Japanese Orthodontic Society and Korean Association of Orthodontists hold first joint meeting in Sapporo

The Japanese Orthodontic Society (JOS), celebrating its 80th anniversary, held its 69th Annual Meeting September 13-15, 2006, in Sapporo, Japan. This meeting was notable and historic as it was also the first joint meeting of the JOS and the Korean Association of Orthodontists (KAO).

More than 3,600 delegates attended. The academic highlights included the Presidents’ Lecture by Dr. Kunioichi Soma, president of the JOS, and Dr. Cha Kyung-Suk, president of the KAO. Dr. Soma lectured on the past events that led to this first joint meeting, on the history and organization of the JOS, as well as on the development of common projects between the two societies, such as the preparation of East-Asia orthodontic treatment guidelines based on evidence-based medicine. Dr. Cha’s lecture, “Where We Are and Where We Should Go in Orthodontics,” highlighted some of the advances in orthodontics in recent decades, particularly Korean orthodontists’ contributions in the field of micro-implant anchorage.

Dr. Ali Darendeliler’s special lecture, “Root Resorption in Orthodontics: Third Dimension,” was another highlight. Dr. Darendeliler’s research is quantifying the relationship between root resorption and various levels and types of force used by orthodontists. Continuous translation into English, Japanese, and Korean was provided for all lectures.

More than 3,600 delegates attended the 69th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society (JOS), which was also the first joint meeting between the JOS and the Korean Association of Orthodontists. Pictured here, from left, are Dr. Kunioichi Soma, president of the JOS; Dr. Ali Darendeliler, professor and chair of orthodontics at Sydney University and head of the Department of Orthodontics at Sydney Dental Hospital; and Dr. Junichiro Iida, chair of the joint meeting between the JOS and the KAO.

The major social activity was the banquet at the Sapporo Bier Garten; participants cooked their own food. This informal event provided members with an opportunity to assess each other’s culinary skills while making new friends.

Dr. Soma said that the JOS and KAO hope to hold similar joint meetings on a biennial basis with the location alternating between Japan and Korea.

WFO Executive Committee meets in Edinburgh

Several WFO Executive Committee members met informally Oct. 9 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Edinburgh, Scotland, in conjunction with the British Orthodontic Society’s 20th British Orthodontic Conference. The committee members present were Dr. Athanasios E. Athanasiou, WFO president; Dr. Julia Harbin, Dr. Larson Kose; Dr. Richard Olive; Dr. Somchai Satratvahana; and Dr. Allan Thom.

During the meeting, Dr. Olive previewed the early planning for the 7th International Orthodontic Congress that will be held in 2010 in Sydney, Australia. The members also discussed ways to better disseminate information to affiliate organizations and fellows by means of the WFO Gazette and the World News section of the World Journal of Orthodontics (WJO). Dr. B. Ian Watson is the editor for the World News section of the WJO.

Dr. Janus and Kose are the editors for the WFO Gazette. Dr. Thom represented the WFO at the 2006 annual meeting of the Federación Dentaria Internacional. The committee members discussed how the two organizations might increase their interaction.

The next official meeting of the WFO Executive Committee will take place via conference call in January 2007.

Members of the WFO Executive Committee met Oct. 9 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Pictured here, from left are Dr. Larson Kose, Dr. Julia Harbin, Dr. Somchai Satratvahana, Dr. Richard Olive, WFO President Dr. Athanasios E. Athanasiou and Dr. Allan Thom.

SIDO launches program to provide free orthodontic care to Italian children in need

Orthodontists have always been aware of the importance of a healthy mouth and a nice, bright smile. These physical attributes can provide children and adults with a better quality of life and a higher sense of self-worth, facilitating their relationships in the world. The Società Italiana di Ortodonzia (SIDO) recently launched Solidarietà, a program that provides free orthodontic care to children living in protected accommodation (family homes). Because of difficult family conditions, these children cannot otherwise afford orthodontic treatment.

In March 2006, SIDO President Dr. Alberto Laino and the council asked the membership to clinically adopt a child between the ages of 9 and 12 and to provide the child with all necessary dental and orthodontic care. SIDO also presented the program to the College of Professors of Dentistry and the media in April 2006. More than 500 SIDO members have already offered their participation, and more continue to register for the program.

The program has been organized in cooperation with the Italian national and regional authorities, who enthusiastically support the program. The regional authorities select the children on the basis of treatment need and family situations. The authorities then refer the children to participating SIDO members who will carry out the comprehensive treatment in their private offices or departments, free of any charge.

Dr. Alberto Laino, president of the Società Italiana di Ortodonzia, introduced Solidarietà, a new program that provides free orthodontic care to Italian children living in protected accommodation. Dr. Laino made the announcement during the SIDO Spring Meeting in March 2006 in Cesena, Italy. SIDO, founded in 1968, currently has approximately 3,350 members. More than 500 members have offered to participate in Solidarietà.
Delegates who regularly attend the British Orthodontic Conference have come to expect an exciting and diverse program featuring top speakers from around the world. The 2006 conference, hosted by the British Orthodontic Society (BOS), was no exception. North Americans, Japan and many European countries were represented. A pre-congress course on orthognathic surgery presented by Dr. Bill Ament, a renowned oral and maxillofacial surgeon from Santa Barbara, California, USA, set a high standard before the conference even started.

An unexpected bonus was a donation of $17,500, generated from registration fees for the pre-congress conference, to the British Orthodontic Society Foundation, a charity that funds research in the United Kingdom.

During the conference itself, Dr. Ament presented the lecture “What I Expect from the Orthodontic Team.” He stressed that the three parts of the orthodontic team — the orthodontic department, the oral and maxillofacial surgery department, and the operating room — should have clear goals.

Fellow American Dr. James Muh took a leap into the future with an absorbing and thought-provoking presentation on 3-D modelling. Dr. Muh is an associate clinical professor at the University of Southern California where he has spent a great deal of time looking at the role cone-beam computerized tomography might play in the future.

From Japan, Dr. Junji Sugawara discussed an orthodontic camouflage system using the skeletal anchorage system. He showed a range of cases where mini plates were used in adults as an alternative to orthognathic surgery. Dr. Sugawara concluded the presentation by suggesting there is a role for skeletal anchorage in the management of many cases.

The centerpieces of the British Orthodontic Conference are always the George Northcroft Memorial Lecture. For the first time, the topic was non-clinical and was entitled “The Future of Specialist Training.” In a thoroughly entertaining, although at times disconcerting presentation, Dr. Jonathan Sandy, head of the Division of Child Dental Health and chair of orthodontics at Bristol University, discussed the funding and training of orthodontic specialists with particular regard to academic training.

Another first for the conference was the award of a prize to a patient. Sponsored by SOS Ormco, the Agaisti the Odds prize recognizes the best account of treatment by a patient. Tracey Greenfield gave an emotional account of her treatment experience and the positive relationship she had with her orthodontist specialist, Dr. Kim Murahi.

Dr. Ken Lumsden, president of the British Orthodontic Society, presented the awards this year. Honorary membership went to the current president of the World Federation of Orthodontists, Dr. Athanasios E. Athanasios of Thessaloniki, Greece. The BOS Distinction Award for an outstanding contribution made by a non-active member went to Dr. Ray Reed. A special award was made to Dr. David Tidy, who is retiring from the position of BOS secretary. The award recognizes his long service to the society and U.K. orthodontics in general.

Other U.K. presenters on the program included Dr. Robert Lee, who gave a clinically oriented talk on how to achieve the most with a twin-block appliance; Dr. Paul Spight, chair of oral pathology at the University of Sheffield; Dr. Helen Reid; Dr. Stephen Robinson; and Dr. Kevin O’Brian of Manchester, England, who gave a succinct summary of a 19-year randomized multicenter controlled trial that investigated early and late treatment with twin-block appliances.

Dr. Dora Crocshwaks, originally from Poland and trained in Oslo, Norway, discussed the perennial contentious issue of autotransplantation. She concluded with a plea for orthodontists to always consider autotransplantation for any tooth that is to be extracted.

In his talk, Dr. Peter Van Sprossen of Amsterdam, Netherlands, posed the following question: Congenitally missing bicuspids — Why should we consider autotransplantation? He asserted that autotransplantation is a viable treatment option in adolescent patients with congenitally missing bicuspids.

Dr. Ulrich Fellner of Boch, Germany, presented his work, entitled “Bonding with Fuji LC — A Randomised Clinical Trial,” and concluded that Fuji Ortho LC had a comparable failure rate to conventional bonding only when used with acid etch.

Des Donning Martin, an orthodontist, and Inaki Gamborena, a restorative dentist, both of whom practice in San Sebastian, Spain, gave an exuberant and notable presentation on multidisciplinary aesthetics. Des. Martin and Gamborena’s take-home message covered the difficulties and aesthetic compensations that might ensue when treating adults in a mono-specialty setting, especially as patients’ expectations increase.

Dr. Silvia Allegretti of Pavia, Italy, highlighted the differences in training among several European countries. In the European Union, general dental practitioners and specialists are free to practice orthodontics anywhere and without specialist training. She noted that the lack of centralized control over the movement of professionals is a problem.

Other presenters included Dr. Dirk Weichmann, Dr. Sabine Rau, Dr. Giuliano Maino, Dr. Herman Van Bree, Dr. Carine Carels and Dr. Monica Palmer.

The BOS will host the 21st British Orthodontic Conference, September 23-27, 2007, in Harrogate, United Kingdom. To learn more about the BOS, visit http://www.bos.org.uk.

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SIDO organizes Mediterranean Orthodontic Integration Project

In December 2005, Dr. Giuseppe Siciliani, then president of the Società Italiana di Ortodonzia (SIDO), presided over the Mediterranean Orthodontics Integration Project (MOIP), a special workshop designed to analyze the future of orthodontics and postgraduate orthodontic programs in the Mediterranean region. Dr. Abbas Zabor, professor of orthodontics at Alexandria University, supported Dr. Siciliani in his efforts to coordinate this meeting, which was held in Cairo, Egypt. SIDO invited presidents from numerous orthodontic organizations and orthodontists from more than 18 countries attended.

"The scope of the meeting was to enhance existing programs and possibly harmonize curricula in the different environments, endeavoring to help in sharing research projects internationally," said Dr. Francesca Mioti, a member of the WPO Executive Committee and SIDO. "Also, an assessment of the local need of treatment and of the available access to orthodontics appeared to be appropriate, to improve both the quality of educational programs and the standard of patients’ care. Addressing these issues during an informal discussion was felt to be beneficial to all involved and should lead to future cooperation at a broader level."

Representatives from Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, FYR Macedonia, France, Greece, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey were in attendance. Presidents of the Arab Orthodontic Society, the British Orthodontic Society, the European Orthodontic Society, and the European Federation of Orthodontists also attended. The World Federation of Orthodontists was represented by its president, Dr. A. E. Alhamadi.

The attendees discussed existing manpower issues, the distribution of specialists and non-specialists, the population’s need for treatment, postgraduate training programs, the availability of scientific journals, and continuing-education programs.

"The participants were also asked if they wished to develop a common orthodontic culture in the Mediterranean area, if common university and research programs could be developed, and if they had any possible strategies in mind to facilitate such projects," Dr. Mioti said.

"All participants felt the workshop was a good introduction to future interaction, and SIDO looks forward to future meetings to consolidate both cooperation and friendship among orthodontists in the Mediterranean countries."

7th APOC to be held in conjunction with 7th IOC

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Committee (SIDO). "Similarly the success of the 7th IOC will be substantially influenced by the level of support from orthodontists in Southeast Asia. Consequently, the Australian Society of Orthodontists submitted a bid to the APOC to host the APOC in conjunction with the 7th IOC. I am pleased to advise that the APOC Executive Committee recently resolved to hold the 7th APOC in conjunction with the 7th IOC."

In the meantime, planning activities are moving ahead for the 7th IOC. The SOOC has finalized the sponsorship list. "Sponsorship and exhibit are important elements of the income in the 7th IOC budget," Dr. Oliffe said. "The SOOC is pleased that more than 20 percent of the available exhibition space has been sold already."

The Scientific Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. B. Ian Watson, is developing well, too, Dr. Oliffe reported. The SOOC has appointed Dr. Ali Darendeliler, Dr. Michael Harunans and Dr. Francesco Mioti as co-chairs of the Scientific Committee. The SOOC has also appointed Dr. Rolf Benzoni (United States), Dr. Julia Harlin (Argentina), Dr. Koji Moriyama (Japan), Dr. Kenji Takada (Japan), Dr. Hee Moon Kjung (Korea), Dr. Börbel Kahl-Bielke (Germany), Dr. Urban Hagg (Hong Kong) and Dr. John Lin (Taiwan) as members of the Scientific Committee. Dr. Tessa Jansenbergen is the chair of the Orthodontic Staff Program Committee. Dr. Jansenbergen recently organized the three-day orthodontic staff program for the 20th Australian Orthodontic Congress in Melbourne, Australia. More than 660 staff members attended this program.

For more information on the 7th IOC, visit www.sido.org.au.

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The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society’s (APOS) Executive Committee Meeting convened September 5, 2006, in Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. Jae Chan Kim, APOS president, and the representative for Korea, presided over the meeting, which was attended by Dr. Somchai Satravaha, APAS vice president (Thailand); Dr. B. Ian Watson, APOS secretary-general (Australia); Dr. Asiat Hussein, president of the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS); Dr. Jayant Dadvand, IOS secretary general; Dr. Himawan Hallim (Indonesian Association of Orthodontists); Dr. Urban Haggh (Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists – HKSO); and Dr. Alexander Tang, president of the HKSO; Dr. Pasien Niekias (Thai Association of Orthodontists); Dr. Crisie Santayana (Association of Philippine Orthodontists); Dr. Tian Min Xin (Chinese Orthodontics Society); Dr. Tan Yee Yih, president of the Malaysian Association of Orthodontists; Dr. David Lee (Association of Orthodontists Singapore); and Dr. Jung Koos Kim (Korean Association of Orthodontists). During the meeting, the committee reviewed the APOS constitution and bylaws. Dynamic discussions also touched on the upcoming 6th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference that will be held March 28-30, 2008, at the Shangri-La Hotel in Bangkok. Entitled “Embracing World Orthodontics in the 21st Century: Networks,” this conference will feature world-renowned speakers, including those from the Asian Pacific region. The Thai Association of Orthodontists is organizing this conference, which is supported by the APOS.

The APOS has accepted the Azeri Orthodontic Society as a new affiliate organization. Dr. Zaur Zoyzalov is the president of this group from Azerbaijan. In all, the APOS now has 104 affiliate organizations.

The European Orthodontic Society (EOS) held its 82nd Congress July 4-8, 2006, in Vienna, Austria. More than 1,700 delegates attended this meeting, Dr. Bjorn Zachrisson delivered the postgraduate course. During the meeting, the EOS Council announced a new award, The Distinguished Teacher’s Award. The award winner will receive $15,000, which will enable the individual to give four one-day lectures in four different European locations over a period of one year. The EOS Council has selected Dr. Jasp Mathala of the Netherlands as the 2007 recipient of this award. He will present lectures in Paris, Mainz, Germany; Athens, Greece; and Gliwosc, Czech Republic.

The German Orthodontic Society “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kieferorthopädie” (DGKO) elected its new officers in September 2006. Dr. Bernd Kuhl Noack is president, Dr. Bernhard Stolz is vice president, and Dr. Gernot Gitt is secretary general. Dr. Wolfgang Schmiedtke and Dr. Peter Oldrich are treasurers. The DGKO is the official scientific society for German orthodontists and has approximately 2,500 members.

In 2008, the DGKO will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The DGKO holds an annual congress for its members. In 2007, it will be held in conjunction with the European Orthodontic Society’s 63rd Congress, June 26-24, in Berlin. The Journal of Orthodontal Orthopedics (Postakte der Kieferorthopädie) is the official publication of the DGKO. The organization annually publishes six issues. The bilingual journal (English and German) covers clinical articles, research articles, case reports and review articles.

In 1999, the DGKO established its research foundation, Wissenschaftsfond, which promotes and encourages orthodontic research. To learn more about the DGKO, visit the organization’s Web site at www.dgko.de.

Traditional mail has its uses, but e-mail is a much faster, effective and efficient way to communicate. All of these attributes are advantages to international organizations such as the WFO. In the future, the WFO leadership hopes to use e-mail communications more frequently to provide news and other important membership information in a timely manner.

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Modern orthodontics can be managed through the use of a variety of advancements within the dental world. Many of these advancements are due to modern orthodontists, including orthodontists in the Indian orthodontic community. In order to provide the best care for their patients, orthodontists must stay up-to-date with the latest advancements in the field. This can be achieved through the use of current orthodontic research and clinical studies. In addition, orthodontists can use technology to improve the accuracy and efficiency of their work. Orthodontists can also use patient education tools to communicate with their patients and improve their understanding of the orthodontic process. These advancements are helping to improve the overall quality of care that orthodontists can offer to their patients.