10th IOC to be in Rio de Janeiro

The WFO Executive Committee has selected Rio de Janeiro as the site of the 10th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in 2025, with the Brazilian Association of Orthodontics (ABOR) serving as the host. Dr. Allan Thom, president of the WFO, announced the news April 23 at the annual breakfast reception for WFO affiliate organization presidents, held in conjunction with the 2017 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in San Diego, California, USA.

The 10th IOC will be October 8-11, 2025, at the RioCentro exhibition and convention center in Rio de Janeiro. The meeting will be the WFO’s first IOC held in South America.

Preparations are well underway for the 9th IOC in Yokohama, Japan

The Japanese Orthodontic Society will hold the 9th International Orthodontic Conference October 4-7, 2020, at the Pacifico Yokohama Convention Complex in Yokohama, Japan. Orthodontic leaders in Japan are now planning the details of the meeting.

“We have formed the Local Organizing Committee and set up eight working groups: Finance, Fundraising, Scientific Program, Venue Management, Public Relations and Social Media, Registration, Social Program and Exhibition,” said Dr. Takashi Ono, chairman of the Organizing Committee. “The members of each working group are initiating arrangements and developing ideas to ensure that the IOC will be an outstanding meeting for all attendees.”

Dr. Ono has announced the following tentative timing for key aspects of the IOC, which interested participants are encouraged to note:

- **Late 2018:** A call for World Village Day Programs from WFO member societies will be distributed. World Village Day is a traditional IOC component. Affiliate organizations may apply to be World Village Day presenters, which involves a half-day scientific program presented by the organization.
- **August 2019 – January 2020:** A call for abstracts will be distributed.
- **June 2020:** Notifications of abstract acceptance will be sent.
- **August 2019 – July 2020:** Early registration will be available.

In addition, Dr. Ono is pleased to announce that the 12th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference (12th APOC) and the 79th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society (79th JOS) will be held in conjunction with the IOC at the Pacifico Yokohama.
Nominate a colleague for the 2020 Regional Award of Merit

The WFO is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Regional Award of Merit. The award, 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. Student or Honorary Members are not eligible for nomination.

**The closing date for nominations is April 15, 2018.** The WFO requests nominations by this date in order to allow time for consideration prior to the WFO’s 9th International Orthodontic Conference, which will be held October 4-7, 2020 at the Pacífico Yokohama Convention Complex in Yokohama, Japan. Each recipient of the 2020 Regional Award of Merit will be honored during the IOC.

“We are very pleased to have introduced this award as a means of providing organizational recognition of some of the men and women among us who have made outstanding contributions to the specialty of orthodontics,” says Dr. Joseph Bouserhal, WFO Executive Committee member for Africa and the Middle East and chair of the Regional Award Committee. “Any WFO fellow in good standing, or any affiliate organization in good standing may submit a nomination, and we hope that many will do so.”

The form must be used to submit nominations. When completed, the form should be returned to the WFO at wfo@wfo.org. The completed form must be accompanied by:

- The nominee’s curriculum vitae;
- A narrative letter of no more than three typed pages in length, authored by the nominating fellow or organization, describing fully the reasons the nominee should be considered for the award;
- Supporting documentation from third parties may be included in the nomination, but such documentation must be no more than two pages per third party submission.

The members of the WFO Executive Committee were pleased to announce this decision during the AAO’s Annual Session,” said Dr. Thom. “The committee is looking forward to working with the ABOR, which submitted an outstanding proposal that will serve as a strong foundation for development of an excellent, dynamic and inspiring meeting.”

“The ABOR Executive Committee received with great enthusiasm the grand news that the city of Rio de Janeiro will host the 10th International Orthodontic Congress in 2025,” said Dr. Flavia Artese, president of the ABOR. “Brazil was recently the host country for the 2014 FIFA World Cup soccer tournament, and Rio de Janeiro was the host city for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. On both occasions the world experienced Brazilian hospitality and our joy of living, and we look forward to sharing these qualities with our orthodontic colleagues from around the world. The meeting will also be an invaluable opportunity for us to share with orthodontists from all over the globe our rich contributions in orthodontic research.”

Brazil is the second-ranked country in publications in orthodontics and has approximately 20,000 practicing orthodontists. Development of the IOC scientific program will be led by Dr. Jorge Faber, professor of orthodontics at the University of Brasilia and until earlier this year, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists* (JWFO).

“We are certain that this event is bound to enthuse lecturers, attendees and eminent orthodontists whose thirst for knowledge will be satiated, and who will be spellbound by the fascinating tourist attractions this marvelous city has to offer,” said Dr. Faber. “In today’s dynamic lifestyle, conferences work as a pause to change focus, providing a creative breeding ground for new ideas, thoughts and collaborations. Few cities are as conducive to this sort of experience as Rio, one of the most hospitable cities in the world.”

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Dr. Allan Thom, WFO president (center), congratulated Drs. Jorge Faber and Flavia Artese of the Brazilian Association of Orthodontics after announcing the selection of Rio de Janeiro as the site of the 10th IOC.

**Conference Theme to Be, “Rio Embracing the World”**

Rio de Janeiro is a cosmopolitan city located in a natural setting on the far western part of Brazil’s Atlantic coast. It has the largest urban forest in the world and bays, lagoons, 90 kilometers of beaches, and mountains.

The Amsterdam-based International Congress and Convention Association ranked Rio de Janeiro among the top 10 international meeting destinations in the Americas for 2015. The Congress venue, the RioCentro, can easily accommodate more than 20,000 people.

“Inspired by the symbol of Rio, the statue of Christ the Redeemer with open arms in sign of hospitality, we plan for our Congress theme to be ‘Rio Embracing the World’,” said Dr. Artese.
Fellows encouraged to interact with the WFO on Facebook

The World Federation of Orthodontists has hosted a page on the social media outlet, Facebook since April 1, 2017. The page has had a strong start with more than 6,000 “Likes” and with many fellows sharing and commenting on posts on the page.

Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, WFO Executive Committee member for Central and East Asia, chair of the WFO Promotions Committee, is the moderator of the page. Dr. Vaid posts a variety of items on the page, including upcoming activities, news from the website and Gazette, WFO announcements, and reports on orthodontic events around the world.

“Statistics globally tell us about the vast number of people who access social media,” says Dr. Vaid. “Facebook has more than two billion users1, among them many orthodontic professionals. The WFO Facebook page has already received a warm response from many orthodontic colleagues. The WFO Executive Committee video, for example, reached an audience of 35,000 after being posted on Facebook. We believe this is a phenomenal reach. We have also had inquiries as well as quick responses to other posts on the page.”

All WFO fellows are encouraged to visit and “Like” the page at: https://www.facebook.com/wfo95.

“We also encourage fellows to comment on our Facebook posts, ask questions about them and interact with colleagues via posted comments,” says Dr. Vaid. “The WFO’s purpose in connecting with affiliates, fellows and potential fellows via Facebook is to have a faster relay of information and provide an opportunity for interaction. Facebook offers us an easy way to stay in touch in between meetings where we have the opportunity to meet.”

Assisting Dr. Vaid in moderating the Facebook page are Dr. Amanda Mapleton of Canada, WFO vice president; Dr. Lee Graber of the United States, secretary general, and Dr. Ricardo Cruz, member of the Executive Committee for Central and South America. ▼


National and Regional Orthodontic Boards Committee to meet in 2018

The WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards is planning a meeting in Washington, D.C. during the 2018 American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session (May 4-8).

This committee functions as the WFO liaison with all national and regional specialty certifying boards, enabling the WFO to help promote and support board certification. The committee shares its guidelines for establishing certifying boards with organizations worldwide on an ongoing basis, thus encouraging board certification programs in countries and regions with WFO affiliate organizations. The committee will assist in the formation of new orthodontic boards upon request.

The Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards is led by Dr. Nikhilesh R Vaid, chair and Dr Tom Ahman, co-chair, with the assistance of Dr. David Turpin, advisor. The committee also includes representatives from the 17 recognized orthodontic certifying boards worldwide.

The Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards last met at the 8th IOC in London in 2015. Also during the 2015 IOC, the WFO and the American Board of Orthodontics hosted a half-day symposium on board certification that included more than 50 participants. The WFO first began hosting board certification symposia at the 6th IOC in Paris in 2005.

Participants in the 2015 symposium included representatives of existing orthodontic certifying boards, and from national and regional WFO affiliate organizations expressing interest in forming certifying boards.

“A key purpose of our meeting in Washington will be to plan a board certification symposium to take place at the 9th International Orthodontic Conference in (Yokohama) Japan in 2020,” says Dr. Vaid. “During our committee meeting, we will develop topics to cover and discuss at the symposium in Japan, in part based on what we learn from a survey that the WFO recently sent to existing certifying boards around the world.”

The 2018 committee meeting will also address other initiatives such as creation of a comprehensive database of certifying board protocols around the world and development of an organized forum for boards to interact with each other.

“In addition, our committee meeting will include a review of the current status of board certifications around the world,” said Dr. Vaid. “There has also been a proposal to form a Society of World Boards under the WFO umbrella. The proposed plan and governance document will also be discussed.” ▼

View the WFO’s guideline document on establishing certifying boards:
WFO Guidelines for the Establishment of New National and Regional Orthodontic Boards

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Fellows, affiliates share stories of World Orthodontic Health Day

Smiles were exchanged around the world as WFO fellows and affiliates observed the first World Orthodontic Health Day on May 15, 2017. Fellows and affiliate organizations held practice-based celebrations, public events promoting the benefits of orthodontic treatment and/or continuing education programs for orthodontists.

The concept for the day was developed by the WFO Promotions Committee including Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid of India, chair, Dr. Ricardo Machado Cruz of Brazil and Dr. Yanheng Zhou of China.

“This initiative by the WFO has bought orthodontists, patients and prospective patients together and significantly raised awareness of the health and social benefits of orthodontic treatment,” said Dr. Allan Thom, president of the WFO. “The interactive program was eagerly taken up world-wide and the Promotions Committee members are to be congratulated on what will now be an annual event.”

Dr. Vaid was among those celebrating World Orthodontic Health Day at the 2nd South Asia Orthodontic Regional Orthodontic Congress and 7th Orthodontic and Dentofacial Orthopaedic Association of Nepal (ODOAN) conference in Kathmandu, Nepal, on May 15. The conference drew many members of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society and the ODOAN. Both are WFO affiliate organizations.

Attendees at the 2nd South Asia Orthodontic Regional Orthodontic Congress and 7th Orthodontic and Dentofacial Orthopaedic Association of Nepal (ODOAN) conference, including members of ODOAN and the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society, celebrated World Orthodontic Health Day in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Dr. Vaid and conference leaders organized an Orthodontic Health Run near the Nepalese parliament. The runners wore World Orthodontic Health Day T-shirts and hats. A local news conference followed the run.

“In association with ODOAN, we also had a free orthodontic screening for needy children in Nepal,” Dr. Vaid said. “Experts from throughout Asia helped with this project. Some of the children received donated services and treatment by Nepalese orthodontists. Since Nepal suffered a huge earthquake in 2015, its economy and infrastructure have suffered a setback. This event was developed 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 specialty care.”

On May 15th, World Orthodontic Health Day celebrations took place all over Pakistan in different cities. The president of the Pakistan Association of Orthodontists, Professor/Colonel Dr. Ifrat Batool, addressed the participants in an event at Lahore, emphasizing the significance of this day. Various academic activities included a one-day orthodontic symposium followed by a quiz competition for students, house officers and orthodontic residents. Later, the doctors met at high-tea and shared their views about the importance of spreading orthodontic health awareness. In Karachi, e-flyers were circulated for general awareness of World Orthodontic Health Day.

The Bangladesh Orthodontic Society celebrated at the Dhaka Dental College and at the Chattagram International Dental College in Chittagaong. Orthodontists joined hands in celebrations and organized donated orthodontic services.

Dr. Shameela Sultan from Namibia celebrated the WOHD by creating a Facebook awareness campaign in her region and also for patients visiting her office.

Orthodontic residents at the Universidad Mayor de San Andres in La Paz, Bolivia celebrated the WOHD with an award ceremony for the 2017 best “orthodontic health video award.”

CELEBRATION REPORTS FROM AFFILIATES AND FELLOWS ALSO INCLUDED:

- Dr. Swati Acharya, WFO fellow, celebrated the World Orthodontic Health Day with colleagues in Bhubaneswar, India. A cultural, scientific and traditional Indian art called “rangoli,” was organized, incorporating the World Orthodontic Health Day logo.

- Residents of the graduate program at Universidad Mayor de San Andres in La Paz, Bolivia celebrated World Orthodontic Health Day with a ceremony for the 2017 best “orthodontic health video award.” Dr. Felix Rios, the orthodontic program director for the university, coordinated the activities.
Dr. N. Kurunji Kumaran and Dr. S. Lalithapriya of Chidambaram, Cuddalore District, Tamilnadu, India, reported that their practice, KLAS-ONE ORTHODONTIC SPECIALTY DENTAL CLINIC, held an orthodontic awareness week from May 15 to May 21.

“To educate the population who are unaware of this treatment, we also extended this awareness program to nearby remote villages by conducting camps and distributing pamphlets,” said Dr. Kumaran. “In addition, we have started the “KLAS-ONE SMILE GRANT,” which will take care of the treatment expenses of three patients per year and support the economically underprivileged segment patients. It has created vibrant impact among the public.”

Dr. Loke Shuet Toh, consultant orthodontist and head of orthodontists in the Johor Ministry of Health, Malaysia, reported:

“I am delighted to celebrate this special day in our government-run orthodontic clinic in Johor Bahra, Malaysia. Our WOHD was celebrated on the 14th and 15th of May. Our staff was very excited and proud to celebrate this inaugural event. Patients and parents were invited to participate and children were given funny cards, balloons, toothpaste and were treated to healthy snacks for tea break. The main presenter was our orthodontically-trained dental therapist who gave talks to patients and young parents with toddlers from our adjacent Maternal & Child health clinic.

“May 15th was auspicious as it was our routine Joint Dental Specialists Clinic Day between orthodontists, dental pediatric specialists and restorative specialists,” added Dr. Toh. “So, it was serendipity that we could celebrate with our ‘partners in orthodontic health’ too. After a busy morning of patients with our fellow colleagues, lunch with our favorite healthy, local dishes of Laksa Johor - kueh-kueh, guava, bread and fruits was much welcomed. Of course, the highlight of our celebration was the amazing ‘WOHD cake’ baked and meticulously decorated by our orthodontist, Dr. Suriyati, in honor of this inaugural event.”

Romanian Association for Excellence in Orthodontics (AREO) President, Dr. Irina Zetu, reported that its residents promoted World Orthodontic Health Day at schools in Iasi, Romania and held an “Open Day” celebration at the Grigore T. Popa University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iasi. Children attending the event received free consultations under the supervision of Dr. Zetu, who is chair of the Orthodontic Department. The event was also covered by local media.

Dr. Takashi Ono, professor and chair of the Orthodontic Science department at Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU), reported that his department joined the university’s Department of Maxillofacial Orthognathics, led by Dr. Keiji Moriyama, for a seminar celebration of World Orthodontic Health Day. The speaker was Dr. Stavros Kiliaridis, professor and chair in the Department of Orthodontics, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

The Kosovo Orthodontic Society celebrated World Orthodontic Health Day during its 4th International Orthodontic Conference, May 13 and 14 in Prishtina, capital of Kosovo. The topic of the conference was, “Orthodontics – How Far Did We Get?”

Speakers included:

- Prof. Haluk Iseri – Turkey
- Dr. Anna-Kari Hajati – Sweden
- Dr. Luis Pablo Cruz Hervert – Mexico
- Dr. Niels Hulsink – Netherlands
- Dr. Hans Ulrik Paulsen – Denmark
- Dr. Sandra Anic Milesevic – Croatia
- Dr. Stjepan Špalj – Croatia
- Dr. Marija Rakić Trajkovska – Serbia

“It was a very successful event with lots of discussions and new ideas shared,” said Dr. Jeta Kiseri Kubati, secretary of the Kosovo Orthodontic Society.

Like many WFO fellows, Dr. Fazel Firouzi of Tehran, Iran, reported that he celebrated the day with his patients at his practice.

Numerous posts on the WFO Facebook page, including many by Executive Committee members, showed happy faces of employees and patients enjoying practice-based celebrations with the doctors.

The WFO Executive Committee chose May 15 for World Orthodontic Health Day because it marks the signing of the WFO’s charter in 1995 during the 4th International Orthodontic Congress® in San Francisco. World Orthodontic Health Day is designed to tie the WFO’s past and future together. Going forward, the observation will take place each year on May 15. Announcements for WOHD 2018 will be made in March 2018 on the WFO website and Face Book page.

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Dr. Fazel Firouzi of Iran is pictured with patients on World Orthodontic Health Day.
ALBANIAN ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY
The WFO Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the Albanian Orthodontic Society’s application to become a WFO affiliate has been accepted. The Albanian Orthodontic Society has approximately 60 members and is led by Dr. Celjana Toti, president.

ARAB ORTHODONTIC CONGRESS
The 2017 Arab Orthodontic Congress took place September 27-28 in Amman, Jordan. Approximately 500 orthodontists and residents from the Arabic and North African regions attended the event. Dr. Takashi Ono, chairman of the 9th WFO International Orthodontic Conference and Dr. Nikhil Vaid, WFO Executive Committee member for Central and East Asia, both attended the meeting and presented a token of goodwill to the Arab Orthodontic Society and Jordanian Orthodontic Society president Dr. Alaeddin Abu Khalif.

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BRITISH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY — FILM ON RETAINERS
The British Orthodontic Society has produced a film, “Hold That Smile,” for orthodontists and dentists to share on their websites, social media pages or waiting room screens. The captioned film explains the importance of wearing retainers for life. The Society has also created a short animation on this topic, aimed at young people.

To add the animation or short film to your website:
1) Go to the official BOS YouTube Channel:
2) Click the video
3) Click the ‘Share’ button below the video.
4) Copy the ‘embedded’ code
5) Add this link to your website.

The British Orthodontic Society produced a film, “Hold That Smile.” The film was developed as part of a campaign to educate patients and the public about the importance of continuing to wear retainers after completing orthodontic treatment, and to ask dentists to check that patients who completed treatment still use their retainers.

During the British Orthodontic Society meeting, Dr. Sabine Ruf (pictured) and Dr. David Bearn discussing, “The Great Research Debate,” an examination of research methodologies and the value of orthodontic research.

If your organization would like to have news published in the Spring 2018 Gazette, you may send information and photos to Gail Gardner at ggardner.wfo@yahoo.com.

Please provide captions identifying individuals pictured by name and organization title, if applicable.
CHINESE ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Chinese Orthodontic Society held its 19th meeting in Shanghai September 17-21 under the presidency of Dr. Yanheng Zhou, who is also a member of the WFO Executive Committee. This international meeting was hosted by the Chinese Orthodontic Society of Chinese Stomatological Association and the China Centre for International Science and Technology Exchange. The more than 4,000 delegates to the conference had the opportunity to listen and learn from over 200 speakers from all parts of the globe and China. Among the attendees were most members of the WFO Executive Committee.

Dr. Allan Thom (left), president of the WFO, congratulates Dr Yanheng Zhou, president of the Chinese Orthodontic Society and WFO Executive Committee member, on the successful Chinese Orthodontic Society meeting.

During the Opening Ceremony Dr. Allan R. Thom, president of the WFO, gave an address and presented a commemorative plaque to Dr. Zhou in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the orthodontic specialty. Keynote lectures were given by Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung, president of the American Board of Orthodontics; Dr. Jixiang Lin of the Peking University Hospital of Stomatology; and Dr. Roberto Justus, immediate past president of the WFO. An extensive trade exhibition was also available. Traditional Chinese Gala Banquets afforded delegates the opportunity to meet, greet and network. The celebration of the Chinese Orthodontic Society’s 20th Anniversary on the night before the Opening Ceremony provided a rare opportunity for delegates to share the joy and culture of China with attendees from all over the world. As is true of all WFO meetings, generous hospitality and social functions for meeting and networking were part of the schedule. Dr. Allan R. Thom, president of the WFO, presented Dr. Cozza with a commemorative plaque on behalf of the WFO and in recognition of her services to orthodontics.

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ITALIAN ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Società Italiana di Orthodonzia (SIDO) held its fall meeting in Rome October 19-21 under the Presidency of Dr. Paola Cozza. The meeting attracted thousands of delegates to hear overseas and national speakers. Speakers included Dr. James McNamara Jr. of the United States, Dr. Sabine Ruff of Germany, Dr. Ravindra Nanda of the United States, Dr. André Horn of France and many others. Simultaneous translation was provided from Italian to English and vice versa. The exhibit hall hosted 63 trade exhibitors.

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The WFO Executive Committee is pictured at the Chinese Orthodontic Society’s 20th Anniversary Celebratory Gala Dinner.

COSTA RICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHODONTICS

The Costa Rican Academy of Orthodontics held its 2nd National Congress of Orthodontics (ACO 2017) September 1-2, 2017. The main speakers were Dr. Peter Buschang, Dr. Silvana Palacios and Dr. Patricia Vergara. In conjunction with the meeting, a congress for dental assistants (orthodontic staff) also took place and was a great success.

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SPANISH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Spanish Orthodontic Society (SEDO) held its 63rd Congress in Malaga from June 14-17, 2017 at the Palacio de Congresos under the leadership of Dr. Angel Alonso Tosso, president. Several hundred delegates attended. Dr. John Bennett gave a pre-Congress course. The scientific speakers at the congress included Dr. David Sarver, Dr. Adrian Becker, Dr. Stella Chaushu, Dr. Ravi Nanda, Dr. Carlos Florens Mir and Dr. Won Moon. Dr. Rafael Morente was the Chair of the congress. There were numerous European and local speakers and simultaneous translation was provided. The conference was augmented by an extensive trade exhibition and over 100 residents’ posters. At the Gala Dinner presentations and awards were made to distinguished SEDO members. Dr. Juan Carlos Perez Varela was elected the incoming president of SEDO. Dr. Allan R. Thom, president of the WFO, presented a commemorative to Dr. Tosso, the outgoing SEDO president, in appreciation of his dedication to the speciality and support of the WFO.

Pictured at the SEDO meeting (left to right): Dr. Angel Alonso Tosso, past president of SEDO; Dr. Silvia Allegrini, president of the European Dr. Allan R. Thom, president of the WFO, presented a commemorative plaque to Dr. Paola Cozza, president of the Società Italiana di Orthodonzia.

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JAPANESE ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

The Japanese Orthodontic Society held its 76th Annual meeting in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, October 18-20. The meeting was attended by more than 4,500 orthodontists and residents who actively participated in the academic and cultural deliberations of the meeting. The international speakers at the meeting were Dr. Peter Buschang, Dr. Nikhil Vaid, Dr. Eric Liou, Dr. Hee Moon Kyung and Dr. Yuxing Bai. The theme of the meeting was “Accumulation of Knowledge and Connectivity of Technologies.” Dr. Itaro Miziguchi was the Chair of the meeting.

Dr. Nikhil Vaid (left) of the WFO Executive Committee congratulates Dr. Noriyoshi Shimizu, president of the Japanese Orthodontic Society, on the success of the JOS meeting, presenting a plaque to Dr. Shimizu.
WFO Meetings Around the World

Taiwan Association of Orthodontists
2017 TAO 30th Anniversary
December 9-10, 2017
Kaohsiung Exhibition Center

Saudi Orthodontic Society
12th Annual Conference of the
Saudi Orthodontic Society
February 23-25, 2018
Saudi Arabia

Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO) &
Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society
11th Asian Pacific Conference &
11th APO Biennial National Orthodontic Congress
March 5-7, 2018
Boracay, Philippines

Australian Society of Orthodontists
26th Australian Orthodontic Congress
March 9-12, 2018
Sydney, Australia

Societa Italiana di Ortodonzia
International Spring Meeting
March 16-17, 2018
Naples, Maritime Station Congress Center, Italy
www.sido.it

Greek Orthodontic Society
15th International Symposium
April 21-22, 2018
Athens, Greece
http://www.grortho.gr

American Association of Orthodontists
2018 Annual Session
May 4-8, 2018
Walter E. Washington Convention Center,
Washington, DC, USA
aooinfo.org/meetings/2018-anual-session

European Orthodontic Society
94th European Orthodontic Society Congress
June 17-21, 2018
Edinburgh, Scotland
www.eos2018.com

Chilean Society of Orthodontics
XVII International Orthodontic Congress of the SCO
“Innovation for Clinical Success”
August 22-24, 2018
Centro Parque, Santiago de Chile
www.congresodeortodoncia.cl

Canadian Association of Orthodontists
Annual Session
September 6-8, 2018
The Westin Bayshore Hotel Vancouver, BC, Canada
http://cao-aco.org/EVENTS/future.asp

British Orthodontic Society
British Orthodontic Conference
September 26-29, 2018
QE11 Centre, London, England, UK
Pre-Conference Course to be held September 26
http://www.bos.org.uk/

Societa Italiana di Ortodonzia
49th International Congress
October 11-13, 2018
Florence, Italy
www.sido.it

Egyptian Orthodontic Society
Mediterranean Orthodontic Congress
October 26-28, 2018
Alexandria, Egypt
www.moip2018.com

Indian Orthodontic Society
53rd IOC
December 7-9, 2018
Le Meridien, Kochi
http://www.iosweb.net/Conferences.aspx

Taiwan International Orthodontic Forum (TIOF)
December 7-10, 2018
Taipei International Convention Center (TICC)
Taipei, Taiwan

American Association of Orthodontists
2019 Annual Session
May 3-7, 2019
Los Angeles Convention Center
Los Angeles, CA, USA

Societa Italiana di Ortodonzia
50th International Congress
October 10-12, 2019
Rome, Italy
www.sido.it

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

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

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

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Conference Online Resources Preview the Experience of Visiting Japan

The second-largest city in Japan, Yokohama is located within 30 minutes of Tokyo by train or car and is a favorite tourist destination for those also visiting Kamakura, Mount Fuji and Kyoto. There are two international airports serving Yokohama.

“We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone to our beautiful country,” said Dr. Ono, who is professor and chair of Orthodontic Science in the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences at Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU). “Those who wish to begin learning about the experience of visiting Japan and Yokohama may enjoy visiting the conference website, wfo2020yokohama.org.”

By scrolling to the bottom of the page linked above, the website visitor may access the “About Japan” section, including the Japanese Monthly Web Magazine and sections on seasonal attractions, world heritage sites, “Cultural Quintessence” (events, cuisine and culture), and lifestyle and customs.

In addition, the conference preview video offers a montage of images of Japan as well as messages from WFO leaders, including Dr. Allan Thom, WFO president, and Dr. Roberto Justus, immediate past president. Also featured in the video are well-known Japanese orthodontists: noted researcher and educator, Dr. Takayuki Kuroda, and renowned orthodontic treatment innovator, Dr. Fujio Miura.