Dr. Takayuki Kuroda to give keynote lecture at the 9th IOC

The Organizing Committee of the 9th International Orthodontic Conference, which will be October 4-7 in Yokohama, Japan, has announced that Dr. Takayuki Kuroda will be the meeting’s keynote speaker giving the 2020 WFO Lecture. Dr. Kuroda is professor emeritus of the Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

The title of Dr. Kuroda’s lecture will be, “Evidence-Based Orthodontic Treatment, What Is It?”

Dr. Takayuki Kuroda

A graduate of the Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU) in Tokyo, Japan, Dr. Kuroda subsequently received his orthodontic education and PhD from the Tokyo Medical and Dental University. After completing his PhD in 1966, he served as a research fellow at the Royal Dental College in Copenhagen, Denmark and at the Center for Human Growth and Development at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. From 1981 to 1999, he served as professor and chair of the Second Department of Orthodontics in the Faculty of Dentistry at the TMDU. From 1999-2002, he served as professor and chair of the Department of Maxillofacial Reconstruction at the university.

Professor Kuroda is a past president of the International Association for Dental Research. He received one of his country’s highest civilian honors, The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.

Dr. Kuroda served on the first WFO Executive Committee (1995-2000). He was named an Honorary Member of the WFO in 2010.

9th IOC Will Offer an Educational Program with Breadth and Depth

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 (TMDU). (See box on page 2, “Educational Programs at the 9th IOC,” for additional information about lectures.)

“Smile Flags” to travel through world regions to highlight the orthodontic specialty and the WFO Silver Jubilee

The WFO will celebrate its Silver Jubilee (25th anniversary) in 2020, beginning on World Orthodontic Health Day (May 15) and continuing through the Opening Ceremonies of the 9th International Orthodontic Conference, which will be October 4-6 in Yokohama, Japan.

“This observance provides an outstanding opportunity to not only celebrate our professional organizations, but also to share the role of orthodontists in providing healthy, beautiful smiles with the public,” said Dr. Allan R. Thom, WFO president. A specially created ‘smile flag’ will be a major element of the worldwide Silver Jubilee celebration.”

On May 15, 1995 in San Francisco, 68 national and regional orthodontic societies from 62 countries joined with American Association of Orthodontists leaders to sign the charter of the WFO. Thus, the WFO will celebrate its silver jubilee (25th anniversary) next year.

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

The 9th IOC will be held jointly with the 12th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference and the 79th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society.

“The framework of our lecture program, as well as social events that will enable everyone to experience Japanese culture, are coming together well, thanks to the efforts of our Organizing Committee,” said Dr. Ono. “October in Yokohama is one of the best seasons in Japan to enjoy good food, the arts and festivals at the beginning of autumn, while gaining and sharing the latest scientific information in our field. We look forward to meeting many of our colleagues in Yokohama in October 2020!”

Call for Abstracts to Begin Soon

The 9th IOC call for abstracts is scheduled to begin during October with the closing date being January 31, 2020. Organizers will welcome abstract submissions from colleagues and affiliated institutions all around the world. Once the submission site is ready — which is expected to be October 24, a link will be posted on the conference website, so please check the website frequently for the latest information.

World Village Day Will Allow Countries to Showcase Their Research

World Village Day is a unique part of each International Orthodontic Conference. WFO affiliate organizations from around the world present their countries’ research achievements and clinical case studies. At the 9th IOC, 25 countries/regions will be participating in World Village Day.

Relax with Both Old and New Friends at 9th IOC Social Events

The following events are planned during the 9th IOC:

- Welcome Reception / President’s Reception: OCTOBER 4 (SUNDAY), 2020
  PACIFICO Yokohama, Exhibition Hall  (Included in the Congress Registration fee)

- International Reception: OCTOBER 5 (MONDAY), 2020
  Yokohama Bay Hotel Tokyo, Queen’s Grand Ballroom

- Students/Post Grad Reception / Residents’ Forum: OCTOBER 5 (MONDAY), 2020
  TBD

- Gala Dinner: OCTOBER 6 (TUESDAY), 2020
  Yokohama Royal Park Hotel, Grand Ballroom Hoh-Shoh

Plan to Attend the 9th IOC

The 9th International Orthodontic Conference will be October 4-7 in Yokohama, Japan. Join your colleagues from throughout the world at this unique meeting. To register at the lowest possible rate, with both your WFO member discount and the Early Registration discount, register by May 31, 2020 (Early Registration deadline).

Accommodations in Yokohama

Special rates have been secured at a range of hotels in the Yokohama area, to satisfy the needs of various budgets. A dedicated website for 9th IOC hotel reservations will open in January, 2020 at the meeting’s official website.
WFO names Drs. Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman and Ravindra Nanda as Honorary Members

The WFO Executive Committee has reviewed nominations for the 2020 Honorary Member designees and announced that Drs. Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman and Ravindra Nanda are new honorary members of the organization. The honorary membership presentations will be made during the Opening Ceremonies of the 9th International Orthodontic Conference in Yokohama, Japan (October 4-7, 2020).

Dr. Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman

Dr. Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman spent more than 30 years as an orthodontic faculty member at her alma mater, the Radboud University Medical Center Department of Dentistry, Nijmegen, The Netherlands. She became the school’s first female professor of dentistry in 1992 and became head of the orthodontic program in 1995. After retiring in 2014, Dr. Kuijpers-Jagtman served as professor emeritus of orthodontics for five years. She then gave her farewell lecture at the Cathedral Sint Steven in Nijmegen, with 700 people attending.

Dr. Kuijpers-Jagtman continues to serve as an adjunct professor of the Universitas Indonesia, Faculty of Dentistry in Jakarta. After a visiting professorship at the Wuhan School of Stomatology in China she now also serves as a research supervisor at the University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands.

Active in organized orthodontics, Dr. Kuijpers-Jagtman has served on numerous national, regional and international academic and clinical committees. Having been a WFO Fellow from the organization’s beginning in 1995, she has served the WFO directly as a council member (2010-15) and as a member of the Scientific Committee for the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (London, 2015), where she gave the WFO Honorary Lecture. A past president of the European Orthodontic Society and co-founder of the Network for Erasmus Based European Orthodontic Programmes (NEBEOP), she helped lead a 10-year effort to strengthen postgraduate programs in orthodontics in Europe.

Cleft palate and craniofacial care has been a particular focus of Dr. Kuijpers-Jagtman’s career. She spent 33 years as Head of the Cleft Palate Craniofacial Centre at the Radboud University Medical Center. She was editor-in-chief of Orthodontics and Craniofacial Research for 12 years, greatly increasing the impact of the publication. She

Dr. Ravindra Nanda

Dr. Nanda is professor emeritus of the Department of Craniofacial Sciences at the University of Connecticut in the United States.

After completing bachelor and master of dental surgery programs at King George’s Medical College at Lucknow University in India, Dr. Nanda went on to the University of Nijmegen in The Netherlands where he completed a doctor of philosophy degree. He then enrolled at the University of Connecticut where he received a certificate in orthodontics. He first joined the Division of Orthodontics at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine as an assistant professor in 1972 and then spent nearly 30 years in leadership roles (including serving as Acting Head, Head, Program Director and Division Chair). He headed the Department of Craniofacial Sciences for 12 years.

In addition to training hundreds of orthodontists over the course of his career, Dr. Nanda has distinguished himself in organized orthodontics and dental research efforts. He served on the Special Grants Review Committee and as an ad-hoc member of the Oral Medicine and Biology Section of the U.S. National Institute of Dental Research. He served on the Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Association of Orthodontists and the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists. He was Program Chair of multiple annual meetings of the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists and served as president of the North Atlantic Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. He is currently the president of the World Implant Orthodontic Conference.

Currently the editor-in-chief of Progress in Orthodontics, Dr. Nanda is an editorial board member of the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Seminars in Orthodontics, the Angle Orthodontist, the Dental Tribune, Revista Clinical Orthodontics.

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WFO affiliates report on 2019 World Orthodontic Health Day celebrations

WFO affiliates and fellows throughout the world helped put an international focus on orthodontics by celebrating the 3rd annual World Orthodontic Health Day on May 15, 2019. 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 care.

WFO affiliate organizations and other orthodontic groups held a variety of events to celebrate the day in 2019. Among the organizations reporting World Orthodontic Health Day celebrations to the WFO were:

- **Thai Association of Orthodontists (ThaAO).** Dr. Tanan Jaruprakorn, president, said celebrations were hosted by the orthodontic departments of dental schools at Chulalongkorn, Mahidol University, Srinakarintaravirote and Prince Songkla universities as well as the ThaAO Mobile Orthodontic Unit for Cleft Lip and Palate patients.

- **Association of Orthodontists (Singapore).** Dr. Ada Low, assistant secretary, reported that association members and some of their patients gathered for a celebration.

- **Bangladesh Orthodontic Society.** Dr. Md. Kamrul Hasan, Executive Committee member of the Society and assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Chattagram International Dental College in Chittagong, said that in spite of heavy rain, attendance was strong at the orthodontic awareness seminar and rally held at the Chattagram International Dental College. The Society produced 200 T-shirts with the WOHD logo that were given away to attendees at the rally.

- **University of Indonesia, Jakarta Orthodontic Department.** Dr. Benny M. Soegiharto, program coordinator, said the department celebrated WOHD at its annual Social Community Work with school children at Labuan Bajo, Komodo Island.

- **Libyan Orthodontic Society.** Dr. Iman Abdelgader, president, said the Society sponsored a half-day event at Benghazi University to which more than 400 high school students were invited. Dr. Abdelgader and Dr. Fatma Elahaiki spoke on orthodontic treatment and faculty members of the university staff education stations and spoke with attendees individually. Attendees also enjoyed a healthy breakfast.

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WFO News to Know

AAO membership requirements changed for international members

The American Association of Orthodontists House of Delegates (HOD) met in Los Angeles in May in conjunction with the 2019 AAO Annual Session. Among resolutions adopted by the HOD were updates to the AAO’s international membership policy that reinstated membership protocols used until 2015.

International AAO members will again be required to have either:

- Completed the full curriculum of an accredited orthodontic program in the United States or Canada; OR
- Maintain an active membership in the WFO on an ongoing basis, rather than only at the time of initial application to the AAO.

“The AAO delegates elected to make this change in recognition of the WFO’s work on strengthening the orthodontic specialty worldwide,” said Dr. Allan R. Thom, WFO president. “Orthodontists throughout the world need to join and support their national organizations in order to be members of the WFO and this is a strong step to improving the integrity of our specialty, maintaining and increasing our standards of excellence and assuring that the needs and safety of our patients will be protected. For the WFO to carry out our commitment to working with orthodontic organizations in every region of the world, we must support our affiliate organizations. The WFO welcomes all members, both new and renewing, to strengthen the specialty worldwide.”

International student members of the AAO will now also again be required to maintain their active membership in the WFO on an ongoing basis, rather than only at the time of initial application. This assures their continued eligibility as students in recognized orthodontic residency programs.

The WFO has maintained very low-cost membership rates for both active and student members and has waived reinstatement fees for those re-activating their membership before May 31, 2020.

The WFO has posted information online to assist international AAO members who do not currently hold WFO membership with any reinstatement questions. If you have questions for the AAO about these policy changes, please contact AAOMemberServices@aaortho.org.

Recommended options for observances include but are not limited to:

- Offering World Orthodontic Health Day events hosted by offices or orthodontic departments at their facilities, or by affiliate societies at public venues. Announce events in advance by distributing flyers and contacting local media outlets to help bring many visitors to events. Free consultations or other services may be offered at events if desired. Simply setting up a table outdoors and distributing literature can be an easy way to reach many people.
- Reaching parents, teachers and students by asking to give presentations at schools. In addition to orthodontic treatment, it may be helpful to discuss general dental topics such as hygiene in school presentations.
- Taking out advertisements in local media outlets.
- Contacting media outlets such as radio and television stations and asking to have an orthodontist representative be an on-air guest on an interview program.
- Writing posts about World Orthodontic Health Day on social media platforms (which are also useful for promoting events). If there is information about orthodontic treatment on your organization’s website, link posts to that information.
- Encouraging current and former patients to celebrate as well. Host an in-office office event just for patients and serve treats that are permissible to eat while wearing braces. Offer information about orthodontics that they may take if they wish to, for family members or friends.

Begin Planning Now for World Orthodontic Health Day 2020

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.

Dr. Vaid was also among those coordinating World Orthodontic Health Day global activities and social media broadcasts to promote the event.

“It was very exciting to see a variety of events celebrating specialty orthodontic care globally this year,” said Dr. Vaid. “We would like to encourage all WFO affiliate organizations to plan celebrations for World Orthodontic Health Day 2020.

“We will have new posters available for 2020 celebrations in the spring, but the 14 existing posters from past years are available for any affiliate wishing to start preparing promotional materials,” added Dr. Vaid. “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 fliers, social media posts, etc.”

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World Orthodontic Health Day Posters

World Orthodontic Health Day Logo (available in five file types)
During the 2020 American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session (May 1-4 in Atlanta, Georgia) Dr. Thom will present flags to regional representatives of six regions of the WFO serving on the WFO Executive Committee.

The recipients of the smile flags will be:
- Dr. Thomas Ahman and Dr. Amanda Maplethorp – North America
- Dr. Ricardo Macahado Cruz – South America
- Dr. Panos Skoularikis and Dr. Jonathan Sandler – Europe
- Dr. Joseph Bouserhal – Middle East and Africa
- Dr. Yanheng Zhou, Dr. Keiji Moriyama and Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid – Central and East Asia
- Dr. Himawan Halim – Oceania & South East Asia

These representatives will then return to their respective regions and work with WFO affiliate presidents and other professional, educational and governmental leaders on coordinating appearances and activities with the flag within their regions. The smile flag assigned to each region is to be taken from one event to the next. Events will include both orthodontic conferences and public events.

Each flag will make its public debut on May 15 at a World Orthodontic Health Day Celebration, with subsequent events taking place until shortly before the start of the 9th IOC. Each flag will conclude its journey in Yokohama at events taking place during the 9th IOC at which the Silver Jubilee will be observed. The flags will be stitched or tied together (region by region) as a symbolic gesture of how the “world united” to celebrate this important event in orthodontic history.

The Smile Flag program was developed by the WFO Promotions Committee under the leadership of Dr. Vaid, chair, with Dr. Cruz and Dr. Zhou.

WFO Fellows Encouraged to Attend Smile Flag Events, Take and Share Photos

“We hope that WFO Fellows throughout the world will respond enthusiastically to the Smile Flag celebrations, by helping plan or attending events featuring the flag,” said Dr. Vaid. “The flags will bring a festive element to an observance of importance to the orthodontic specialty worldwide, over four and a half months of celebration around the globe. The flag is designed to convey the importance of a healthy smile as well as the spirit of excellence within orthodontics. Events featuring the flag will afford opportunities to reach the public with information about orthodontic treatment and to receive media coverage within each region as well. It is also a celebration of a quarter century of organized global efforts of the WFO to promote the specialty of Orthodontics.

“We invite orthodontists to participate enthusiastically and to commemorate events by photographing themselves with the flag and post images on their websites and social media platforms with #WFO@25,” adds Dr. Vaid.

The Regional Representatives have been asked to submit their tentative flag itineraries to Dr. Vaid by January 15, 2020. The six itineraries will be included in the spring issue of the WFO Gazette. Please contact the WFO regional representative in your region if you would like to have a Smile Flag activity at your association meeting, a public healthcare event, in your university department or in your office.

Smile Flag Celebration Possibilities

Both on World Orthodontic Health Day (May 15) and during events taking place when a flag visits a particular city or region, a variety of events could be planned. Examples are listed below. If appropriate, affiliate leaders are encouraged to notify local media about their events and/or to arrange interviews for affiliate leaders to discuss orthodontic treatment and the specialty — and display the international WFO Smile Flag.

1. Painting/art competition
2. 25 trees planted around the world on May 15, 2020
3. Smile /orthodontic awareness run
4. Continuing education lectures
5. Public awareness lectures / advertisements
6. Donated orthodontic services
7. Orthodontic screenings
8. School check-ups/ outreach programs
9. Other types of school projects such as video competitions
10. Selfie with braces competitions
11. Hashtag competitions

For additional ideas, please see the WFO Gazette’s coverage of regional celebrations that took place during World Orthodontic Health Day 2019 on page 4.  

* The WFO will not undertake any financial or legal responsibility for flag-related activity. The individual affiliate/fellow hosting an activity as a part of these celebrations is responsible for receiving the flag and for the hand-over of the flag to the individual responsible for the next activity, as per the schedule planned by the WFO Regional Representative and affiliate leaders.
Three WFO Fellows, Dr. Julia Harfin, Dr. Somchai Satravaha and Dr. Trevor Hodge, have recently received WFO Regional Awards of Merit.

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.

Dr. Julia Harfin

Dr. Harfin received the Regional Award of Merit during the Argentine Society of Orthodontists VIII International Congress of Orthodontics and 1st International Congress of Orthodontics with aligners, which took place June 26-29 in Buenos Aires.

Dr. Harfin completed her orthodontic training at the University of Buenos Aires in 1970, winning a gold medal prize for her thesis, while also working in the university's Histology and Physiology Department. She has served as the President of the Argentine Society of Orthodontists (1990-96), ALADO (Latin American Association of Orthodontists, 1999-2008), the Argentine Chapter of the International College of Dentists (1997-2001), the Argentine chapter of the Pierre Fauchard Academy (1992-1993), and the International College of Dentists Section IV (2010-12).

A member of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Orthodontists from 2000 to 2010, Dr. Harfin represented Central and South America. She served on the Scientific Committee of the 7th International Orthodontic Congress, held in Sydney, Australia in 2010. She has presented more than 120 course and lectures worldwide.

An Honorary Member of the Argentine, Chilean, and Polish Orthodontic Societies, Dr. Harfin is the author or editor of several books. One of her books, *Adult Orthodontic Treatment* (Zagier & Urruty 2nd edition, 2015), was translated into Portuguese. Two other books, *Achieving Clinical Success in Lingual Orthodontics* (Springer 2014) and *Clinical Cases in Early Orthodontic Treatment: An Atlas of When, How and Why to Treat* (Springer; 1st ed. 2017) were translated into Chinese. Dr. Harfin was co-editor of the latter book with Dr. Somchai Satravaha (see below) and Dr. Kurt Faltin.

Dr. Harfin has also served on the Editorial Committees of several journals, including *Clinica de Ortodoncia* (Brazil), the *Journal of the Argentine Society of Orthodontics*; and *Clinical Orthodontics and Research* (Denmark).

Dr. Somchai Satravaha

Dr. Satravaha received the Regional Award of Merit during the Thai Association of Orthodontists Scientific Conference, which took place July 11-12 in Bangkok.

Dr. Satravaha is a Diplomate of the Thai Board of Orthodontists. An Executive Committee member of the WFO from 2005-2015, she is a past president of the Thai Association of Orthodontists and of the Thai Orthodontic Foundation and the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society.

Clinical associate professor at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Dr. Satravaha is a Diplomate of the Thai Board of Orthodontics. An Executive Committee member of the WFO from 2005-2015, she is a past president of the Thai Association of Orthodontists and of the Thai Orthodontic Foundation and the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society.

Dr. Satravaha later served as president of the Advisory Board of the Thai Association of Orthodontists and of the Thai Association of Orthodontists’ Mobile Orthodontic Unit for Cleft Lip/Palate Patients. The latter organization sends orthodontic volunteers on a monthly basis to provide free orthodontic treatment to cleft lip and palate patients at the Maharaj Hospital in Nakhon Ratchasima (Korat), a province in northeastern Thailand.

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Recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Thai Association of Orthodontists in 2013, Dr. Satrahava also received the 2014 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Dental Alumni Association of her alma mater, Chulalongkorn University. (She also earned doctoral degrees from Baden-Württemberg, Germany and Munich, Germany.)

A member of the International Advisory Board of *Orthodontic Waves, the Journal of the Japanese Orthodontic Society*, Dr. Satravaha has lectured extensively in Thailand and in many other countries. She has spoken at meetings hosted by the American Association of Orthodontists, the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society, the Japan Association of Adult Orthodontics, the German Orthodontic Society and others.

**Dr. Trevor Hodge**

Dr. Hodge received the Regional Award of Merit during the 2019 British Orthodontic Conference of the British Orthodontic Society, held September 19–21 in Glasgow, Scotland.

After completing orthodontic residency programs at the University of Birmingham Dental School and the Eastman Dental Institute in London, Dr. Hodge became a Consultant Orthodontist at the Leeds Dental Institute in 2005, where he continues in that position. His practice focuses on joint orthognathic cases and the management of patients with cleft lip and palate as well as supervision of Masters’ theses and postgraduate clinical training.

In 2007 Dr. Hodge co-founded the first course in the United Kingdom to train Orthodontic Therapists and several of his more than 40 publications have addressed career and training issues involving Orthodontic Therapists.

In 2015 Dr. Hodge served as chair of the Allied Health Professional Program of the 8th WFO International Orthodontic Conference, held in London. In addition, he established education grants for the

Dr. Trevor Hodge (right) received the Regional Award of Merit, presented by Dr. Jonathan Sandler, British Orthodontic Society president.

Congress that funded the fee, accommodation costs and travel for 35 young orthodontists from the developing world to attend. Each grant recipient presented a research poster providing a legacy for those countries represented.

Dr. Hodge was appointed an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor in Orthodontics at the University of Leeds in 2015, with research interests including clinical and applied research, dental public health and health services research, and research in dental education. He is an examiner at the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) for the Membership in Orthodontics exam.

Dr. Hodge has lectured both nationally at the British Orthodontic Conference and internationally at the 7th and 8th IOC in Sydney and London. In 2018 he achieved European Board of Orthodontists accreditation and in the same year received the 2018 BOS Maurice Berman Prize for Clinical Excellence for the second time.

Many of Dr. Kuijpers-Jagtman’s more than 400 publications in English-language and Dutch peer-reviewed journals have focused on cleft-palate and craniofacial research as well as 3D (three-dimensional) imaging and the biological aspects of tooth movement.

Dr. Kuijpers-Jagtman has lectured throughout Europe and internationally. Her numerous named honorary lectures in addition to the WFO/International Orthodontic Congress have included the Sheldon Friel Memorial Lecture of the European Orthodontic Society. She received the 2019 American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teaching and Research, the AAO Foundation’s highest recognition for international academic contributions.

Dr. Nanda is the author or editor of numerous textbooks including:

- *Esthetics and Biomechanics in Orthodontics*, Saunders, St. Louis, MO, 2015.
WFO Affiliate News

SOCIEDAD ARGENTINA DE ORTODONCIA

The Sociedad Argentina de Ortodoncia (SAO), currently chaired by Dr. Graciela Maffia, was established 85 years ago. To commemorate the anniversary, the organization hosted the 2019 its VIII International Congress of Orthodontics and the 1st International Congress of Orthodontics with Aligners, June 26-29, 2019. The event took place at the Sheraton Hotel Convention Center in Buenos Aires. Speakers from various countries presented their work and a large trade fair allowed attendees to get updates from the orthodontic materials industry. Several social events were also included so that attendees could relax, meet old friends and make new friends. During the event, the General Assembly of the Latin American Orthodontics Association (ALADO) also took place. Presidents of all Latin American Orthodontic organizations and the executive committee of the organization discussed current challenges and set goals for the coming years. ALADO has increasingly contributed to the strengthening and unity of the specialty in South America.

A highlight of the congress was the WFO Regional Award of Merit presentation to Dr. Julia Harfin, a significant figure in Argentine, Latin American and worldwide orthodontics. (See more about Dr. Harfin’s presentation on page 8.) Dr. Harfin was unanimously chosen to receive the award in recognition of her efforts and leadership in the development of local and regional orthodontic associations. On the occasion, Dr. Harfin also received two more awards: the “Kurt Faltin Jr.” award offered by ALADO and presented by its president, Dr. Wulfran Morón; and the certificate of honor offered by the Sociedad Argentina de Ortodoncia (SAO), delivered by Dr. Graciela Maffia, president of the Congress and the SAO.

BANGLADESH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Bangladesh Orthodontic Society (a charter member of the WFO) held its 7th National and 4th International Conference in Dhaka, February 8-9, 2019 with 200 attendees present. The meeting was chaired by the President of the BOS, Dr. Zakir Hossain. The speakers were Dr. Nikhilesh R. Vaid, president-elect of the WFO, and Dr. Donald Ferguson, Dean, European University, Dubai Healthcare City in the United Arab Emirates. The theme was “Widening the Boundary of Orthodontics” and the focus was on accelerated orthodontics and incorporation of aligners into orthodontic protocols. During the occasion, on behalf of the WFO Dr. Vaid presented the BOS with a congratulatory certificate to commemorate the meeting.

BRITISH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The British Orthodontic Society held the 2019 British Orthodontic Conference September 19-21 in Glasgow, Scotland. This conference celebrated the 25th anniversary of the society, which was formed in 1994 by the amalgamation of (at that time) five diverse orthodontic groups in the United Kingdom. Under one umbrella, the society has spoken with one clear voice on all aspects of orthodontics. The 2019 meeting attracted more than 800 attendees who had the opportunity to hear from many renowned and famous speakers from across the globe. Lord Robert Winston — doctor, scientist, researcher and leader of the scientific breakthrough which produced the world’s first “test tube” baby — delivered the keynote address on happiness. Dr. Greg J. Huang from the United States gave the Northcroft Memorial Lecture on research into anterior open bite.

Another American colleague, Dr. Jay Bowman, shared his expertise on treatment with aligners and also gave a presentation at the press conference on the dangers and pitfalls of DIY orthodontics. In addition, the meeting included presentations from clinicians and academics across the United Kingdom. Postgraduate students made short presentations and posters on their research and clinical experiences. In addition, as with all British conferences the meeting included social events, providing all attendees with the opportunity to network and converse with friends old and new.
The European Orthodontic Society (EOS) held its 95th Annual Conference in Nice, France, June 17-22, 2019 under the Presidency of Dr. Olivier Sorel. The meeting had a worldwide audience, bringing 1,800 attendees from as far away as Japan, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. The prestigious Sheldon Friel Lecture was given to a packed auditorium by Dr. Lee Graber (secretary general of the WFO).

All delegates had the opportunity to hear outstanding keynote lectures by speakers representing many countries including by Dr. Marco Rosa (Italy), Dr. Junji Sugawara (Japan), Dr. Ali Darendeliler (Australia), Dr. Simon Littlewood (United Kingdom), Dr. Anna Kari Hajati (Sweden). Dr. Bjorn Zachrisson (Norway), Dr. Peter Ngan (United States), Drs. Dieter Drescher, Paul-Georg Jost-Brinkman and Benedict Wilmes (Germany), and Drs. Veronique David, Aurelie Majourau-Bouriez and Patrick Goudot (France). Dr. Nigel Harradine (UK) presented the opening lecture looking back over 40 years of clinical changes in orthodontics, followed by Dr. Javier Alvarez Carlón (Spain) who gave an address reviewing 50 years of Spanish orthodontics and the growth of SEDO as an organization.

The EOS has always attracted many postgraduate students, giving them the opportunity to make short presentations and display posters and as usual, there was a very large poster area with dedicated viewing time. EOS conferences are also renowned for the social functions and opportunities to meet and network with colleagues and the 95th Annual Conference fulfilled delegates’ expectations.

Dr. Allan R. Thom, president of the WFO, presented a plaque of appreciation and recognition to the 2019 European Orthodontic Society president, Dr. Olivier Sorel.

The Thai Association of Orthodontists’ (ThaAO) Scientific Conference took place July 11-12, 2019 at Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Centre @ CentralWorld, with the theme “Development of Expertise In Orthodontics.” Dr. Rolf G. Behrents, orthodontic educator and editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthodontics, was keynote speaker. The scientific programs were also filled to capacity with lectures given by several Thai speakers on the second day. In total, about 400 local and international dentists, orthodontists and trade exhibitors joined the conference. The event included the presentation of the WFO Regional Award of Merit to Dr. Somchai Satravaha. Dr. Yanheng Zhou (WFO Executive Committee member and Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society president, came to the event specifically to honor Dr. Satravaha and make the award presentation. (See additional information about Dr. Satravaha’s award on page 8.)

The special “Postgrad Night” was also held for the first time in several years to foster good relationships and camaraderie among the postgraduate orthodontic students, their instructors and the ThaAO Executive Committee members. This enjoyable night was sponsored by the ThaAO and was organized by Khon Kaen University’s Orthodontic Department. It is expected that this will become an annual event going forward. The next “Postgrad Night” will be held in July 2020 and the postgraduate orthodontic students from Naresuan University will be responsible for organizing the event.
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<td>November 22-24, 2019</td>
<td>Bhubhaneswar, Odisha, India</td>
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<td>December 7-8, 2019</td>
<td>Fullon Hotel, Lihpao Land, Taichung city, Taiwan</td>
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<td>January 23-25, 2020</td>
<td>Intercontinental City Stars Hotel, Cairo, Egypt</td>
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