WFO Gazette

Meet the new members of the WFO Executive Committee

On Sunday, April 30, the WFO Council elected 39 fellows to the WFO Executive Committee. Due in an approved revision to the WFO Bylaws, the Executive Committee has expanded from eight members to 13. The expanded Executive Committee now represents the six major areas of the world, ensuring that the largest organizations do not control the committee. Pictured below are the new members of the Executive Committee. They join WFO President Dr. Lee Graber (see article on page 2) and Secretary-General Dr. William Delock in their role.

Dr. A. E. Athanasou, Thessaloniki, Greece
Dr. Jianxin Liu, Beijing, China
Dr. Antonio P. Z. Junior, Suzano, Brazil
Dr. Wilfried Hilding, Stockholm, Sweden
Dr. Roberta Marchi, Aisola, Italy
Dr. Jorge Garcia, Mexico City, Mexico
Dr. Volker Deppe, Bremen, Germany
Dr. William Delock, Milpitas, California, USA

Africa and the Middle East

Dr. Abdou Zahir, Alexandria, Egypt
Dr. Tsuneharu Shigemori, Tokyo, Japan

North America

Dr. Richard Jones, Mexico City, Mexico
Dr. Alphonso Ukeje, Oklahoma City, OK, USA
Dr. Donald Poulton, San Francisco, CA, USA

Central and South America

Dr. Julio Haffner, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Dr. E.L. Olowe, Lagos, Nigeria

Europe

Dr. Francesco Miotto, Padova, Italy
Dr. Renato Dalla, Milan, Italy

Central and East Asia

Dr. Hohe C. Kim, Seoul, Korea
Dr. Koji Mitsu, Sapporo, Japan

Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines

Dr. Robert Mac, Auckland, New Zealand

South America

Dr. Dr. Peter van der Meulen, Brasilia, Brazil
Dr. Olav Berling, Oslo, Norway

Dr. Dr. Thomas Graber, Chicago, Illinois, USA
Dr. Birgit Thilander, Göteborg, Sweden

WE ARE THE WORLD

Incoming WFO President Dr. Lee Graber (left, front row) is surrounded by members of the newly elected WFO Executive Committee in this gathering of WFO councillors. The Credentials Committee of the WFO Council reported 80 councillors in attendance.

Dr. T.M. Graber, Dr. Birgit Thilander receive honorary fellowship in the WFO

On Sunday, April 30 during the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) General Assembly, the WFO formally recognized two individuals with honorary fellowship in the organization. This special distinction was granted to Dr. Birgit Thilander of Göteborg, Sweden, and Dr. T.M. Graber of Chicago, Illinois, USA.

The WFO bestows honorary fellowship upon those individuals who are known throughout the world as having contributed significantly to the art and science of orthodontics. Nominations for this honorary designation are submitted to the WFO Executive Committee, which then forwards its recommendations to the WFO Council. The WFO Council makes the final determination as to who shall receive an honorary fellowship. In 1995, the WFO granted honorary fellowship to Dr. Arne Bjoek, Dr. B.F. Drelow and Dr. Fujio Miura.

Dr. Birgit Thilander is professor emeritus in orthodontics at the University of Göteborg, in Sweden. After finishing the postgraduate orthodontic program at the Royal School of Dentistry in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1961, she moved to Umeå, Sweden, where she was an associate professor for the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Umeå. At the time, she and her colleagues at the university were the only orthodontists in the northern part of Sweden. In 1963, she became acting professor and chair of this department. In 1969, she moved on to the University of Göteborg, where she served as professor and chair of the Department of

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"It really boils down to the quality of care issues around the world," Dr. Delock said.

With that goal in mind, the WFO Bylaws now further emphasize that the WFO is an organization for orthodontic specialists, and those who wish to be WFO fellows must ask the president of the WFO affiliated organization in their practice area to certify their standing as orthodontic specialists.

"We are an organization of orthodontic specialists," Dr. Delock said. "I will preach it and advocate it. It is our right and our duty to identify top professionals around the world." Another WFO Bylaws change specifies that WFO fellows who move from one jurisdiction to another need to join the WFO affiliated organization in the new area to maintain their fellowship status. Individual fellows, who once lived in an area without a WFO affiliated organization, have up to three years to join a newly formed or recently affiliated organization in their jurisdiction to...continued on page 6

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Dr. Lee Graber begins his 5-year term as president of the World Federation of Orthodontists

On Sunday, April 30, the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) Council convened for the first time in Chicago, Illinois, USA. During this historic event, which was part of the 2nd Meeting of the WFO, Dr. Lee Graber was installed as president of the WFO. Dr. Graber, who is in private practice in Kentwood and Vernon Hills, Illinois, USA, has served as the vice president of the WFO for the past 4 years. In an effort to introduce Dr. Graber to WFO and AIO members, the WFO Gazette interviewed Dr. Graber and presents the following profile.

Dr. Graber, what do you think is the most important role of the WFO?

Our most important role is to support our affiliated organizations and fellows in the advancement of the art and science of orthodontics. This phrase has a noble ring — as it should. There is no special agenda for the WFO. We look to be facilitators for our members.

What do you hope the WFO can achieve within the next five years?

The first five years have been ones of growth under the guidance and vision of Dr. Bill Dekerde. From an idea in the early 1990s to the formation and growth of the World Federation of Orthodontists, Dr. Dekerde’s strong leadership has been rewarded with the success of the organization. As a new organization, the focus has rightfully been on growth. I would foresee that some of this emphasis would carry over during the next five years. Educating the world’s orthodontists as to the value of the organization will continue to be a focus.

The very success of the WFO allows us the luxury to address more directly our prime mission, i.e., the advancement of the art and science of orthodontics. Our first efforts have been at the organizational level. My expectation is that the WFO will become even more involved in assisting in the formation and success of national and regional organizations. Strong specialty orthodontic groups, based close to the area of practice, have the best opportunity to provide the kinds of educational services needed by today’s orthodontic health-care provider. It is my goal to see that these organizational efforts continue to increase. It is my expectation that we will achieve WFO “affiliation status” for all national and regional orthodontic organizations around the world.

To achieve this goal, we will need to work through national and regional political barriers to develop professional bonds. Indeed, science has no geopolitical boundaries. The WFO must continue to be “inclusive” in its work with potential new affiliated organizations around the world.

The formation of strong national and regional organizations of orthodontic specialties can only improve the opportunities to increase the standard of orthodontic care throughout the world. The world is certainly a smaller place with the ever-increasing ease of travel and communication. One of my goals is to see the general standard of orthodontic care improved by way of better dissemination of information. Within the framework of strong local organizations, this means helping to develop good educational programming that is easily accessible to the orthodontic clinician. It is my expectation that the WFO will be in a good position to help our affiliated organizations as they tackle the challenges of education.

What will it take to reach these goals?

Hard work, dedication and sacrifice for the “harm’s way” to help the “haves” who have certainly seen this kind of effort managed on an individual basis, i.e., where one association may help another or one university may provide for training of another’s faculty. The WFO has the potential to develop and enhance these relationships on a much larger scale.

How will technology strengthen the WFO?

In the next five years, I expect new communication technologies to change the very essence of professional organizations. Our opportunities to interact with our members will increase in both our ability to have rapid interaction and in our capability to transfer a host of requested material. This “enhanced membership service” may take the format of communicators on scientific meetings, political issues relevant to orthodontists, and, most important, actual provision of educational materials.

It is also my expectation that in the next year we will be able to use new communication technologies to develop an up-to-date directory of our active members. As our world becomes a smaller place and our patients move not just from town to town — but from country to country, the WFO can help its members by providing names of WFO fellows in a foreign land. (WFO fellows must pass rigorous specialty education requirements.)

How can individual fellows enhance the WFO?

The strength of any organization comes down to the willingness of individual members to volunteer their time, talents, and resources to help for the benefit of the group. Through their membership dues, attendance and volunteer work within the organization, we are a stronger group. Individual members should encourage other orthodontists to join the WFO. As our membership size increases, we have more of the wherewithal to address our goals.

The WFO has reached the 5,000-member mark. What kind of membership growth do you expect to have in five years?

It is my expectation that we will continue to see robust growth in membership, particularly in the number of new fellows. Already, some of the WFO affiliated organizations are taking the steps necessary to ensure that all of their qualified members are recognized in both their national organizations and in the WFO. Some societies have considered adding WFO membership dues to the normal national society membership billing.

Do you have any advice for orthodontists who are trying to organize societies in their countries?

One of the great accomplishments of the WFO to date has been its help in the development of national organizations. We have been able to help them with the development of their bylaws, as well as provide potential support through WFO Executive Committee members from their respective areas.

Why is it important for orthodontists to be part of the WFO?

We all are familiar with the changing world economy. One of the days when an individual country could "go it alone." Our economics are now entwined to a great degree — what happens in New York affects London, Tokyo, Paris and Sydney within the blink of an eye. Whether we like it or not, the world has gotten smaller, and our influences are mutual.

There are strong parallels in orthodontics. While there are regional characteristics, we are one world of orthodontics. The WFO represents this enlarged world community of which we are all members and to which we are mutually responsible. If not for the tangible benefits of WFO membership (reduced

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meeting fees, membership directory, organizational assistance, etc.), the intangible aspects of being an active member in the world orthodontic community is reason alone for fellowship.

Why did you choose to become involved in the WFO?

Through my father, Dr. Tom Graber, I have had the opportu-
tunity over the last 30 years to meet many of our orthodontic
colleagues from around the world. In turn, I have developed a
deep respect for the many contributions these individuals and
their companions have provided. During the formation of the
WFO, I could see that the WFO would be a catalyst to magnify
what I had seen on a personal level.

Fortunately, the American Association of Orthodontists
honored me by election to represent the AAO in this new world
association. That opportunity mushroomed into a role of lead-
ership within the organization. My work with President Delock,
Secretary-General Mr. Moon and the current WFO Executive
Committee has been further motivation to continue with the
WFO for the next five years.

What do you like most about being involved in the WFO?

I enjoy the excitement that comes with blazing new ground.
This is a young organization with tremendous prospects for the
future. The opportunity to work with orthodontic leaders from
throughout the world as represented on our WFO Executive
Committee and the national organizations with which we work is
unparalleled. I like the challenge.

You are also very active in other organizations besides
the WFO. What are some of your current activities?

I have always believed that one must pay back for the gifts
one receives. Most of us do this... be it in our home communi-
ties, in our houses of worship, or at educational institutions
to name but a few examples. For me, my contributions have been
focused on education and professional dental societies. I serve
on a number of orthodontic specialty and general dental journal
editorial boards, and remain active in the Illinois Society of
Orthodontists (state), the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists
(regional) and the American Association of Orthodontists
(national) through leadership activities. Most recently, I have
been involved with the AAO's efforts to develop new technologies,
including its Web site presence. I have also been serving as the
scientific co-chairman of this 100th AAO Annual Session and
5th International Orthodontic Congress.

Where did you receive your dental and orthodontic
training?

I received my dental education at the University of Michi-
nan, a master's degree in orthodontics from Northwestern University;
a master's degree in anatomy from the University of Michigan,
as well as a multi-disciplinary Ph.D. in human growth and
development from the University of Michigan. I am a Diplomate
of The American Board of Orthodontics.

Tell us a little about your immediate family.

My wife, Jane, is also a dentist and in full-time practice in
Northbrook, Illinois. She is also an avid equestrian.

We have three daughters. Our oldest, Katie, is a second-
year dental student at the University of Michigan. Our middle
daughter, Megan, is a senior at Denver University in Colorado,
and our youngest, Molly, is a senior in high school at Burlington
Wallace School in Connecticut. They all maintain very active
school and community activities.

When you are not working on an orthodontic-related
activity, what do you like to do?

I enjoy spending time with my wife and three daughters... when
they have time for me! I enjoy windsurfing, snow skiing and
reading.

Your purifying thoughts ...

The next few years will be exciting for the World Federation
of Orthodontists. This year will witness the growth of the WFO
Executive Committee so we may develop ever-improving regional
representation. All who are serving the WFO have exceptional
qualifications that all but ensure the success of this worldwide
organization. What an honor it is to serve with them.

As I assume this new leadership position, I am humbled by
the confidence placed in me by my peers, but accepting of the
challenges that lie ahead.

WFO endorses Glossary
of Orthodontic Terms

The World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) has
endorsed the new publication "Glossary of Orthodontic Terms,"
which is published by Quintessence Publishing Company Inc.

This 284-page book contains the definitions and descrip-
tions of more than 2,500 orthodontic and dental terms. Of these
terms, 510 are illustrated. The reference book costs $40 (U.S.).

"The WFO was impressed with the effort of the authors to
define the multitude of terms utilized in orthodontics around
the world," said Dr. William Delock, who is the immediate past
president and new secretary-general of the WFO. "Since the WFO
promotes worldwide communication, the Executive Committee
concluded that the WFO should endorse the Glossary, which we
believe will aid in this communication."

To order your copy, visit Quintessence Publishing Company's
Dr. William DeKock, immediate past president of the WFO, takes on new role as secretary-general

In 1995, an idea became a reality with the formation of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO). At that time, orthodontists had realized the importance of bringing the worldwide orthodontic community together through a global organization. And so, during the 9th Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists and the 4th International Orthodontic Congress in 1995, representatives from 69 organizations in 62 countries convened in San Francisco, California, USA, to become charter members of the WFO.

At this organization has taken root and grown, Dr. William DeKock of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA, has given his support and time to help strengthen the WFO. For the past five years, he has served as president of the WFO. He now passes this responsibility on to Dr. Lee Graber of Kenilworth, Illinois, USA, and will take on his role as secretary-general of the WFO. In this new position, Dr. DeKock will be responsible for the administration of the WFO and the WFO Secretariat in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

During DeKock’s tenure as president, the WFO has fostered a new level of recognition for the specialty, as well as enhanced communication among orthodontic colleagues from across the world.

“The establishment of the WFO has given the international orthodontic community a community of purpose,” Dr. DeKock said. “All organizations within the WFO have recognized the importance of the orthodontic specialist. The WFO now gives further recognition to that title when orthodontists are accepted as WFO fellows. In some countries, the WFO has helped long-standing orthodontic organizations with problems that are unique to them, but familiar to other orthodontic organizations.

Intercommunication through the WFO Gazette and the International Orthodontic Congress has exponentially improved communication in the orthodontic specialty.”

The benefits of the WFO also exist on an individual level. Each WFO fellow receives a certificate of membership and a subscription to the WFO Gazette. WFO fellows are also eligible for reduced registration fees at international congresses, such as the 5th International Orthodontic Congress in Chicago, and at annual meetings of several affiliated organizations, such as the American Association of Orthodontists, the European Orthodontic Society and the Asociación Latinoamericana de Ortodoncia.

Overall, Dr. DeKock is pleased with the continuing growth of the organization and the structure of the WFO. The WFO is based on the recognition of national and regional orthodontic organizations. These organizations receive an affiliate status after a lengthy review of their bylaws, categories of membership, and membership requirements for each category of membership.

Orthodontic specialists who belong to these affiliated organizations are eligible to join the WFO as fellows. To date, 117 affiliated organizations and more than 5,000 fellows belong to the WFO. The WFO has been instrumental in assisting newer associations as they develop their formal bylaws and organizational structure.

“While I anticipated interest in a world organization of orthodontic specialists as a result of the interest leading up to the WFO formation in 1995, I did not expect the enthusiasm with which the concept has been embraced,” Dr. DeKock said. “At the heart of the WFO is the national affiliated organization in each country. Since each national president must sign off on the qualifications of each WFO fellow, the process effectively places the affiliated national organization in each country in charge of the orthodontic standards in each country.”

As Dr. DeKock begins working with the WFO in his new role, he hopes that the WFO’s influence on the standards of orthodontic care throughout the world will continue to grow.

“The WFO has only begun to establish its presence in some areas of the world,” Dr. DeKock said. “As it becomes more established, it will accomplish one of its goals to help establish an increasingly high standard of orthodontic care throughout the world. I hope the WFO continues to collect data on the status of orthodontics and the orthodontic specialty worldwide. For example, maintaining a list of all orthodontic training programs that are recognized by our affiliated societies will make the WFO a repository from which national organizations can obtain information.”

DeKock is in private practice in Cedar Rapids, and he served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Iowa for 26 years. He is a past president of the American Association of Orthodontists.

WFO fellows may now purchase WFO lapel pins

The World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) is now offering a special lapel pin for its fellows. This tasteful lapel pin features the WFO logo and is for sale for $25. During the 10th AAO Annual Session, the 5th International Orthodontic Congress and the 2nd Meeting of the WFO, WFO fellows may purchase the pin at the WFO Display in the McCormick Place Lakeside Center Level 2 Lobby.

“The WFO lapel pin was developed in response to numerous requests from WFO fellows who wished to identify themselves as supportive of the global organization of orthodontics through WFO fellowship,” said Dr. William DeKock, who is the immediate past president and new secretary-general of the WFO.

After this meeting, fellows should contact the WFO Secretariat to order the lapel pin. The telephone number for the WFO Secretariat is 314-993-1700, ext. 255. The WFO fax number is 314-993-5208.

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Three members of the WFO Executive Committee complete five years of service

The 2nd Meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) marked the installation of the new WFO Executive Committee, as well as the end of the terms of several individuals who have served on the WFO Executive Committee for the past five years. The WFO recognizes the contributions of Dr. Takayuki Kuroda, Dr. Per Rygh and Secretary-General Ronald Moen, who have all completed their service on the WFO Executive Committee.

Dr. Takayuki Kuroda of Tokyo, Japan, is a professor of orthodontics and chairman of the Department of Maxillofacial Orthognathics and Maxillofacial Reconstruction and Function at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University. Prior to this position, he served as professor and chairman of the Second Department of Orthodontics at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University. His primary research focus is the effect of growth and development on orthodontic treatment for patients with birth defects and developmental anomalies. He has written more than 200 papers and 23 books. Dr. Kuroda is also active in the Japanese Orthodontic Society and is a board member for several organizations, including the Tokyo Orthodontic Society and the International Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Per Rygh of Bergen, Norway, is professor emeritus of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Bergen in Norway, where he served as a full professor since 1976 and is chairman of the department. His primary research focus has been on tissue reactions to orthodontic tooth movement with more recent emphasis on the reasons for root resorption, as well as treatment of chiefly lip and palate patients. He has written more than 60 publications and 15 chapters for international textbooks. He is also the past president of the European Orthodontic Society.

Through his service in the WFO, he has seen the need for this worldwide organization. He notes that the WFO enhances the presentation of research from all over the world, as well as the harmonization of orthodontic education, the establishment of common criteria for acceptance as a specialist in the field, and the development of national specialist organizations.

"The WFO has created a new consciousness in dentistry worldwide that orthodontics is a specialty that needs a full-time educational university program of three years, not only for the quality of clinical work but also for the ability to obtain quality research results."

Dr. Rygh plans to follow the development of the WFO and appreciates the opportunity he had to serve on the WFO Executive Committee.

"The sincerest friendships that have developed between the members of the Executive Committee to me indicates the improved possibilities for all members of the organization to meet and become friends with colleagues from all corners of the world," Dr. Rygh said.

Ronald Moen of St. Louis, Missouri, USA, has passed his responsibilities as secretary-general on to Dr. William Definick, immediate past president of the WFO. Moen is the executive director of the American Association of Orthodontists and has been involved with the WFO from its beginning. Although he will no longer have direct involvement in the WFO, he will still supervise the staff of the organization as the WFO Secretariat is housed in the AAO Central Office in St. Louis.

"As secretary-general of the WFO, I had the opportunity to meet some really wonderful people from around the world and to see the enthusiasm and dedication to high quality orthodontic care," Moen said.

He is pleased with the WFO's accomplishments, which include the growth of the membership to more than 5,000 fellows, the creation of orthodontic organizations in countries where there were none before, and the increased level of cooperation among the orthodontic groups.

"I think the WFO promotes an exchange of ideas around the world and encourages people to look at the contributions of individuals from all countries," Moen said. "The WFO also helps to improve the orthodontic care provided to patients. The fact that more orthodontists are traveling to various countries for national meetings helps foster more research, dialogue and improvement of the specialty. I am pleased that the AAO continues to seek lecturers from outside North America for its Annual Session. This further advances the goals of the WFO."
Orthodontics is universal language at International Orthodontic Editors' Symposium; editors learn from each other

In a historic first meeting, orthodontic journal editors from around the world met in Toronto, April 28 to determine how to best serve readers while looking to the future and remaining on the cutting edge of technology. The results of the gathering were so positive the editors decided to meet again next year during the IJOA's American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session in Toronto, Canada.

"The level of enthusiasm was remarkable," said Dr. Orhan Tunyc (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA), chair of the symposium's planning committee and editor-in-chief of Clinical Orthodontics and Research and Progress in Orthodontics. "Everyone thought this was a superb session, and they look forward to more interaction like this in the future. We all have the same problems (as editors) and similar issues, yet we had never talked about them before.”

The International Orthodontic Journal Editors' Symposium, part of the 2nd meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists, was attended by about 25 editors from 17 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, India, holy Japan, Jordan, Korea, Mexico, Poland, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States. The morning and afternoon discussions — "Article Submission and Notification of Authors," "Journalism on the Internet" and "Impact Factor" — proved a lively forum for sharing ideas and establishing common ground.

"In unification, we can gain power," said Dr. Rainer Reginald Miehle (Berlin, Germany), a member of the symposium planning committee and editor of the German Orthodontic Society journal Kieferorthopädie, in his concluding remarks. "That's very important for the future.”

The key to the unification, the editors decided, is creating a common Web site for all orthodontic journal editors. Without dissent, Dr. Miehle was chosen to organize the site. The Web site should be created “within this year,” Dr. Miehle said. "It's not a starting point," he said, "improvements will follow. But the first step should be accomplished very soon.”

Dr. Miehle acknowledged it might be challenging to create a Web site that will satisfy a group of editors, all of whom have individual perspectives, backgrounds and ideas. But he anticipates no long-term difficulties.

"As soon as you realize a problem is existing, you can work on it," he said. "We came together with the idea to get closer. So, we will also learn that we have to make compromises.”

Dr. Miehle said the spirit of togetherness demonstrated at the symposium is promising.

"They would not have come if they had not felt that there is a certain necessity to meet and exchange ideas and problems and perspectives," he said. "I think we all learned from this meeting,things to do immediately for our journals, and to the future. It was a really useful meeting for all of us.”

The editors agreed that online orthodontic journals are useful tools for communicating information to readers.

"We cannot avoid the Internet," Dr. Miehle said. "It is there and it is our future, and, therefore, we should make the best of it.”

The editors said quality control is equally important in printed and online journals. The group also discussed the difficulty of balancing the blend of basic science and clinical articles in orthodontic journals. The blood, it was concluded, is important to maintain appeal for all readers. Each journal, it was proposed, should determine the balance based on who they want to reach with the articles.

"It's a question of scientific democracy," Dr. Miehle said. "We have to serve the majority.”

The editors also indicated a need to publish articles in a timely fashion and to establish common submission guidelines among orthodontic journals. In addition, they indicated concern for the content and accuracy of journal submissions.

"Clearly, we are not only the grammar police, we are also the scientific affairs police," Dr. Tunyc said.

In the end, the editors were grateful for the support and efforts of Dr. William Dobrow, who was WFO president at the time.

"This would never have taken place without him — he was a real catalyst," Dr. Tunyc said.

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Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets (10,708) (10,725)

Net assets at beginning of year (27,396) (16,671)

Net assets at end of year (38,104) (27,396)
WFO presents plans for the 6th International Orthodontic Congress

During the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) General Assembly on Sunday, April 30, Dr. Olivier Mauchamp of Grenoble, France, presented plans for the magnifique 6th International Congress that will be held September 11-15, 2005, in Paris, France. This will be the first International Orthodontic Congress held outside of the United States since 1975.

Every five years, the International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) is held under the joint sponsorship of the WFO and a WFO-affiliated organization(s) in the host country. Both the Société Française d’Orthopédie Dento-Faciale and the Syndicat des Spécialistes Français de l’Orthopédie Dento-Faciale will organize the 6th IOC. Dr. Mauchamp is the chair of the organizing committee.

The Opening Ceremonies Highlights

As keynote speaker, General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.), at left, urged listeners to do everything they can to provide a bright future for children. Musical group Up With People used “A Little Smile’s Going to Fix It,” written for the AAO, and the audience cried on its feet with a lively medley, including “Don’t Be Cruel,” “Aquarius,” and “Rocky’s Theme.”

WFO Executive Committee approves the affiliation of four national organizations

The World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) Executive Committee accepted applications for affiliation from four national orthodontic organizations during its meeting on April 28, which was held in conjunction with the 2nd Meeting of the WFO. The WFO now has 87 affiliated organizations. The new affiliated organizations are the Yugoslav Orthodontic Society, the Orthodontists Section of the Latvia Dental Association, the Palestinian Orthodontic Society, and the Société Marocaine (Morocco) D’Orthopédie Dento-Faciale.

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Orthodontics until 1991. She was also a visiting professor for the Department of Orthodontics at the National University of Colombia in Bogota, Colombia, from 1995 to 1999.

She has written three textbooks and served as the editor of the textbook Introduction to Orthodontics. She has also written 100 articles for various international journals and has produced 10 chapters for several books. Her research focus is on craniofacial growth and development, particularly orthodontic tooth movement in periodontal therapy, tooth transplantation and implants.

“Dr. Thilander is an honorary member of the World Federation of Orthodontists because of his prolific knowledge and his innumerable publications on the subject of orthodontics," said Dr. T.M. Graber, professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "Dr. Thilander's contributions to the field of orthodontics have been recognized worldwide, and his work has had a significant impact on the advancement of orthodontic education and practice."
WFO accepts fellowship applications from individuals in non-affiliated countries

The World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) does consider and accept fellowship applications from individuals who live and practice in countries that do not have orthodontic organizations affiliated with the WFO.

These individuals may write to the WFO Executive Committee to request membership in the WFO as a fellow. Any orthodontist who applies for fellowship in this manner must have educational credentials that are equivalent to the other WFO fellows’ credentials. In addition, the applicant must submit a curriculum vitae, a list of courses taken during graduate training, a complete WFO application form that includes all dates of graduate training, and the appropriate application fee in order for the WFO Executive Committee to accept the application. All decisions of the WFO Executive Committee are final.

To date, the WFO has accepted several member applications from individuals who practice in China, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates.

Individuals who are interested in joining the World Federation of Orthodontists should contact the WFO Secretariat. The telephone number is 514-993-7700, ext. 255. The fax number is 514-935-5208. The mailing address is the World Federation of Orthodontists, 461 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO, USA 63141-7816.