The world unites when people smile
World Orthodontic Health Day to mark global celebration of orthodontics

The WFO is ready to celebrate World Orthodontic Health Day on May 15 and has created a special logo that will establish the brand identity of this annual celebration going forward. The logo, pictured at right, is available for download on the WFO website, www.wfo.org. WFO members should use this logo in all promotional materials for this celebration. Multiple file formats are online.

“The WFO Promotions Committee evaluated more than 25 designs to zero in on a logo that will be the symbolic representation of World Orthodontic Health Day on May 15 henceforth,” said Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, who is chair of the committee and a member of the WFO Executive Committee. Dr. Ricardo Machado Cruz of Brazil and Dr. Yanheng Zhou of China are the other members of the Promotions Committee. “At the core of the logo is a wide consonant smile of bright white teeth and healthy pink gums. The braces on the teeth represent the kinship between orthodontists and a world that unites when people smile. For this purpose, the braces are actually human silhouettes holding hands as ‘buddy braces.’”

Enter the logo design contest for the WFO Silver Jubilee Celebration
WFO fellows, student members must submit entries by Sept. 15, 2017

The WFO will commemorate its 25th anniversary with a Silver Jubilee Celebration, a yearlong observance that will begin in 2019. The Silver Jubilee Celebration festivities will culminate at the 9th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC), which will be held Oct. 4-7, 2020, at the Pacifico Yokohama Convention Complex in Yokohama, Japan.

At this time, the WFO is seeking the best logo to represent this special celebration. All WFO fellows and student members are eligible to participate in this logo design contest. Logo designs must be submitted to the WFO by Sept. 15, 2017. The winning logo designer will receive one free 9th IOC registration, one free 9th IOC registration for a companion, and two complimentary passes to all 9th IOC social events. The winner will be recognized in the WFO Gazette, as well as during the Opening Ceremonies of the 9th IOC.

The WFO Silver Jubilee Celebration will feature activities around the globe to showcase the history and growth of the organization. It will also be a celebration of the specialty of orthodontics and its impact on oral health across the world.

“The Silver Jubilee year is a proposed celebration of orthodontic care that has transformed lives across the globe,” said WFO Executive Committee member Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, who, along with Dr. Jonathan Sandler, is leading the Silver Jubilee Planning Committee. “Over the last 25 years, the WFO has aimed to provide that one umbrella forum to orthodontists and orthodontic associations across the globe to propagate this concept. The logo, in essence, should symbolize the concept of the WFO being the world’s largest orthodontic family.”

“This new entry creates better web visibility for the WFO and authenticates it for people searching for the organization on the Internet,” said Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, chair of the WFO Promotions Committee.

The World Federation of Postgraduate Orthodontic Students (WFPOS) is seeking candidates for the 2017-2018 term of the WFPOS Board. Interested individuals may run for president, vice president, secretary or councilor. Two councilor positions are available. The vice president and secretary positions are new.

The WFPOS, founded in 2014 by WFO student member Dr. Karolina Kaczor-Urbanowicz, promotes communication among the postgraduate orthodontic students who belong to the WFO. WFO student members may join the WFPOS for free. In the past, the WFPOS members have met at various international meetings, and they engage regularly through an online forum. To date, the organization has 544 members.

All WFPOS members are eligible to apply for the open positions. Interested candidates must submit a short personal biography (100 to 150 words) and indicate the position to which they are applying. Applications must be sent to wfpos.wfo@gmail.com by June 30, 2017.

The candidates will be announced July 31, 2017, on the WFPOS online forum. All WFPOS members will be able to vote anonymously online. The WFPOS will hold the election Sept. 1-3, 2017. The results will be announced Sept. 10, 2017. The new board members will serve from Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2018.

The current president is Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz of Poland. The two councilors are Dr. Radost Velikova of Bulgaria and Dr. Keti Yovcheva of Bulgaria. For more information about the WFPOS, WFPOS membership or the election, please contact wfpos.wfo@gmail.com.

Consumers, patients can find an entry for the WFO in Wikipedia

According to the Wikipedia site, “Wikipedia has grown rapidly into one of the largest reference websites, attracting 374 million unique visitors monthly as of September 2015. There are about 70,000 active contributors working on more than 41,000,000 articles in 294 languages. As of today, there are 5,334,408 articles in English.”

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The WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards has several projects underway to spur the advancement of orthodontic specialty certifying boards. Currently, the committee is creating a comprehensive database of board protocols used around the world, as well as an organized forum that will allow representatives from certifying boards to interact with each other on a regular basis. The committee is also planning a meeting that will be held at the 2018 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Washington, D.C., USA, and is organizing a board certification symposium for the 9th International Orthodontic Congress® (IOC) in Yokohama, Japan, in 2020.

Because the overall purpose of board certification is to improve the level of orthodontic treatment received by the public, the WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards strives to spark discussions and interest in the board-certification process among orthodontists worldwide. Several years ago, the committee developed guidelines to assist certifying boards, which are available online at www.wfo.org/about-wfo/programs/orthodontic-certifying-boards. Existing certifying boards may wish to compare their current guidelines and procedures to those recommended by the WFO and modify them accordingly if they find that their standards would be improved. The guidelines are also designed to encourage the establishment of new certifying boards in orthodontics.

A total of 16 orthodontic certifying boards serve as members on the WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards. The regional representatives represent their own regional boards. “WFO affiliate organizations will find these representatives are an excellent information resource regarding the value of the board-certification process,” said Dr. Nikhil Vaid, chair of the WFO committee.

Over the years, the WFO has also encouraged WFO fellows to become board certified and has assisted in the formation of certifying boards when requested. In addition, the WFO has hosted board certification symposiums during the IOCs held in 2005, 2010 and 2015. These meetings have yielded stimulating discussions among specialty boards around the world.

Recently formed certifying boards that wish to join this committee, or societies interested in forming a certifying board, may contact either Dr. Vaid or Dr. Thomas Ahman, co-chair of the committee. Contact information for both orthodontists is listed in the related sidebar.

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Dr. Vinod Krishnan of India to lead JWFO as editor-in-chief

The WFO Executive Committee has selected Dr. Vinod Krishnan of Trivandrum, Kerala, India, to serve as the editor-in-chief of the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists (JWFO). His term began April 1.

“Being appointed as the editor-in-chief of the JWFO, I understand the commitment I hold to the readers and authors, as well as the organization,” said Dr. Krishnan, who is professor and head of the Department of Orthodontics at Sri Sankara Dental College in Trivandrum. “With the backup of the World Federation of Orthodontists, a highly recognized professional body, along with the support of its affiliate organizations, the journal holds a huge potential for its development. Within these last five years, the journal has been recognized as one among major orthodontic publications, and I assure the WFO members that I will try my level best to uphold the quality of the publication and bring in the content suitable for clinicians, academicians and students alike. While I establish my editorial team, I will make sure to bring in personnel with proven expertise so that the content published is unbiased and well-accepted and has the potential to advance the orthodontic literature.”

Dr. Vinod Krishnan

Since 2007, Dr. Krishnan has served as the associate editor of Orthodontics and Craniofacial Research. He also served as associate editor of the Journal of Indian Orthodontic Society and has been a guest editor for several issues of Seminars in Orthodontics. In addition, he has also edited three books published by Wiley-Blackwell and has served as a reviewer for the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. Dr. Krishnan has also published numerous research papers in refereed journals and contributed chapters to several books.

Dr. Krishnan earned his master’s degree in dental surgery from the University of Kerala in 2001 and obtained membership (M.Orth) from the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) of Edinburgh in 2007. In 2012, he earned his doctorate in orthodontics from the University of Kerala and completed his fellowship in dental surgery at RCS in 2013.

“Dr. Krishnan has extensive editorial experience, and his passion for editorial work really stood out during the interview process,” said Dr. Amanda Maplethorp, WFO vice president and chair of the search committee. “He describes it as his life’s ambition and rises early every morning to work on his editorial projects before anything else.”

The WFO Executive Committee chose May 15 for World Orthodontic Health Day as it marks the signing of the WFO’s charter during the 4th International Orthodontic Congress® in 1995. World Orthodontic Health Day is designed to tie the WFO’s past and future together.

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“The best way to plan for the future of this glorious profession is to reflect and learn from its past,” Dr. Vaid said. “The signing of the WFO charter and the formulation of a global body of orthodontists are important milestones in orthodontic history.”

Dr. Allan Thom, president of the WFO, will formally present the World Orthodontic Health Day logo during the annual breakfast reception for WFO affiliate organization presidents. This breakfast will be held Sunday, April 23 in conjunction with the 2017 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in San Diego, California, USA.

The WFO Executive Committee hopes to see two different levels of participation on May 15. “Affiliate organizations are encouraged to plan activities on this day with their membership. These activities might be promotional or scientific in nature,” said Dr. Thom, who is coordinating with national orthodontic societies to announce this special day in the United Kingdom. “WFO fellows are also encouraged to plan activities in their offices to promote the importance of orthodontic care.”

Planning for two major events in Nepal is underway. Dr. Vaid will attend the 2nd SAARC Regional Orthodontic Congress in Kathmandu, Nepal, on May 15, which will draw many members of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society and the Orthodontic and Dentofacial Orthopaedic Association of Nepal (ODOAN). Both are WFO affiliate organizations. Dr. Vaid and conference organizers are planning an Orthodontic Health Run close to the Nepalese parliament. The runners will wear World Orthodontic Health Day T-shirts and hats. A news conference will follow the run.

“In association with ODOAN, we are also planning a free orthodontic screening for needy children in Nepal,” Dr. Vaid said. “Experts from all of Asia will participate in the activity. Some of the children will receive donated services and treatment by Nepalese orthodontists. Since Nepal suffered a huge earthquake in 2015, its economy and infrastructure have suffered a setback. This activity intends to support one of the most underprivileged regions in the world. A key objective of the WFO is to bring and spread smiles across the globe through orthodontic care.”

Members of the WFO Executive Committee are planning similar activities in their respective regions. Please keep the WFO informed of your World Orthodontic Health Day activities. Send updates and photographs of activities to WOHD@wfo.org.
ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (SINGAPORE)

The Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress (AOSC) saw unprecedented growth in 2017 with a 23-percent increase in exhibitor participation and more than 900 registered attendees. The 2017 AOSC, held Feb. 24-26 at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, brought together orthodontists from all over the world to learn more about the latest in orthodontics to achieve success and overcome challenges in their daily practice. A total of 10 eminent orthodontic experts, led by keynote speakers Dr. Richard McLaughlin, Dr. Jay Bowman, Dr. Ravindra Nanda and Dr. Greg Huang, reviewed the latest studies and shared their practice experience with delegates. ▼

BRITISH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The British Orthodontic Society (BOS) began 2017 with the launch of its new e-zine, BOS Insight, which is designed to keep the entire membership informed on upcoming meetings, events and BOS achievements.

The BOS also has been developing new resources for orthodontic patients. On the BOS website, patients can now access orthognathic surgery resources, including a video, at www.bos.org.uk/Public-Patients/Your-Jaw-Surgery1. In 2016, the BOS launched a new online resource to assist the growing number of adults who are seeking orthodontic treatment. Orthodontics for Adults: The Why, How, Where and Who is a unique online guide designed to be read before the patient sees a clinician. The online guide is divided into four clear sections that cover all aspects of orthodontic decision making and is available at www.bos.org.uk/aduluthorodontics. ▼

CHILEAN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTICS

The Chilean Society of Orthodontics has a new board of directors, the members of which will serve through 2018. Dr. Cristóbal García is the president. The organization is also continuing with its social campaign, "One Child, One Orthodontist." Through this program the members voluntarily treat children whose parents cannot afford orthodontic treatment. ▼

COLOMBIAN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTICS

The Colombian Society of Orthodontics (SCO) has more than 2,000 active members and has been promoting excellence in orthodontics for more than 70 years. This year, the SCO will organize 60 academic events nationwide and six regional events in the six main regions of Colombia. The SCO’s XXXV International Congress of Orthodontics will be held Sept. 13-16, 2017, in Santa Marta, Colombia. ▼

CZECH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Czech Orthodontic Society held its XVII Congress Sept. 22-24, 2016, at the Neo-Renaissance National House of Vinohrady in Prague, Czech Republic. The Congress atmosphere was imbued with the spirit of Alfons Mucha, the unconventional art nouveau artist who emphasized the beauty of facial symmetry and facial profile esthetics in his artwork. The key conference topics were functional orthodontics, temporomandibular joint disorders and dental aesthetics. The Congress also featured an exhibition of interesting items from the history of orthodontics. The exhibition included Dr. Edward H. Angle’s vestibular archwires from the pre-war period and the Irisa aesthetic brackets. ▼

From left, Dr. Marie Stefkova and Dr. Milan Kamínek, both faculty members at Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, enjoy the President’s Reception at the XVII Congress of the Czech Orthodontic Society (COS) in September 2016. Dr. Stefkova and Dr. Kamínek are wearing Moravian garb for the event. Dr. Eva Šrámková is the current president of the COS.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF ORTHODONTICS

The European Federation of Orthodontics (FEO) held its scientific session during the 47th International Congress of the Italian Society of Orthodontics in October 2016 in Florence, Italy. Each year, the FEO presents one award each for the best research paper and best clinical paper published in a national journal of an FEO member society within the previous two years. During this session, three orthodontists received awards. Dr. Khaled Kalaf and co-authors received the FEO Award. Dr. Amr El-Bejali received the Best Clinical Paper Award. Dr. Giorgio Cacciatori received the Francesca Miotti Award, which recognizes unpublished original research. The FEO promotes orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics in Europe by improving cooperation and harmonization of scientific programs, training sessions and research among 22 European orthodontic societies. ▼

The Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) (AOS) held its 2017 Congress Feb. 24-26, 2017, at the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore. Here, Dr. Himawan Halim (left) and Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, both of the WFO Executive Committee, present a memento on behalf of the WFO to Dr. Geraldine Lee, AOS president, and Dr. Mohan, chair of the 2017 AOS Congress (AOSC) Organizing Committee. This presentation took place during the President’s Reception, which featured a Great Gatsby theme. Other special events included the Welcome Reception at the restaurant Aura, located within the National Gallery of Singapore, and the Gardens by the Bay Run.

The Brazilian Society of Orthodontics (SBO) elected its new board in January 2017. SBO President Dr. Ricardo Martins Machado said the organization will work with the Brazilian Association of Orthodontics and Facial Orthopedics (ABOR), the Latin American Association of Orthodontics (ALADO) and the WFO to strengthen the specialty of orthodontics in Brazil. “The new board promises to maintain fast and dynamic communications with its members through modern virtual media channels, like social networks and electronic correspondence, to reduce the use of paper," Dr. Machado said. The organization will also work within the community by sponsoring such activities as donating non-perishable food to those in need. ▼

Dr. Amr El-Bejali, center, receives the Best Clinical Paper Award from Dr. Angel Alonso Tosso and Dr. Silvia Allegrini of the European Federation of Orthodontics (FEO) in October 2016. Dr. Tosso is now the immediate past president of the FEO. Dr. Allegrini is the current president.
GREEK ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Greek Orthodontic Society (GOS) and the Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece, along with the cooperation of the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists, held the 19th Panhellenic Congress Dec. 3-4, 2016, in Athens, Greece. The speakers discussed such topics as mini-implants, TMJ disorders, aligners, 3-D imaging, sleep apnea and self-ligating brackets. Prof. Christos Zerefos, the official guest of the Opening Ceremony and a member of the Academy of Athens, lectured on the environmental dangers in public health. Orthodontic technicians were also able to attend a parallel session on the first day.

INDIAN ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Indian Orthodontic Society held its 51st Indian Orthodontic Conference in conjunction with the 8th World Implant Orthodontic Conference (WIOC) Nov. 3-6, 2016, in Goa, India. More than 1,800 delegates from across Southeast Asia and Europe participated in the conference, which featured 25 keynote speakers. Attendees also participated in four pre- and three post-conference courses. More than 60 postgraduate students had the opportunity to present their research and clinical innovations. WFO fellow Dr. Eric Liou of Taiwan is president of the World Implant Orthodontic Association, and WFO fellow Dr. N.R. Krishnaswamy of India was president of the 8th WIOC.

LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTICS

The Latin American Association of Orthodontics (ALADO) aims to unify and to represent all orthodontic organizations in Latin America. In 2016, ALADO and Dental Press Publishing reached an agreement to make the clinical journal Ortodontia the official scientific vehicle of ALADO. This journal is now available to all ALADO members through an online subscription or app subscription. ALADO also recently revised and modernized its website, www.alado.org.br.

PALESTINIAN ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Palestinian Orthodontic Society held its First Palestinian Orthodontic Symposium Dec. 9, 2016, in Jericho, West Bank, which 200 orthodontists attended. Keynote speaker Dr. Nejat Erverdi of Turkey addressed the topic of bone anchorage and alveolar distraction osteogenesis. Dr. Ahmad Hamdan of Jordan discussed treatment planning. Dr. Alaa Salahaldin and Dr. Abdurahman Sawata of Palestine delivered lectures on the treatment of Class II malocclusions and periodontal considerations during orthodontic treatment.

TAIWAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS

The Taiwan Association of Orthodontists (TAO) held its 29th Annual Meeting Dec. 2-4, 2016, in Taipei City, Taiwan, ROC, under the presidency of Dr. Eric Liou. More than 700 delegates from across Southeast Asia and Europe attended and had the opportunity to hear from many speakers from both abroad and Southeast Asia, including Dr. Abbas Zaher of Egypt, a past vice president of the WFO; Dr. Ravindra Nanda of the United States; Dr. Chai Kiat Chng of Singapore; and Dr. Allan Thom of the United Kingdom and president of the WFO. Each of these speakers delved into the theme of how to learn from failure. Postgraduate students also had the opportunity to present their research.

ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN ORTHODONTISTS

The Association of Ukrainian Orthodontists held its 2nd International Meeting in Kiev, Ukraine, Oct. 28-30, 2016, under the presidency of Dr. Myroslava Drohomyretska. Hundreds of Ukraine orthodontists and students attended to hear international and national lecturers, including Dr. Stavros Kiliaridis of Switzerland, Dr. Jorge Ayala of Chile, Dr. Federico Hernandez Alfaro of Spain, Dr. Ilia Roussou of Greece, Dr. Ewa Czochrowska of Poland, Dr. Michel Clauzade of France, and Dr. Hrant Yuri Ter-Poghosyan of Armenia. Dr. Allan Thom, president of the WFO, gave an opening address and the first lecture of the conference.

On the second day of the conference, a discussion session focused on the current state of graduate and postgraduate orthodontic education in the Ukraine and prospects for development. Dr. Kiliaridis and Dr. Thom delivered the discussion presentations.

“This forum was extremely well-attended with wide-ranging contributions,” Dr. Thom said. “It was encouraging to observe how the Ukraine orthodontic programs are actively looking at ways to improve towards the pan–European ERASMUS Standards.”
The WFO’s editorial search committee and Dr. Allan Thom, WFO president, will formally introduce Dr. Krishnan to WFO affiliate presidents on April 23, 2017, during a breakfast reception at the 2017 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in San Diego, California, USA.

“We enthusiastically congratulate Dr. Krishnan on his appointment,” Dr. Thom said. “The whole of the Executive Committee welcomes him to the ‘team.’ The Executive Committee was put to a difficult task to select the next editor-in-chief of the JWFO. A plethora of worthy, highly respected and qualified colleagues put their name forward for this position. It was very difficult to select one ‘apple’ from a basket of ‘perfect apples.’

“The Executive Committee also appreciates the five years of service Dr. Jorge Faber of Brasilia, Brazil, dedicated to the JWFO. He certainly served with distinction in his role as editor-in-chief. We also appreciate the time he has devoted to the transition process and as a consultant to the search committee.”

WFO to announce the host organization for the 10th International Orthodontic Congress® on April 23, 2017

The WFO Executive Committee has been reviewing proposals from interested WFO affiliate organizations that wish to host the 10th International Orthodontic Congress® in 2025. The WFO will announce the selected host organization April 23 during the breakfast reception for WFO affiliate organization presidents at the 2017 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in San Diego, California, USA.

The announcement will also be posted on the WFO website, www.wfo.org.