Newsletter to carry Federation message

Welcome to the first edition of the WFO Gazette, the official newsletter of the World Federation of Orthodontists. One of the Federation’s highest objectives is to promote and facilitate international communication about the specialty of orthodontics, and the Gazette is one of its primary vehicles. The WFO Gazette was chosen as the name for the newsletter because of the similarities in its meaning worldwide. The word “Gazette” has Italian roots and in many languages means “official journal.”

Some of the features of the Gazette include stories on affiliated organizations, international notes, and a list of upcoming international meetings. With international participation increasing at orthodontic meetings worldwide, the Gazette will be a valuable aid in planning that participation. “The intent of the Gazette is to provide timely information that orthodontists throughout the world can use on a regular basis,” said WFO President Dr. William H. DeKock. The WFO Gazette will be published twice a year and mailed to fellows as a benefit of their membership. Affiliated associations or societies are encouraged to submit news of interest to the WFO Gazette, 401 North Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, 63141-7816, USA.

International signatures make WFO official

“We want the WFO to build an identity within the worldwide orthodontic community and build support for orthodontics worldwide. That’s important to orthodontists everywhere,” said WFO President Dr. William H. DeKock of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA.

At the conclusion of the charter-signing ceremony, the initial executive committee of the WFO was installed to supervise the administration business of the Federation until the first official meeting of the Council of the WFO, which will take place at the 5th International Orthodontic Congress in 2006.

The executive committee is comprised of: Professor Dr. A.E. Mtararoinas of Thessaloniki, Greece; Dr. DeKock; Dr. Lee W. Graber of Kenilworth, Illinois, USA; Dr. Jae Chum Rim of Seoul, Korea; Professor Dr. Takayuki Haruma of Tokyo, Japan; Dr. Robert F. Mac of Auckland, New Zealand; and Professor Dr. Per Thyngh of Bergen, Norway. Subsequently, Ronald S. Mem of St. Louis, Missouri, USA, was selected by the executive committee as secretary-general and head of the secretariat of the WFO.

Three prominent members of the international orthodontic community have already been recognized by the WFO for their outstanding contributions to the specialty of orthodontics. Dr. Anne Bjork of Copenhagen, Denmark; Dr. I.B. Diamond of Evanston, Illinois, USA; and Dr. Fujio Mura of Yokohama, Japan, were named honorary fellows of the WFO at the charter-signing ceremony.

“We are very appreciative of the support the American Association of Orthodontists has given us,” Dr. DeKock said. “Our goal is to be self-supporting within a short period of time.”

One of the immediate strategies of the Federation is to make itself better known throughout the world as it builds its membership. Ongoing goals include the sharing of knowledge among orthodontic societies from all over the globe, the compilation of an international reference directory of recognized orthodontic specialists, and the development of a more standardized system for judging the qualifications of international speakers.

“The support from individual members will be critical to building the WFO. It is an opportunity for the individual orthodontist who signs up for fellowship in the WFO to participate in advancing the specialty worldwide,” Dr. DeKock said.

Federation to help set educational standard

By Dr. Lee W. Graber

No one questions anymore that the world is indeed getting smaller. The corollary is that our communities of mutual interest and responsibility are increasing. Advances in communication, education, materials and technique have all influenced the scope of the profession of dentistry and our specialty of orthodontics. Yet disparities in social, economic and political factors have stayed the global dissemination of many of the advances that have occurred. The formation of the World Federation of Orthodontists provides several new and unique opportunities to correct problems of the past and set the stage for solid advances in the future.

The strict educational requirements for fellowship in the World Federation are designed to ensure that its members are qualified orthodontists. The mechanisms for national affiliation have served as an impetus to national organisations to better define their membership rosters along these educational lines.

There are two important benefits to WFO membership. First of all, the educational bias in the organisational strategy results in the production of identifiable orthodontic specialists within the context of each member country.

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It was a historic day for the international orthodontic community.

On that afternoon in San Francisco, California, USA, the World Federation of Orthodontists became a reality as representatives of 69 orthodontic organisations from 82 countries signed their names to the WFO Charter.

The dignified, but exhilarating, occasion took place in a fitting environment, the Herbst Theatre, where the Charter of the United Nations was signed 50 years earlier on the same stage.
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Secondly, it provides external validation of the individual orthodontic specialty groups as being representative of the specialty. Put another way, those who are fellows of the WFO are identified by their international colleagues as orthodontists. Specialty groups that have received recognition by way of affiliation with the WFO will be viewed within their own country as representative of the orthodontic specialty. At a time when there are a myriad of dental organizations representing orthodontic "interest" versus "training," this is an important incentive to join and support the WFO.

Research in orthodontics has been the basis for the great strides our specialty has made over the past 20 years. The results have changed the way we look at the biological phenomena that control our clinical results, and have created new materials that help to provide them. But as the means by which we communicate improve, what safeguards do we have to aid in appropriate screening if there are no peers present? International recognition of orthodontic research scientists and clinicians by way of WFO affiliation provides a means by which members can better screen the veracity of both written and oral presentations. This becomes more important as colleagues submit material for publication and presentation to orthodontic groups outside of their geographic area. It has been said that one becomes an "expert" when he assembles a box of sines and lectures 100 miles from home.

Of greater concern should be the individual who travels more than 1,000 miles and does not have some recognizable international affiliation and certification. The WFO provides a means to do this on a global basis.

In today's world, no one nation or organization holds the key to research advances in orthodontics. For those who have been privileged to travel to different regions, it is obvious that high quality efforts are being made on many fronts. Unfortunately, these often take place in laboratories and clinics separated by thousands of kilometers, not to mention differences in language and accessibility to common professional discussions. As seen in this Gazette, WFO communications provide a forum to announce important national and international meetings. Hopefully, this will foster more international interaction and cooperative clinical and basic scientific orthodontic research.

There remains no higher objective for the WFO than encouraging a high standard of orthodontic care throughout the world. The calling to serve our patients with the best care possible is the same no matter where we live and practice. In this area, those organizations and members who have developed improved levels of treatment are likely the best resource to help those regions where advancement has not progressed as quickly. The WFO provides the promise of a forum where sharing will result directly in higher quality patient care. The impetus for an orthodontist to join and become a fellow of the WFO is enhanced by the immeasurable increase in the global standard of orthodontic treatment. A recent worldwide program to aid children around the globe is a laudable example we all share. Paraphrasing the theme song for that humanitarian effort: "We are the world...we are the ones to make a brighter day, so let's start giving. There's a choice we're making...it's true we can make a better day...just you and me."

Certainly, as more individuals join and the membership of the WFO continues to grow, it will be a better day for our orthodontic specialty.

Dr. Lee W. Gruber is the vice president of the World Federation of Orthodontists.

INTERNATIONAL

In preparation for its 56th Annual Meeting, the Japan Orthodontic Society has announced deadlines of June 10, 1996 for submission of abstracts and July 31, 1996 for preregistration.

The New Zealand Association of Orthodontists recently held a one-day course for general practitioners. The format included a morning session of six lectures and a workshop in the afternoon. The lectures included case report and Q&A sessions.

The Greek Orthodontic Society elects a president and board of directors every three years. The last election was held in February 1994.

The Cyprus Orthodontic Society was founded in May 1995 and as of early October, consisted of 10 members. Its first president is Dr. Michael Papademetriou of Lamia.

The Syrian Orthodontic Society reports that its membership is still small, but is growing day by day. The Romanian affiliate of the WFO, the Romanian National Association of Orthodontists, consists of four regional associations, grouped around the country's four major universities: Bucharest, Cluj, Iasi and Timisoara.

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Committee named to lead Federation

As it moves through its early stages, the World Federation of Orthodontists is being guided by an eight-member executive committee that includes the Federation’s first set of officers.

Dr. William H. DeFock of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA, is the Federation’s first president and Dr. Lee W. Gruber of Kenilworth, Illinois, USA, is its vice president. Ronald S. Moen of St. Louis, Missouri, USA, was named secretary-general.

The three are joined on the executive committee by Professor Dr. A.E. Athanasiou of Thessaloniki, Greece; Dr. Jae Chan Kim of Seoul, Korea; Professor Dr. Takayuki Kajita of Tokyo, Japan; Dr. Robert P. M. Mclntosh of Auckland, New Zealand; and Professor Dr. Per Rygh of Bergen, Norway.

Members of the executive committee, who are donating their time and expenses, are working primarily through correspondence. They met in person on May 17 in San Francisco, California, USA, during the 4th International Orthodontic Congress. In addition to electing officers, the committee put in place the necessary procedures to begin to build the membership of the WFO. The committee accepted the offer of the American Association of Orthodontists to host the 5th IOC in Chicago, Illinois, April 29-May 3, 2000. This meeting will coincide with the beginning of the AAO’s 100th anniversary year. The committee further determined that the 6th IOC will be held in 2005 outside the United States. The committee will meet again in person on July 4, 1996 in Brighton, England, during the 72nd Congress of the European Orthodontic Society in Brighton, England.

Among the items to be discussed will be the policies and administrative procedures of the Council of the WFO, which will meet in person for the first time during the 5th IOC in Chicago. The WFO Council will consist of an official representative designated by each affiliated organization, plus 40 at-large members who will be assigned based on the number of dues-paying WFO fellows from each organization. The WFO Council will have the responsibility to elect a new president, vice president and executive committee for the subsequent five-year period.

At its July 4, 1996 meeting, the executive committee will designate a planning committee to work with the AAO planning committee on the 5th IOC and issue specifications to all organizations that desire to host the 6th IOC in 2005.

AAO announces discount for WFO fellows

The American Association of Orthodontists has recognized and will support fellowship in the World Federation of Orthodontists in its 1996 Annual Session fee schedule.

The AAO’s 96th Annual Session will be held May 11-15, 1996, in Denver, Colorado, USA.

As in the past, international members of the AAO will be charged the same registration fee as most other classes of AAO membership. In 1996, that fee will be $50 for registrations postmarked on or before April 5, 1996. In almost all categories, there is a $150 late fee for registrations postmarked after April 5, 1996.

Beginning in 1996, a new registration fee category will go into effect. Fellows of the WFO who are not AAO members will be eligible for a discounted registration fee. They will pay $100 on registrations postmarked by April 5. This fee for WFO fellows is half off the $200 fee charged to those orthodontists who are not WFO fellows but who belong to international orthodontic organizations affiliated with the WFO.

Additionally, the fee for WFO fellows is a substantial discount from the $750 fee that will be charged to those who register by April 5, who are members of international orthodontic organizations that are not affiliated with the WFO, and who are not WFO fellows or AAO members.

The new fee structure was implemented to acknowledge the WFO and reward membership in recognized orthodontic organizations affiliated with the WFO.

“WFO is an opportunity to support the Federation, which will help unite orthodontists from around the world. We also hope this will set an example for all orthodontic organizations around the world to encourage their members to become fellows of the WFO and to encourage fellows to attend their meetings at a reasonable cost.”

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European, Japanese societies announce meeting plans

The European Orthodontic Society (EOS) and the Japan Orthodontic Society (JOS) have announced the plans for their 1996 annual meetings. The 37th EOS meeting, under the presidency and prediciency of Professor J.F. Moss, will take place July 1-5, 1996, in Brighton, with its “Royal Pavilion,” will be open to attendees for an outstanding continuing education program, as well as the topical EOS social venues. On July 3, the topic will be “Interceptive Orthodontics.” “Basic Tooth and Jaw Movements” will follow on the morning of July 4, with free topics that afternoon. The scientific program of the meeting will close on July 5 with “Adult and Interdisciplinary Treatments.”

The JOS will hold its 55th annual meeting at the Sea Hawk Hotel and Resort in Fukusita, October 17-18, 1996. Located approximately 180 kilometers north of Nagasaki on Japan’s southernmost island of Kyushu, the Sea Hawk will be a wonderful location for the meeting during the height of Japan’s autumn season. The president of the JOS is Professor Galläi Ito, and the chairman of the organizing committee for the Fukusita meeting is Professor Mitumura Hidemoto. Special lectures will be “Orthodontics Paradigm 90’s” by Professor Ito; “The Vital Strength of the Oral Cavity” by Professor Trelles J. Reed; and “Orthodontics” by Professor R. Alexander.

More information regarding the meeting can be obtained from Dr. Takumi Itoh, Department of Orthodontics, Fukusita Dental College, 2-15-1 Tamura Sakana-ku, Fukuoka, 814-85, Japan.

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