Florence, Italy
www.sido.it

2021

American Association of Orthodontists
2021 Annual Session
April 23-27, 2021
Boston, Massachusetts, USA

The 5th Annual World Orthodontic Health Day
May 15, 2021

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