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WFO members need to register and activate their subscriptions to gain access to the full-text articles. At the top of the home page, select the “Register” link. In the pull-down menus, select the link “Register and Activate Your Subscription.” After registering an account, members must return to the login/registration page and select the link “Claim Online Access to Full-text Articles.”

The full issue of the WFO will be published online in the coming weeks and should be available by the end of April. To select the “New Issue Alert” on the website.

Dr. Faber is now looking ahead to the next issue and encourages WFO members to submit manuscripts, especially those that relate to skeletal anchorage. Interested authors can review author guidelines and submit articles via Elsevier’s submission website for the WFO: http://ees.elsevier.com/jfso. The authors of the best two articles published in the JFSo in 2012 will receive priority consideration by the scientific committee of the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) for possible inclusion in the “Rising Stars” program that will be offered at the IOC in London, England, in 2015.

WFO affiliate organizations use social media to disseminate news to members, the public on a regular basis

With social media outlets, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google+, continuing to grow at an astronomical rate, several WFO affiliate orthodontic organizations are taking advantage of social media to communicate with their members and the public.

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) created its member Facebook page in 2009. The AAO’s Facebook presence now includes pages for the association’s general membership, the public, those interested in the Annual Session, and those individuals who are AAO resident communications liaisons. Both the AAO’s member website, www.AAOinfo.org, and the public website, www.myAAOnline.org, feature links to the Facebook pages, as well as the other social media sites. Within Facebook, search for the American Association of Orthodontists or AAO to find the various pages.

“The AAO wants to communicate with our members in every feasible way,” said Dr. Michael Rogers, president of the AAO. “Facebook has the largest audience, it is free and a future safe bet. In addition, it fits into all of our marketing plans. Through this outlet, the AAO posts videos, has written communication, as well as timely articles about orthodontics.”

Burt Bollinger, senior manager of communications/marketing for the AAO, maintains the majority of the AAO’s pages, as well as the association’s presence on Google+ and YouTube. “My goal is to create a place on Facebook, where our very busy members already are, so that when they log in, they will find AAO member information right there waiting for them.”

Dr. Greg Jorgensen, a member of the AAO’s Peer-to-Peer Social Media Cohort Task Force and chair of the AAO Committee on Information Technology, appreciates this strength of social media the most. “The information comes to you, you don’t have to go looking for it,” he said. “It is ‘inbound marketing,’ and those who receive it are only those who have indicated interest.”

The AAO member Facebook page, which is open to anyone who “likes” the page, has approximately 5,000 followers. “Our daily active users range from 500 to 1,500 per day,” Mr. Bollinger said. “This is the number of people who have interacted with or viewed our page or its posts on a daily basis.”

To keep the pages fresh, Mr. Bollinger will post information two to three times a week. “I feel very strongly about not bombarding our members and those who ‘like’ our page with too much information. There is a fine line between being helpful and being annoying. I’d prefer to give less information than more, as I don’t want people to ‘unlike’ or block our page from their feeds.”

He also responds to posts in 24 hours. “Response time is very important when it comes to social media,” he said. “For those organizations considering the creation of a Facebook page or a Twitter account, Mr. Bollinger encourages them to get started today. ‘This is easier than many would believe,’” he said. “It should not be difficult to find content; it can be as easy as pulling articles from your newsletter. I would also stress the importance of video. Get a camera and some editing software and take your message directly to members.”

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The WFO is on the verge of launching its newly redesigned website. The site, www.wfo.org, will feature a new look, reorganized content and expanded offerings to better serve WFO members and WFO affiliate organizations. By the time WFO members receive this WFO Gazette, the site, most likely, will be live.

“The new website will help bring together all orthodontists from around the world,” said Dr. Amanda Mapletonho, who, as a member of the WFO Executive Committee, coordinated the redesign of the site. “This is just the first step in our efforts to establish a strong online presence and improve communication with members and affiliate organizations. We are always looking for ways to better serve the membership.”

The user-friendly site will offer a members-only section that will allow WFO members to update their membership information, access the new journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists, renew membership dues and purchase WFO merchandise.

The site will feature expanded sections on the WFO affiliate organizations and the governance of the WFO. WFO members will also find links to the upcoming 8th International Orthodontic Congress, a reorganized news section and the online directory. In addition, orthodontists and orthodontic organizations interested in joining the WFO can download the appropriate application.

“Since the WFO launched its website in the late 1990s, much has changed with how society interacts online,” said Dr. Roberto Justus, WFO president. “A great percentage of the WFO members now have access to the Internet. It is crucial for an organization, such as the WFO, to have an intuitive, well-organized and informative website. We believe the new WFO website has all of these attributes, and we will strive to build upon this foundation. I encourage all WFO members to visit the site and to also take part in our newest online resource, the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists.”

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The British Orthodontic Society (BOS) invites all WFO members to register now for the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) that will take place in London, England, Sept. 27-30, 2015. The BOS is offering an innovative debenture package to WFO members (including WFO student members) only. The debenture package provides unique privileges to those who sign up. Specifically, participants qualify for a significantly reduced congress rate and may spread the registration payments over a four-year period.

The 8th IOC will bring together the world orthodontic family for four days of education, entertainment and enjoyment. It will be held in London’s premier conference venue, ExCeL, which is located in an area of the city that is undergoing a renaissance in preparation for the Summer Olympics in 2012. With excellent conference facilities that can cater to over 10,000 delegates and exhibitors and brand new transport links that can whisk attendees into the center of London in the blink of an eye, ExCeL is the ideal venue for the world’s greatest orthodontic meeting.

WFO encourages affiliate organizations to participate in the study on specialty

By now, presidents of the 109 affiliate organizations of the WFO should have received an extensive questionnaire designed to collect data on the current characteristics and standards of the orthodontic specialty worldwide.

In 2011, the WFO commissioned a follow-up study to one it conducted more than a decade ago in an effort to gather extensive information on the global orthodontic community. The original two-year study, which began in 1997, investigated how the specialty is practiced, as well as the methods used by professionals in different countries and regions to deliver orthodontic care. This new study will build on the data collected previously.

Dr. Neil Kessel, a second-year orthodontic resident at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC), is coordinating the follow-up study on behalf of the WFO. This project is the basis of his master’s thesis. Dr. H. Garland Bleshery, UNC professor of orthodontics and former vice chancellor of the university, is serving as an advisor to Dr. Kessel on this project.

The questionnaire is similar to the original 14-page survey, which covered regulations and definitions, legislation, education, human resources, orthodontic practice environment, and characteristics of the WFO affiliate organizations. Additional questions address new aspects of the specialty that have developed over the past 13 years.

The questionnaire was sent by e-mail to the affiliate organizations. If you are a president of an affiliate organization and have not received the e-mail or have questions about this survey, please contact the WFO Secretariat at wfo@wfo.org.
An orthodontist's passion for photography and film has resulted in the preservation of rare color photographs and movie footage of Korean villagers pursuing daily life during a time of war.

Sixty years ago, Dr. Charles Burstone, now a WFO fellow and professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, was serving as a captain in the United States Air Force. For eight months, he was stationed at the K-9 Air Base in the Suyeong district of Busan in South Korea toward the end of the Korean War. While there, he provided dental care to the troops and the local villagers.

Dr. Charles Burstone attended the special exhibit Korea 1952 at the National Folk Museum of Korea in Seoul, Korea, in September 2011.

"It was a pleasant and unexpected surprise to find a bit of history while abroad," said Dr. Park, who is a WFO fellow and a past president of the Korean Association of Orthodontists. "1952 was an important year in modern Korean history as it is the year that the Korean War came to an end. At the time, any record of the war in the form of photography or film footage was quite rare. This is why Dr. Burstone's films are so special; they are color movies that accurately portray the living conditions of Koreans following the war. The viewer is able to see what everyday life was like for Koreans, as well as what the cities and countryside looked like at the time."

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When he returned to the United States, he developed the film and created a movie of the images, carefully labeling many of the scenes. With his service in the Air Force complete, Dr. Burstone embarked on his career in orthodontics, completing his master's degree in 1955. That same year, he became an assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Indiana University.

As the years passed and his academic career progressed, Dr. Burstone continued to photograph and film his travels. His collection grew, and he frequently showed his colleagues his movies. In 1984, Dr. Burstone, then professor and head of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Connecticut, showed the movie from Korea to his orthodontic colleague Dr. Young Cheol Park of Seoul, Korea. Dr. Park, at the time, was a visiting professor at the university. Currently, he is a professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Yonsei University College of Dentistry in Seoul and president of the World Implant Orthodontic Association.

The Macedonian Orthodontic Society (MOS) most recently joined the WFO as an affiliate organization. "We decided to join the WFO because it is the mother of all societies from the world," said Dr. Radmila Dimovska, general secretary of the MOS, who is encouraging the 123 members of the MOS to join the WFO as fellows. The organization joined the WFO in January 2011.

At this time, the following affiliate organizations have the largest number of WFO fellows:

- American Association of Orthodontists – 1,266 fellows,
- Chinese Orthodontic Society – 919 fellows,
- Japanese Orthodontic Society – 516 fellows,
- Korean Association of Orthodontists – 398 fellows,
- Associação Brasileira de Ortodontia e Ortopedia Facial – 296 fellows,
- Austrian Society of Orthodontists – 259 fellows,
- British Orthodontic Society – 242 fellows,
- German Orthodontic Society – 215 fellows,
- Sociedad Española de Ortodoncia – 211 fellows,
- Asociación Mexicana de Ortodoncia – 208 fellows.

The WFO online directory offers a complete listing of all affiliate organizations. Go to www.wfo.org to access this resource. The WFO has also posted applications for all member classification categories on its website.

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More than 8,100 WFO fellows and members now enjoy the membership benefits of the WFO. The WFO offers four categories of membership: fellow, academic member, student member and retired member.

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- free subscriptions to the WFO Gazette and the Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists (JWFO),
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The World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) exceeds 8,400 fellows and members, 100 affiliate organizations, and represents in more than 100 countries around the world. When Dr. Justus travels to various orthodontic conferences around the world, he encourages the orthodontists to join the WFO. "Increased membership strengthens the corresponding affiliated societies," he said.

This is the market in Tongnae, Korea, in 1952. At that time, Tongnae was a small town of 500 people and was well-known for its hot springs. Today, it has a population of more than 1 million people.

This is the bridge to the K-9 Air Base. The base housing and runways are visible in the distance. The man in the foreground uses a bamboo pole to balance the weight of his heavy load.

Dr. Burstone holds a 1952 color photograph of his mother and sister, Phyllis, standing in front of a horse and buggy, during his time at the National Folk Museum of Korea in Seoul, Korea.

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Association of Philippine Orthodontists receives accolades, recognition in 2011

Throughout 2011, the Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO) received several accolades, beginning with recognition from the Philippine Professional Regulation Commission’s Board of Dentistry (PRC-BOD) in January.

The PRC-BOD accredited the APO, an affiliate of the Philippine Dental Association (PDA), as the official specialty society for orthodontics in the Philippines. APO representatives attended the ceremony Jan. 26, 2011, at the Manila Hotel in Manila, Philippines. The APO, founded in 1980, has 135 members. “The greater challenge for the APO, I believe, is not only to be THE recognized orthodontic specialty group in the Philippines, but also to keep up with the international standard of providing orthodontic care,” said Dr. Roberto Tan, president of the APO. “Meeting this challenge will ensure the highest standards of orthodontic service and practice in the country, thereby protecting the public and the profession. Our role as a specialty organization can only be realized when we can truly be of service to the community, to the organization and to our profession.”

With this recognition, the APO continues its commitment to the upliftment of orthodontic education in the Philippines, both in the undergraduate and postgraduate programs,” he said. Recently, the APO has been furthering this commitment to the postgraduate programs through the Philippine Board of Orthodontics (PBO), the examination and accreditation arm of the APO. Of the four existing university-based postgraduate orthodontic programs in the Philippines, the PBO, at this time, has accredited the programs at the Centre Escolar University and the University of the Philippines. As of 2012, APO graduate student membership status is granted only to those full-time students enrolled in the PBO-accredited programs. In January 2012, three of these students passed the PBO Written Examination; upon their graduation, they may apply for membership in the APO. “Through the accreditation, the PBO seeks to partner with the orthodontic graduate programs so that their graduate students can integrate their orthodontic education with the PBO examination process,” said Dr. Robert Eustaquio, chairman of the PBO. “This would streamline their certification process as part of their professional career growth. Ours is a work in progress, and we aspire to follow the WFO Guidelines for Postgraduate Orthodontic Education.”

“It is my hope that participation in the PBO examinations will be a sought-after ‘rite of spring’ and professional distinction as part of the orthodontist’s career and personal growth,” he said.

In November 2011, the PDA recognized the APO as the Most Outstanding Specialty Affiliate Chapter during its 2011 Awards Night. The PDA also recognized Dr. Tan as the Most Outstanding Specialty Affiliate President. “Truly, 2011 was a very busy year for the APO, and we are so blessed,” Dr. Tan said. “While we back in the goals achieved and requirements met in 2011, we cannot help but wonder what is in store for us in 2012.”

To learn more about the APO, go to www.apo.ph. The website for the PBO is www.pbo.ph.

Flooding interferes with Thai Association of Orthodontists’ 2011 Scientific Meeting

In 2011, Thailand encountered months of heavy rains. Late in the year, flooding in northern Thailand had reached historic levels. By October, the city center of Bangkok, Thailand, was threatened. Faced with uncertainties caused by this growing natural disaster, the Thai Association of Orthodontists (ThaAO) postponed its 2011 Scientific Meeting in November to Feb. 13-15, 2012. The ThaAO made its decision Nov. 1, 2011.

“We were very fortunate that all invited speakers, our members, trade exhibitors, the hotel, etc., all understood the situation,” said Dr. Somchai Sarathaha, president of the ThaAO, noting that the meeting venue, the Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Center at CentralWorld, in Bangkok was not flooded. “We were then able to take necessary measures and get through this situation without much difficulty.”

The meeting drew 265 attendees and featured several international speakers, including Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez-Bulbe, Dr. Guillermo Perez Gotter, Dr. Kenneth Kai, Dr. Rebecca Poling; Sarah Pompa, RDA; Dr. Megan Rogers; Dr. Christopher Roncone; Dr. Glenn Sameshima, and Dr. Ray Sugiyama.

To assist others who were affected by the flooding, the ThaAO members also donated to the Thai Red Cross. Dr Sarathaha reported that some of the ThaAO members’ homes and offices were flooded. The organization reached out to those members living in the flooded areas, but none requested help from the ThaAO. “Most of us were on high alert, monitored the situation and did what we thought would be best to prevent or to minimize the damage that might be caused by the flood,” Dr. Sarathaha said. “We are very fortunate that things are now, more or less, back to normal.”

In December 2011, the ThaAO was able to resume its volunteer program that assists cleft lip and palate (CLP) patients in northeastern Thailand. On a monthly basis, ThaAO volunteers travel to the CLP care center at the Maharat Hospital in the province of Nakhon Ratchasima to provide orthodontic care to the CLP patients. Due to flooded roads, the orthodontists could not travel to the hospital during the months of October and November. “The children were very happy to see us again (in December),” Dr. Sarathaha said. “They surely missed us! We missed them, too.”

The ThaAO will hold its next Scientific Meeting July 16-18, 2012, at the Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Center at CentralWorld, in Bangkok. The theme of the meeting is “Celebrating the ThaAO’s 50 Years in Style.” To learn more about the ThaAO, go to www.thaaoth.org.

Scientific journal of the Japanese Orthodontic Society celebrates 80th anniversary

The Japanese Orthodontic Society (JOS) published the first issue of its official scientific journal in 1932, sixty years after the founding of the JOS. Eighty years later, the journal, now known as Orthodontic Waves, continues to flourish and is now published in both English and Japanese.

From the beginning, the journal offered articles that pertained to both orthodontic clinical and basic research. In 1998, the JOS renamed the journal Orthodontic Waves (OW). Since 2004, the OW has been divided into two separate issues — an English version and a Japanese version. The English edition publishes three issues a year, and the Japanese edition is published three times a year.

“The role of an official journal of academic societies is crucial to providing news of latest technologies and developing trends in relevant fields,” said Dr. Juro Sato, editor-in-chief of OW. “Keeping this responsibility in mind, OW would also like to provide as many invaluable and informative articles as possible for subscribers with a view to serve as the leading orthodontic journal, especially in the Asian market. For the past four years, manuscripts have been submitted from various places outside Japan, such as the United States, Brazil, England, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Vietnam.”

Eight associate editors serve on the OW Editorial Board, and 15 orthodontists from the United States, Australia, Thailand, Indonesia, Taiwan, Korea and Japan serve on the International Advisory Board. The journal was cited in MEDLINE from 1965 to 1990, but was accidentally deleted, said Dr. Sato, who is also the professor and chair of the Division of Orthodontics at Niigata University Graduate School of Medical and Dental Services in Japan. He expects that the journal will apply to be reinstated in the MEDLINE citations in 2014.
Two years ago, the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS), an affiliate regional organization of the WFO, founded two online publications—APOS Trends in Orthodontics, a scientific journal, and APOS News, a newsletter. To mark this milestone, the editors of the APOS publications honored Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO, and Dr. Loi Hoi Kai Woh, president of the APOS, for their service to the orthodontic specialty.

Dr. Md. Zakir Hossain, editor-in-chief of the Bangladesh Orthodontic Society (BOS) and the conference organizing committee, makes his inaugural address. "We believe the forthcoming meeting to be an ideal chance to discuss dental care for those who suffer from the aftermath of the disaster." Dr. Vaid said. "Making an effort to travel to the farthest and developing member countries to encourage quality orthodontic teaching and practice across the globe and the region respectively is something that should make the entire fraternity proud."

"The dedication and passion with which these gentlemen have served the respective organizations they represent is exemplary," Dr. Vaid said. "Innovations in orthodontics are the solutions to current issues; these gentlemen's efforts are fundamental in meeting these needs." Dr. Vaid also awarded a plaque to Dr. Johnny Joung-Lin Liaw, president of the WFO, and Dr. David Turpin, a member of the WFO Executive Committee, and Dr. Robert L. Vanarsdall, past president of the ABO, will receive the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Robert James Bray, past president of the AAO, will receive the O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award.

The Australian Society of Orthodontists (ASO) held its 23rd Australian Orthodontic Congress Feb. 10-14, 2012, in Perth, Western Australia. More than 1,000 people attended this biennial congress. The program featured international and national speakers who examined current evidence-based clinical practice, scrutinized new orthodontic technologies and reexamined the recurrent orthodontic controversies. The pre-congress Technology Day brought together doctors, industry staff and sponsors to highlight the latest advancements and trends in the orthodontic industry.

The annual meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) was held in Nagoya, Japan, from Oct. 17-20, 2011, at the Nagoya Congress Center in Nagoya, Japan. More than 4,500 doctors participated in the meeting, which featured six special lectures, six symposiums, three clinical seminars, a round-table discussion, oral and poster presentations, and case presentations. The organizing chair was Dr. Shigemii Goto, president of the JOS and professor in the School of Dentistry. Official guests from abroad included Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO; Dr. Himawali Halim, a member of the WFO Executive Committee; Dr. Somchain Satravaha, a member of the WFO Executive Committee and president of the Thai Association of Orthodontists; and Dr. David Turpin, a member of the WFO Executive Committee.

During the International Symposiums, clinical seminars, symposia, and round-table discussions, the organizers expressed their sincere gratitude to the contributing members and the theme of "trends in orthodontics" was featured. The following WFO fellows will receive an award from the WFO: Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO, and Dr. Loi Hoi Kai Woh, president of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society; Dr. Robert L. Vanarsdall, past president of the ABO, will receive the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Robert James Bray, past president of the AAO, will receive the O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award.

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If you are interested in participating in this continuing-education event, you must register for the continuing-education program through the MSO. Go to www.mosocho.org to download the continuing-education registration form. The CE program registration fee for WFO fellows is $250 USD. This fee, which will increase after May 14, 2012, applies to the educational program only and not to any cruise-related charges. You must book your cruise cabin separately through Special Event Cruises by calling 800-422-0711 (U.S. and Canada) or +727-525-9696 (international). Book your cabin early for best availability. Reserving your cabin does not register you for the meeting. Additional information regarding the ship, the cruise itinerary, and the accommodations is available on the MSO website. If you need additional information or assistance, contact the MSO by e-mail at mosocho@charternet.net.

Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society, Indian Orthodontic Society encourage WFO fellows to attend upcoming 2012 conference

The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) and the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) invites WFO fellows to attend the 8th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference (APOC) and the 87th Indian Orthodontic Conference, which will be held Nov. 29 - Dec. 2, 2012, at the Ashok in New Delhi, India.

The conference theme, “Embracing Diversity, Enriching Orthodontics,” aims to encourage orthodontists from across the world to come together and learn from each other. The program will feature internationally renowned faculty, including Dr. Roberto Jusés, Dr. Bjarne Melsen, Dr. Daud Saarver, Dr. Guiseppe Scuzzo, Dr. Yoeto Takenoto, Dr. LOH Kai Woh, Dr. Somchai Satranuja, Dr. Ravindra Nanda, Dr. Rohit Sachdeva, and many others.

Additional information on the program, registration, social events and tours may be found on the conference website. www.8iopc.com. Organizers expect the conference to attract more than 5,000 delegates. This level of participation will further enrich each attendee’s experience.

Apart from the outstanding scientific program, an elaborate trade fair and the accompanying social events, the event shall provide an excellent opportunity to forge new relationships with professional colleagues from across the country and the Asia-Pacific region,” said Dr. Mahesh Vaid, vice president of the Indian Orthodontic Society. “Dr. Pradeep Chandra Shety, president of the IOS, myself and the entire IOS executive board invite colleagues from across the globe to imbibe and savor the best of Indian hospitality, culture and orthodontics by gracing the largest orthodontic congress the region has ever seen.”

Members of the organizing committee note the history of New Delhi in their welcome letter on the conference website. Dr. U.S. Krishna Nayak, chairman of the APOC organizing committee, and Dr. Gourkesh Singh, the organizing secretary, write that “according to Indian folklore, Delhi was the site of the magnificent and opulent Indraprastha, the capital of the Pandavas in the Indian epic Mahabharata, which was founded around 2500 B.C. . . . Delhi has carved a unique niche for itself on the conference map of the world, providing, on one hand, a full complement of contemporary facilities of international standard and, on the other, the lure of a city, both ancient and modern.” In addition to all the offerings of New Delhi, the Taj Mahal, a wonder of the world, is only two hours away.

O r t h o d o n t i c  M e e t i n g s  A r o u n d  T h e  W o r l d

Macedonian Orthodontic Society
2nd International Congress
May 17-20, 2012
Congress Centre
Boris Trajkovski Sports Arena
Skopje, Macedonia
E-mail: Macedonian orthodontic society@gmail.com

Indonesian Association of Orthodontists
7th Ball Orthodontic Conference and Exhibition
June 7-9, 2012
Kartika Discovery Hotel
Bali, Indonesia
www.indo-ortho.org
E-mail: bal_ortho@yahoo.com

European Orthodontic Society
88th Congress
June 18-25, 2012
Palacio de Congresso e Exposiciones de Galicia
Santiago de Compostela, Spain
www.cos2012.com

Thai Association of Orthodontists
2012 Scientific Meeting
July 18-20, 2012
Gentara Grand & Bangkor Convention Center at CentralWorld
Bangkok, Thailand
www.thaioortho.org

Association of Philippine Orthodontists
8th National Biennial Orthodontic Congress
August 5-7, 2012
Philippine International Convention Center
www.apo-congress.com
E-mail: apc.congress@yahoo.com

Sociedad de Ortodoncia de Chile
XIV International Congress of Orthodontics
August 29-31, 2012
Gasa Podha Convention Center
Santiago, Chile
www.sociedadodontcia.cl
E-mail: congress@socichile.cl

Japanese Orthodontic Society
71st Annual Meeting
September 26-28, 2012
Morokao, Japan
http://square.uminc.jp/joy-an/index_e.html

Società Italiana di Ortodonzia
24th SIDO International Congress
October 10-13, 2012
Fortezza da Basso
Florence, Italy
www.sido.it

Iranian Association of Orthodontists
10th International Congress
October 24-26, 2012
Teheran, Iran
Orthodontic Society of Iran
November 23-24, 2012
K-Gih Hotel
Kildare, Ireland
www.orthodontics.ie
E-mail: info@orthodontics.ie

Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society
8th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference & 4th Indian Orthodontic Conference
November 29-December 2, 2012
New Delhi, India
www.8apocs-4iopc.in

American Association of Orthodontists
113th Annual Session
May 5-7, 2013
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
www.aaos.org

Australian Orthodontic Society
24th Australian Orthodontic Congress
March 29-April 2, 2013
Adelaide Convention Centre
Adelaide, Australia
www.aos.org.au

8th International Orthodontic Congress & 5th Meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists
September 27-30, 2013
EsCol London
London, England
http://wfc2013london.org

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