

WFO commissions second study to collect information on specialty’s current characteristics, standards worldwide

The WFO has 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. The new study will build on the data collected previously.

Dr. Neil Kessel, a first-year orthodontic resident at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC), will coordinate the follow-up study on behalf of the WFO. This project will be the basis of his master’s thesis. Prior to beginning the UNC postgraduate orthodontic program, Dr. Kessel served as a dentist

in the United States Air Force. He will complete his service with the military after his graduation in 2013.

Dr. H. Garland Hershey, UNC professor of orthodontics and former vice chancellor of the university, is serving as an advisor to Dr. Kessel on this project. Additional UNC resources and personnel, including statisticians, will likely become involved in the project, Dr. Hershey said.

At this time, Dr. Kessel is developing an extensive questionnaire that will be sent to all 109 affiliate organizations of the WFO later this year. The questionnaire will be similar to the original 14-page survey, which covered regulations and definitions, legislation, education, human resources, orthodontic practice

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Revolution in Egypt likely to benefit specialty of orthodontics

Dr. Abbas Zaher offers his perspective on the recent events in Egypt

Al Tahrir Square and the Egyptian Revolution have been a centerpiece of the media since Jan. 25. The world stood in surprise as Egyptians managed, through peaceful demonstrations all over the country, to overthrow the regime that had ruled for more than 30 years. The Egyptians demanded their dignity, freedom and social equity. The police state of the fallen regime — a regime with no room for freedom of speech — robbed the people of Egypt of these basic human rights.



Dr. Abbas Zaher, the immediate past vice-president of the WFO, participates in a celebration in Alexandria, Egypt, on Feb. 11, the day Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepped down.

This momentous event began with the nation’s youth who found a new place to express themselves, their dreams and their hopes for this country. Through social networking websites, such as Facebook, groups of young people expressed their frustration with the regime’s prosecution of opposition, intolerance to diversity, oppression, impoverishment, organized torture, and financial and administrative corruption. The previous regime and the Egyptian citizen had a contemptuous relationship. The youth called for change.

The young people elicited Egyptians to start rallies in every city on Jan. 25. The call was one of *selmeya*, *selmeya* (peaceful, peaceful). Faced with the violence of the state police, the demonstrators then called for another nationwide rally on Friday, Jan. 28, the Day of Rage. In every city, rallies occurred in central squares until the demands were met. In Cairo, Al Tahrir Square, also known as Liberation Square, became the center of the movement. While state violence was at its utmost with the use of tear bombs, water jets, rubber bullets, fights and occasional live bullets, the people remained, and they conquered. The army was deployed to the streets, and the state police retreated. On this day, the myth that the Egyptians do not revolt was destroyed.

For two weeks, Al Tahrir Square symbolized the revolution. There, you could see the full spectrum of the Egyptian political

picture — from the extreme left to the extreme right. All the thoughts and feelings of the Egyptians fused into one demand: The people wanted to overthrow the regime. The citizens were also willing to protest indefinitely. The regime tried to contain the protests with trivial reforms and violence. However, by this time, millions had gathered in Al Tahrir Square and other squares to show their solidarity. What started on Jan. 25 as a revolution of the youth had since transformed into a national revolution. On Feb. 11, the Friday of Persistence, the crowds celebrated as Vice-President Omar Soliman announced that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had stepped down, ending a regime of dictatorship and tyranny. The next day, the same young people who protested for two weeks came back to clean up the square. This image reflected the new spirit of Egypt — the authentic spirit of Egypt that was mutilated by years and years of oppression and silencing.

Where do we go from here? As of mid-March, Egyptians now witness unprecedented dialogue among all parties. A new president, a new constitution and a parliamentary democracy are the heated topics these days. Every man, woman and child wants to rebuild, to reform and to evolve. I think, for the first time in many years, people feel that this land is their own, a land they are willing to live and die for.

Everyone has dreams for this country. We orthodontists hope the profession can benefit from this big leap in Egypt. We have been trying to pass laws to fight bad and illegal practice. We believe the present atmosphere will allow our voices to be heard and prompt actions to be taken. The main objective is to improve our teaching programs so they achieve accreditation. In addition, we expect a special nationwide interest in scientific research. This should benefit our professional research, which was hampered previously by lack of funding. We are now more willing than ever to assemble and discuss our views, plans and visions for the future. For, if we have learned anything from this revolution, we have learned to listen to each other.

Dr. Abbas Zaher, the immediate past vice-president of the WFO and a former member of the WFO Executive Committee, practices in Alexandria, Egypt, and wrote this article. He is a professor of orthodontics in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Alexandria.

Japanese Orthodontic Society seeks to locate its members after massive earthquake, tsunami

As this issue of the *WFO Gazette* was going to press in March, Japan was struggling to cope with the devastating destruction caused by the 9.0-magnitude earthquake off its northeastern coast and the resulting tsunami that occurred March 11. As of March 25, the official death toll had surpassed 10,000 people, and more than 17,500 people were unaccounted for.

The Japanese Orthodontic Society (JOS), an affiliate organization of the WFO, has more than 6,000 members. Approximately 400 JOS members live in the Tohoku District, which was the hardest-hit area. This northeastern region of Japan includes the Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures.

“Some of them (JOS members) are practicing along the northeastern coast,” said Dr. Keiji Moriyama on March 16. Dr. Moriyama is the secretary-general and international liaison on the JOS Executive Committee and a member of the WFO Executive Committee. “We are trying to collect information about them, but it is not easy now. The phone lines and cellphones are still unavailable so the Internet is the only way to get in touch with them.”

Dr. Moriyama has personally heard from Dr. Hideo Mitani, Dr. Teruko Takano-Yamamoto and Dr. Kaoru Igarashi, all of Tohoku University; Dr. Junji Sugawara, who practices in Sendai; Dr. Toshihiko Himuro of Ohu University; and Dr. Hiroyuki Miura of Iwate Medical University School of Dentistry.

Dr. Somchai Satravaha, the immediate past president of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society and a member of the WFO Executive Committee, has also successfully contacted Dr. Mitani, a former member of the WFO Executive Committee and professor emeritus at Tohoku University, as well as Dr. Sugawara.

“They are safe, and both have strong determination to overcome all the hardships and to help the others who are affected by this disaster,” she said.

Dr. Moriyama, who is the director of the School of Dentistry, the professor and chair of the Department of Maxillofacial Orthognathics, and the director of the Department of Orthodontics in the Dental School Hospital at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University, also reported that life was returning to normal in Tokyo. “I can come to my office by commuter train, I see my patients in the hospital, I can eat a hot meal, I can sleep on the bed with a warm blanket,” he said. “I feel as if nothing had hap-

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pened at all, and I wish it would have been just a bad dream. But I am drawn back to reality when I watch TV. Can you imagine more than 10,000 people lost their lives suddenly by just one earthquake and tsunami? It is not easy to wipe out our sorrow, fear and reluctance. It is no doubt that Japan is experiencing one of the most difficult times in history.”

Dr. Moriyama also expressed his growing concerns over the extensive damage to the six reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power complex in the Fukushima prefecture. The Japanese government evacuated citizens living up to 12 miles away due to rising radiation levels and, as of March 25, was encouraging voluntary evacuation of the area 12 to 19 miles away from the plant. On March 20, authorities confirmed finding radiation-tainted vegetables and tap water. “The concerns are not only with the Japanese but also everyone worldwide,” Dr. Moriyama said.

Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO, sent a letter to Dr. Shigemi Goto, president of the JOS, on March 14 to convey sympathy and the support of the WFO.

“The WFO Executive Committee members, myself included, wish to express our sincere sympathies to the Japanese Orthodontic Society members and to all citizens of Japan,” Dr. Justus said. “This is an extraordinary situation — a triple crisis with the earthquake, the tsunami and the instability of the nuclear power plant. We are thinking of everyone and can only hope that the nation is able to recover quickly.”

Dr. Lee Graber, president of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) and a past president of the WFO, has also been in touch with numerous Japanese colleagues to express his personal support, as well as that of the AAO.

“This has been a very trying period for our colleagues and their families,” said Dr. Graber, who noted the AAO is raising

funds to help with the recovery efforts and is collaborating with the Japan Dental Association to determine where the collected funds are needed most. Individuals may contribute to this effort at www.aaoinfo.org. “I am happy to report, though, that almost all I have contacted have responded positively that they are safe and have suffered primarily building damage, not loss of life. I was particularly heartened to hear the news that professors who live in northeastern Japan have responded favorably. We continue to keep them in our thoughts.”

Despite all the difficulties now facing the nation of Japan, Dr. Moriyama said he believes the JOS will continue with its plans to host its 70th Annual Meeting later this year. The organization will hold the 4th International Congress and 70th Annual Meeting Oct. 17-20 at the Nagoya Congress Center in Nagoya, which was largely unaffected by the earthquake and tsunami. Dr. Justus will attend this meeting as an official guest and speaker.



Pictured here are the leaders of the Japanese Orthodontic Society: Front row, from left, Dr. Shu-ichiro Sawa (Executive Committee member), Dr. Hiroyuki Ishikawa (Executive Committee member), Dr. Tatsuo Kawamoto (inspector), Dr. Shigemi Goto (president), Dr. Hiroshi Hanaoka (inspector), Dr. Keiji Moriyama (secretary-general, Executive Committee member), Dr. Jun-ichiro Iida (Executive Committee member), Dr. Shinpei Tanaka (Executive Committee member); second row, from left, Dr. Takashi Ninomiya (councilor), Dr. Isao Saito (councilor), Dr. Noriyoshi Shimizu (councilor), Dr. Ryuzo Kanomi (councilor), Dr. Toru Inami (councilor), Dr. Fumihiro Masaki (councilor), Dr. Kazuhiro Yamada (councilor), Dr. Ken Miyazawa (chief secretary); third row, from left, Dr. Takuya Fujiwara (secretary), Dr. Kazuto Kuroe (councilor), Dr. Kunihiro Otsubo (councilor), Dr. Kazuyoshi Igarashi (councilor), Dr. Koutarou Maki (councilor), and Dr. Teruo Asano (councilor).

Dr. Lee Graber, president of the American Association of Orthodontists, was the special guest of the 69th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society in September 2010. Pictured here, from left, are Dr. Keiji Moriyama, secretary-general of the JOS; Dr. Graber; and Dr. Shigemi Goto, president of the JOS. In the back row are Dr. Ken Miyazawa, chief secretary of the JOS; Dr. Yasuhiko Asai, Japanese Orthodontic Board representative to the WFO; and Dr. Shu-ichiro Sawa, chair of the Japanese Orthodontic Board.



History of the Japanese Orthodontic Society

- The Japanese Orthodontic Society (JOS) was established in 1926 as the first orthodontic society in Japan.
- The JOS became a component of the International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) for the first time in 1930.
- In 1931, Dr. Hisashi Saito attended the 2nd International Orthodontic Congress in London as the official delegate of the JOS.
- The 1st Annual Meeting of the JOS was held in 1932 in Tokyo. This same year, the JOS founded the *Journal of the Japanese Orthodontic Society*. This journal has since been renamed *Orthodontic Waves*.
- The JOS held its golden jubilee meeting in conjunction with the 1st International Orthodontic Conference in 1976 in Tokyo.
- The JOS held its 46th Annual Meeting in conjunction with the 2nd International Orthodontic Conference in 1988 in Yokohama, Japan.
- The 50th Annual Meeting of the JOS and the 1st Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference (APOC) were held in 1991 in Osaka, Japan.
- The JOS became a charter member of the WFO on May 15, 1995.
- The JOS held its 75th Annual Meeting in conjunction with the 3rd International Orthodontic Conference in 2001 in Tokyo.
- Most recently, the JOS held its 69th Annual Meeting Sept. 27-29, 2010, at the Pacifico Yokohama in Yokohama.
- The JOS held its third joint meeting with the Korean Association of Orthodontists on Sept. 28, 2010, in conjunction with its 69th Annual Meeting. The theme was “Fostering Closer Friendship Between Japan and Korea Through Orthodontics.” The meeting featured lectures from the two organizations’ presidents, as well as a symposium on Class II treatment.

Orthodontist maintains practices in two countries to meet need for orthodontic care

Dr. Sunil Sachdeva, an orthodontist, has a unique situation when it comes to managing his two office locations. For the past decade, he has maintained two orthodontic practices — one in Nairobi, Kenya, and one in Gaborone, Botswana. His love for orthodontics and his desire to provide a much-needed service fuels his dedication to managing a complicated practice arrangement.

Dr. Sachdeva, who recently became a fellow of the WFO, was born and raised in Kenya. In 1980, he graduated from the College of Dental Surgery, Manipal, University of Mysore in South India. Following his graduation, he settled in Nairobi and completed his compulsory two years of government service before establishing his private dental practice. In 1984, he married his wife, Dr. Pushpa Sachdeva, who is also a dental surgeon. After 12 years of practicing dentistry, Dr. Sachdeva returned to his alma mater in India to pursue his master’s degree in orthodontics, which he accomplished in 1994. When he started his orthodontic practice in Nairobi in 1994,

he was the second orthodontist in Eastern and Central Africa.

Today, he and his wife have a seven-chair practice, The Smile Specialists, in Nairobi. Four of the chairs are devoted to Dr. Sachdeva’s orthodontic practice. Dr. Pushpa Sachdeva uses the other three chairs for her dental practice. Another dental surgeon will join them in practice in May. Dr. Sachdeva also maintains a three-chair orthodontic practice in Gaborone. He is now one of five orthodontists in Kenya and one of four orthodontists in Botswana.

The Road to Two Practices in Two Countries

Eleven years ago, the Sachdeva family was vacationing in Botswana. While there, they met Dr. Kasi Majani, a dental surgeon who was originally from Kenya. He had been practicing in Botswana since 1994. After the vacation, Dr. Sachdeva began considering a new direction for his practice. “It was he (Dr. Majani) who got me thinking about opening a practice in Gaborone, as they needed an orthodontist urgently,” said



Dr. Sunil Sachdeva and his assistant Violet Obonye treat patient Sharmila Pereira in his office in Gaborone, Botswana. For 10 years, Dr. Sachdeva has maintained orthodontic practices in two countries — Botswana and Kenya. He practices with his wife, Dr. Pushpa Sachdeva, a dental surgeon, in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Sachdeva recently became a fellow of the WFO.

Thai Association of Orthodontists initiates effort to treat CLP patients in northeastern Thailand

Since 2005, the government of Thailand and the Thai Red Cross Society have made a concerted effort to register all newborn cleft lip and palate (CLP) patients in Thailand. Due to this effort, the government has identified many CLP patients in northeastern Thailand who are in need of orthodontic treatment. Responding to this need, the Thai Association of Orthodontists (ThaAO) created a mobile orthodontic unit — a team of 19 volunteer orthodontists who travel to a hospital in Nakhon Ratchasima Province once a month. The ThaAO’s new volunteer program, the first of its kind for the organization, was launched in November 2010.

Through a mutual agreement, Thailand’s Ministry of Public Health, the Thai Red Cross Society and the National Health Security Office initiated the Smart Smile and Speech project in 2005 to commemorate the 50th birthday of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. This five-year initiative registered all newborn CLP patients and helped them receive medical and dental treatment.

Nongovernmental medical and dental associations, including the ThaAO, offered their full support to the project. The ThaAO, for example, recruited volunteer orthodontists to treat the identified patients and organized workshops that mostly focused on primary care, including nasoalveolar molding.

“During this time, it was discovered that many of the CLP patients who were born before 2005 were not treated,” said Dr. Somchai Satravaha, president of the ThaAO and a member of the WFO Executive Committee. “The incidence of CLP is 1:800, so it is obvious that many of them were left without orthodontic treatment.”

While the Smart Smile and Speech project has been discontinued, the Thai government is still registering newborns with CLP, and the Thai Red Cross is paying for the patients’ travel expenses when they need to visit the hospital for treatment. In the meantime, the ThaAO learned that the Maharaj Hospital in Nakhon Ratchasima has approximately 50 CLP patients who are in need of orthodontic treatment. In this area of Thailand, only

one orthodontist is available to treat the CLP patients, and she has a full case load with the new CLP patients, Dr. Satravaha said.

As a result, the ThaAO created its mobile orthodontic unit to assist the CLP patients. The ThaAO and the Maharaj Hospital, along with the support of the Ministry of Public Health, the Thai Red Cross Society and the National Security Office, are working together and have set up the CLP care center at the hospital. Once a month, the ThaAO team of volunteers makes the four-hour drive from Bangkok to the hospital. The team starts out at 6 a.m. and returns to Bangkok by 10:30 p.m.

At the CLP care center, “the patients get all the treatment they need, and all of the treatment is free of charge,” Dr. Satravaha said. “Their travel expenses are paid by the Thai Red Cross Society, and the families get free lunch boxes from the Thai Orthodontic Foundation.”



The Thai Association of Orthodontists offers a mobile orthodontic unit to assist cleft lip and palate (CLP) patients in northeastern Thailand. Nineteen volunteer orthodontists treat the patients once a month at the CLP care center, pictured here, at the Maharaj Hospital.

Since the ThaAO began its mobile unit, the volunteer orthodontists have examined 22 of the CLP patients. Some of them are already in orthodontic appliances, Dr. Satravaha said. To make sure the patients’ treatment continues without interruption, two orthodontists are assigned to each patient case. If one volunteer is unable to travel to the hospital, the other orthodontist will be available for the shared patients.

The 19 orthodontists who are participating in the volunteer program are Drs. Thitima Sukkasem, Pornkana Asavanamuang, Tanan Jaruprakorn, Wipapun Ritthagol, Pongjai Virarat, Chutimaporn Keinprasit, Poonsak Pisek, Nongluck Charoenworuluck, Prinda Lertpitayakun, Piyathida Chittanandha, Waleerach Boonsotornstit, Pimpalak Lawviriyakul, Chompoonuj Thanyakarn, Nita Viwattanatipa, Marasri Chaiworawitkul, Malliga Limpianunchai, Kamoltip Hutasingh, Prinya Pathomkulmai and Somchai Satravaha.



After a full day of travel and treating cleft lip and palate patients in northeastern Thailand, the volunteer orthodontists from the Thai Association of Orthodontists enjoy their dinner before making the four-hour return trip to Bangkok.

“We have never managed any other volunteer project like this one in the past,” Dr. Satravaha said. “This will be a long-running project. All of the volunteers are willing to continue to be part of the team. It is quite tough as we travel 8 to 9 hours each trip, examine new cases, check the cases of patients who are in treatment, attend seminars and discuss cases — all in one day. But we are very happy that we are able to help those in need, and we have a lot of fun together doing this noble task. The way the parents look at us when their children get orthodontic appliances is worth doing the job. I must say that words cannot explain how thrilled we are.”

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WFO committee brings challenges of orthodontic certifying boards into focus

The WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards, with its representatives from the 15 recognized orthodontic certifying boards, strives to spark discussion and interest in the board-certification process among orthodontists worldwide.

Through the discussions thus far, the committee members agree the primary reason for promoting board certification in any country or region is to benefit the public. But the continuing question is this: Will a certifying program lead directly to an improved level of care received by the public? “If so, any organization can hold its head high while working, seemingly with no end in sight, toward accomplishing this goal. If not, then it’s time to reappraise the motives of any group,” said Dr. David Turpin, chair of the WFO committee and a member of the WFO Executive Committee.

In addition, once a duly elected board is assembled to carry out the goals and objectives of its board-certifying mandate, new board members may encounter many challenges as they seek to become effective. For example, the examination process of a new certifying board may appear to be highly selective at the beginning, but this should never be used as an end in itself, Dr. Turpin said. “The real target is one of improving the delivery of care to the populace. This is not likely to happen if only a handful of the membership qualifies for certification in an entire country or region. The goal should be to certify as many of the orthodontic specialists as possible without lowering the standards of qualification to an unacceptable level. Accomplishing this requires time, a level of cooperation among all factions, as well as an unselfish determination by all parties over time.”

Historically, The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) struggled with this issue. Up until 2005, the ABO had yet to certify more than 25 percent of the American Association of Orthodontists’ membership. However, in 2005, the ABO began revamping its examination process, using the medical model of board certification and recertification as a guide. Today, new U.S. and Canadian orthodontists who have passed the Written Examination may become board certified immediately following graduation from their postgraduate orthodontic program by successfully completing the Initial Certification Examination. For a limited time, the ABO also allowed orthodontists in practice to accept the Gateway Offer, a pathway to certification that ended in 2007. Those orthodontists who accepted the Gateway Offer must complete the Gateway Certification Examination within five years or they risk losing their ABO certificate. In addition, the ABO now issues time-limited certificates to new diplomates, including those who accepted the Gateway Offer, and these orthodontists must reexamine on a periodic basis to remain certified. Today, more than 50 percent of AAO active members are board-certified.

The European Board of Orthodontists (EBO), faced with slow growth since its inception in 1997, is also introducing changes to its certification process to encourage newly graduated

orthodontists to seek board certification. The changes are similar to those the ABO has enacted.

“For years, I have been discussing the importance of a board-examination process for the professional development of our colleagues with numerous chairpersons of departments of orthodontics in several European countries,” said Dr. Frank Weiland, president of the EBO. “The results were not very encouraging. So we started at the other end of the ladder: We plan to install a new membership category — provisional member of the EBO — from 2012 on. This membership category is open to recently graduated orthodontists (within two years after graduation). These orthodontists must complete part of the examination at that time. This includes the case description of two cases treated during postgraduate training and the oral examination, i.e., diagnosis and treatment planning of two new cases. Within 5 to 7 years — this is still under discussion — the rest of the cases (six more), including retention records, will be requested.”

This approach to board certification, however, may or may not be repeatable in every country or region. Dr. José Carlos Elgoyen of Argentina serves on the WFO committee as a representative from the Argentinean Board of Orthodontics. He has observed the following: “There are indeed differences for the entrance and maintenance requirements in different regions, and, even within the same country, requirements have been changed to respond to local needs, such as governmental licensing requirements. So, as we advance in standardizing these requirements, we must be very careful not to impose them upon the local characteristics.”

Dr. Somchai Satravaha of Thailand notes that the Thai Board of Orthodontics has encountered a similar situation. “Our Board of Orthodontics was founded in 1997, and, since then, we have certified 99 orthodontists. The problem that we have been facing and will continue to face is that our board, together with the boards of other dental specialties, is under control of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Thailand (RCDT). Some of RCDT’s policies have caused problems as RCDT wants to have the same rules which can be executed by all dental specialties.”

Other countries and regions face different obstacles. Dr. Ermelinda Sabater-Galang, who represents the Philippine Board of Orthodontics on the WFO committee, said a lack of interest in board certification exists in the Philippines. “A great number of orthodontic practitioners do not want to undergo board certification because they do not want to limit their practice to orthodontics due to economic reasons,” she said. “Currently, we are still in the process of communicating with the heads of the orthodontic programs to make the certification examination an additional requirement prior to graduation.”

During the 2010 Symposium on Orthodontic Certifying Boards that was held in conjunction with the 7th International Orthodontic Congress, the committee representatives and

presidents of WFO affiliate organizations discussed many of the issues that arise with board certification. Breakout groups discussed the *WFO Guidelines on the Establishment of New National and Regional Orthodontic Certifying Boards*, methods for increasing public awareness of board certification, the advantages of a College of Diplomates, methods to encourage board certification, and current statistics on the number of board-certified orthodontists in each country or region.

“This is the type of discussion we must continue to have, as we all struggle to improve the outcomes of orthodontic treatment worldwide through board certification,” Dr. Turpin said.

The WFO committee will continue to share ideas and also welcomes feedback from WFO fellows. The WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards includes representatives from the following boards:

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Photo by David Preston

Christine Eisenmayer, executive secretary of The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO), and Dr. Jeryl English, ABO president, snip the gold ribbon on the entrance of the ABO’s new office and exam center during a ribbon-cutting ceremony in November 2010. The special event preceded the ABO’s first Clinical Examination in the new state-of-the-art facility.

The ABO office and exam center are located on the third floor of the headquarters building of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

The ABO will honor four WFO fellows in May. Drs. H. Garland Hershey, Roberto Justus, Russell Kittleson and Vincent G. Kokich will receive the ABO’s top honors. The award ceremony will be held in conjunction with the 2011 AAO Annual Session in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Request a copy of the WFO Guidelines for the Establishment of New National and Regional Orthodontic Certifying Boards

The WFO encourages board certification among orthodontists around the world, as well as the creation of new orthodontic certifying boards. To assist with this effort, the WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards developed the *WFO Guidelines for the Establishment of New National and Regional Orthodontic Certifying Boards*.

Contact Terri Wise of the WFO Secretariat for copies of the guidelines at wfo@wfo.org. She may also be reached by telephone at +314-993-1700, ext. 555. The WFO Secretariat fax number is +314-993-5208.

WFO solicits affiliate organizations for proposals to host the 9th IOC in 2020

The WFO is now seeking a host organization(s) for the 9th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in 2020. All WFO affiliate organizations should have received a Request for Proposal (RFP) from the WFO earlier this year. All proposals must arrive at the WFO Secretariat no later than 4 p.m. (CST) December 16, 2011.

The RFP outlines meeting objectives, attendance numbers from the two previous IOCs, hotel accommodation requirements, the potential time frame of the 2020 meeting, space requirements, meeting requirements, and criteria for site selection, among other information.

The WFO Executive Committee will review all submitted RFPs and determine the winning proposal. Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO, will announce the Executive Committee's decision after June 1, 2012.

Since the WFO's formation in 1995, the IOC has been held in Chicago, Paris and Sydney. The British Orthodontic Society

will host the 8th IOC in London in 2015. (Please see the related article on the 8th IOC on page 7.)

"The IOC gives orthodontists from every region of the world the opportunity to come together at the same time and to discuss clinical ideas, research progress and generally relate to each other," said Dr. William DeKock, secretary-general of the WFO. "This opportunity, where everyone can come together at the same time in the same place, ultimately results in the development of new solutions when orthodontists get the chance to hear each other and talk with their colleagues who are working on similar aspects of the same problem or issue."

Specifically, the IOC lends itself to the organization of symposia on orthodontic certifying boards, orthodontic postgraduate education and issues in clinical orthodontics, among other topics. "These symposia help orthodontists and orthodontic leaders to get to know each other and discuss various issues, all with the intent of elevating the standard of

orthodontic care," Dr. Justus said. "These get-togethers increase camaraderie."

In addition, the WFO, the host organization and host country all benefit economically from the IOC as thousands of orthodontists have attended these meetings in the past. Dr. Justus said the WFO uses its percentage of the financial net gains from the IOC to finance projects that improve orthodontics worldwide. The host organization may also find that it increases its membership and strengthens its relationships with other nearby affiliate organizations, he added.

For additional information on the RFP, contact Dr. DeKock at the WFO Secretariat. The e-mail address is wfo@wfo.org; the telephone number is +314-993-1700; and the fax number is +314-993-5208.

WFO president to attend several 2011 orthodontic meetings on behalf of the WFO

Every year the WFO president and Executive Committee representatives attend WFO affiliate organization meetings and other orthodontic continuing-education events to foster support for the WFO.

For 2011, Dr. Roberto Justus, president of the WFO, has attended or will attend the following meetings:

- the Japanese Association of Orthodontists' Annual Meeting, Feb. 2-13, in Sapporo, Japan;
- the Mexican Association of Orthodontists' Annual Meeting, March 2-5, in Cancun, Mexico;
- a two-day course for graduating orthodontic residents at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, March 18-19, in Guadalajara, Mexico;
- the Lebanese Orthodontic Society's Annual Meeting, April 8-10, in Beirut, Lebanon;
- the American Association of Orthodontists' Annual Session, May 13-17, in Chicago, Illinois, USA;
- the State of Tabasco Association of Orthodontists' one-day course, May 21, in Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico;
- the Chinese Orthodontic Society's Annual Meeting, May 27-June 2, in Chongqing, China;
- the European Orthodontic Society's Annual Meeting, June 19-23, in Istanbul, Turkey*;
- the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics' Annual Meeting, July 15-19, in Torrey Pines, California, USA;
- the Sociedad Colombiana de Ortodoncia's Annual Meeting, Sept. 8-10, in Medellin, Colombia, South America*;
- the FDI Annual Meeting, Sept. 14-17, in Mexico City, Mexico;
- the Japanese Orthodontic Society's 70th Annual Meeting, Oct. 17-20, in Nagoya, Japan; and
- the American Board of Orthodontics' Clinical Examination, Nov. 16-20, in St. Louis, Missouri, USA (Dr. Justus will serve as an examiner).

The WFO will also have an informational display at the 2011 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). During the AAO Annual Session, the WFO will hold a breakfast reception for WFO affiliate organization presidents on May 15. Look to the next issue of the *WFO Gazette* for highlights from this meeting.

**Attendance was tentative at time of publication*

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European Orthodontic Congress to convene in Istanbul, Turkey

The European Orthodontic Society (EOS) will host its 87th Congress June 19-23 in Istanbul, Turkey. Register online at www.eos2011.com.

The scientific program will include sessions on bone anchorage, adjunctive surgery in orthodontics and 3-D imaging. It will also provide new insight into temporomandibular joint disorders and contemporary dentofacial treatment. Dr. Ravindra Nanda of the University of Connecticut in Farmington, Connecticut, USA, will deliver the 2011 Sheldon Friel Memorial Lecture and will provide a five-decade perspective on biomechanics and esthetic concepts.

“Keynote lectures and pre- and post-symposium courses will be delivered by some of the most distinguished speakers in the orthodontic field,” said Dr. Nejat Erverdi, EOS president. “There

will be plenty of opportunities to discuss and share research interests and to present original work.”

Dr. Erverdi, who practices in Istanbul, encourages WFO fellows to attend this meeting and explore the city.

“Istanbul, the capital of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires, is one of the world’s most magical and enchanting cities,” he said. “Walking on the streets of Istanbul, you can feel the splendor of the past, along with the cultural and commercial pulse of a modern city. The European Capital of Culture for 2010, Istanbul is hosting numerous cultural and artistic events, and exhibitions. The congress venue, Istanbul Convention & Exhibition Centre, is located in a central and beautiful area of the city, with close proximity to many hotels, museums and shopping areas.”

WFO seeks input from affiliate organizations as work on the redesign of the WFO website progresses

The WFO website, www.wfo.org, is undergoing major renovations, and the WFO Executive Committee expects the new version of the website to debut by year-end. At this time, the WFO is seeking input from WFO affiliate organizations, as well as updated links to the organizations’ websites.

“Anyone who is currently working on a website for their affiliate organization is welcome to contact me to discuss how the WFO website might best serve them,” said Dr. Amanda Maplethorp, chair of the WFO Website Committee. “I am also seeking ideas as to how to begin the development of a global website network.”

Affiliate organizations should contact Dr. Maplethorp at a_maple@shaw.ca.

The WFO website, in its new form, will better address the needs of the WFO’s international membership by providing more resources and information. To date, the WFO has 109 affiliate organizations and more than 8,000 members who hail from 101 countries. By building a stronger online community, the WFO will increase communication among affiliate organizations and fellows.

Look to future issues of the *WFO Gazette* for updates on the website redesign project.

Orthodontist Maintains Practices in Two Countries

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Dr. Sachdeva, noting that Dr. Majani returned to Kenya to practice in 2007. “After a few more visits, I got a license to practice and started my practice in Gaborone in May 2001. I had Dr. Leela Nashi, an orthodontist from India, practice with me full time from 2004 to 2009, when she retired and returned to India. Since 2009, I have been alone and looking for someone to join me.”

And so, for 10 years, Dr. Sachdeva has managed a schedule that allows him to practice two weeks in each office each month. Both countries recognize the specialty of orthodontics.

“Managing two practices in two countries, with a flying time of 3-1/2 to 4 hours, requires a lot of planning, discipline, forethought, dedication and sacrifice,” he said. “I plan my visits up to 4 months in advance and, many a time, cannot change schedules to suit me if circumstances change, as appointments have been given. So, I do miss out on some social engagements due to my schedule, but I have no regrets. My love for orthodontics sees me through. In Nairobi, Pushpa holds the fort for me, in spite of her extremely busy practice schedule, and her help is monumental. She is invaluable to me!”

Because of the unique nature of his practice, Dr. Sachdeva’s patients agree to undergo orthodontic treatment per his schedule. Dr. Sachdeva completes all diagnosis and treatment planning. His trained staff members help place wires, but Dr. Sachdeva does all the bonding and wire bending. “Emergency protocols are in place in case any patient needs to be seen in my absence,” he said. “The assistants call me wherever I am and take instructions to relieve pain and or replace a broken wire, etc. Thankfully, these emergencies are few.”

His Nairobi office has 11 staff members and his Botswana practice has seven staff members. Both practices carry a full patient load, but Dr. Sachdeva notes the Gaborone office is busier due to the socioeconomic status of the patients and a greater awareness of the benefits of orthodontic treatment.

“In Nairobi, all patients pay cash as there is no local insurance that reimburses orthodontic costs,” he said. “Some patients have insurance from abroad that covers treatments with some kind of restrictions, usually. In Gaborone, they do have insurance that covers part of the fee for treatments, but I opted out and went fully private in 2009.”

One of the challenges, Dr. Sachdeva faces is utility-cut holidays. Frequent power cuts and water shortages can complicate his schedule. But, despite the challenges of his practice arrangement, Dr. Sachdeva derives pleasure from his work. “I enjoy every aspect of orthodontics, from a consult to diagnosis and treatment planning and the full-range of treatments that I do in my office,” he said. “What gives me great pleasure and satisfaction are the results in Phase I treatments and affecting growth positively in the correctly diagnosed cases in such a short duration. Changing a Class II profile into a Class I profile with a functional appliance is very rewarding for me and a joy for mothers of those kids!”

Dr. Sachdeva also attends continuing-education courses at least three times a year, despite his busy schedule. In early February, he attended the Damon Forum in Orlando, Florida, USA. Following the conference, he was able to spend time with a good friend and mentor, Dr. Prasanna Kumar Shivapooja. Dr. Shivapooja, who practices in Detroit, Michigan, USA, was Dr. Sachdeva’s best friend in college and became an orthodontist 10 years before Dr. Sachdeva did. “I had the occasion to learn some new stuff from him,” Dr. Sachdeva said.

The Sachdevas look forward to the future and may soon welcome their sons into their practice. The couple’s sons, Suveer, 22, and Saurav, 20, are both in dental school at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. “I did not force my sons into dentistry, as they decided on their own accord to pursue it,” he said. “I leave it up to them to do orthodontics or any other specialty they may like to pursue. Suveer is in his fourth year, and Saurav is in his third year of a five-year degree course. If either of them follows me into orthodontics, it will be really great! They both talk and tell me that they would like to specialize in the U.S. before returning to join us in practice in Nairobi. Secretly, this is a father’s wish come true, if it will happen.”

News & Announcements

Latin American Association of Orthodontists to consider new bylaws at its Annual Assembly

As this issue of the *WFO Gazette* was going to press, the Latin American Association of Orthodontists (ALADO), a WFO affiliate regional organization, was preparing for its Annual Assembly, which was held March 17-19 in conjunction with the IV International Congress of the Sociedad Peruana de Ortodoncia in Lima, Peru.

Just prior to the ALADO Annual Assembly, Dr. Kurt Faltin Jr., president of ALADO and a member of the WFO Executive Committee, reported that 12 presidents of Latin American orthodontic organizations had confirmed their participation in the meeting. The attendees will be discussing and voting on the new bylaws for ALADO, Dr. Faltin said in early March. “We are expecting a high attendance from all over Latin America and are expecting a very successful meeting.”

Please look to the next issue of the *WFO Gazette* for an update on this meeting.

New Zealand Association of Orthodontists announces new officers

The New Zealand Association of Orthodontists (NZAO) elected its new officers March 11. The new officers are Drs. John Muir, president; Peter Barwick, vice president; Prashant Zaveri, secretary; and Matt Barker, treasurer. Dr. Peter Fowler is the immediate past president. Dr. Bhavik Patel and Dr. Alan Issac are serving as councilors on the NZAO Executive Committee. Dr. Phil Green is the welfare officer.

Società Italiana di Ortodonzia offers international congress, refresher courses and new magazine to its members, WFO fellows

The Società Italiana di Ortodonzia (SIDO) will host its international congress, along with three refresher courses, in 2011. SIDO will hold its XXIII International Congress Nov. 10-12 in Rome. Earlier this year, the organization hosted a refresher course in March, which focused on efficiency and stability. A second course, to be held in May, will focus on Class III treatment. SIDO’s third refresher course will be held June 10 in Riccione, Italy. The course will focus on skeletal anchorage. “The

refresher courses aim to give the members the ability to transform learned theory into a practical reality,” said Dr. Claudio Chimenti, president of SIDO. In addition to the meetings, SIDO is launching a new distance-learning program, Formazione a Distanza (FAD). To learn more about SIDO’s educational offerings, go to www.sido.org.it

In 2010, SIDO launched a new publication, *ORI SIDO Magazine*. The most recent issues are available online at www.sido.it/riviste_orisidomagazine.asp.

Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society formally recognizes launch of APOS Trends in Orthodontics

The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) formally recognized the launch of its new electronic scientific journal, *APOS Trends in Orthodontics*, during a special ceremony on Sept. 9, 2010. The APOS organized the event, and the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS), along with its study groups, the Bombay Orthodontic Study Group (BOSG) and the Navi Mumbai Orthodontic Study Group (NMOSG), hosted the ceremony at the Padmashree DY Patil Cricket Stadium in Navi Mumbai, India. More than 150 orthodontists and postgraduate students attended the ceremony.

Dr. LOH Kai-Woh, president of the APOS, was the chief guest of the event and delivered the lecture “Modern Trends in Contemporary Orthodontics.” Dr. Girish Karandikar, the 2009-10 IOS president, presided over the ceremony. Dr. V.P. Soni, covenor of NMOSG, and Dr. Prashant Dhole, covenor of BOSG, were instrumental in organizing the event. Dr. E.T. Roy, the 2006-10 IOS secretary; Dr. N.K. Ahuja, the 2009-10 IOS president-elect; Dr. Gurkeerat Singh, the 2009-10 IOS vice president; and Dr. C. Deepak, the 2010-14 IOS honorary joint secretary, attended the meeting.

Three issues of the electronic journal are available for free download at www.apospublications.com. The APOS published the first issue in August 2010. Drs. Nikhilesh Vaid and Ashish Gupta serve as the editors of this publication, which offers a blend of both clinical and research articles.

British orthodontists embrace the 8th IOC in 2015

Members of the British Orthodontic Society (BOS) have signed up en masse for the 8th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in London in 2015. The BOS, the host of the 8th IOC, has offered an innovative debenture package to its members to encourage their participation in the IOC. As a result of this offer, more than 1,400 BOS members have registered for the meeting. Due to this success, the BOS will offer the debenture package to all WFO fellows later this year.

Through the debenture package, orthodontists may register early for the 8th IOC at a reduced rate. The package allows delegates to spread the cost of the conference over five years. “By the time you get to 2015, debenture holders will hardly have to pay a thing and can save their money for enjoying their stay in London and the UK,” said Dr. Jonathan Sandler, chair of the 8th IOC and a member of the WFO Executive Committee. “This has been a great start to our build up to 2015. I am delighted that the members of the British Orthodontic Society have taken

the congress to their hearts. With their support and enthusiasm, I have no doubt we will deliver an extraordinary event. So I advise everyone to put the dates in their diary now as you wouldn’t want to miss it!”

The 8th IOC, which will be held September 27-30, 2015, will bring together the world of orthodontics for four days of education, entertainment and enjoyment. It will be held in London’s premier conference venue, ExCeL, which is located in eastern London. This part of the city is currently undergoing massive renovations in preparation for the 2012 Summer Olympics. “With excellent conference facilities that can cater to over 10,000 delegates and exhibitors, and brand new transport links that can whisk you into the center of London in the blink of an eye, ExCeL is the ideal venue for the world’s greatest orthodontic meeting,” Dr. Sandler said.

For more information on the 8th IOC and the debenture package, go to www.wfo2015london.org.

WFO seeks bids for development of an online scientific journal from qualified publishers

The WFO is seeking a qualified publisher of scientific journals to publish an electronic scientific journal on behalf of the WFO. An online scientific journal would allow the WFO to further its mission to advance the art and science of orthodontics worldwide.

The WFO released a Request For Proposal (RFP) to publishers in January. Proposal submissions are due May 1. The WFO Executive Committee will consider the submitted proposals in May, and will render a decision at that time.

From 2004 to 2011, the *World Journal of Orthodontics* (WJO) was the official scientific journal of the WFO. Quintessence Publishing, the publisher of the WJO, declined to extend its agreement with the WFO beyond 2010.



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environment, and characteristics of the WFO affiliate organizations. Dr. Kessel and Dr. Hershey are also considering additional questions that will address new aspects of the specialty that have evolved over the past 12 years.

Both Dr. Kessel and Dr. Hershey will attend the breakfast reception for WFO affiliate organization presidents that will be held Sunday, May 15 in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Chicago, Illinois, USA. They will explain the study and will be available to answer questions.

Dr. Hershey and Dr. Kessel expect to e-mail many of the questionnaires, making the dissemination and return of the questionnaires much easier this time. The WFO had to mail the first study to the affiliate organizations because e-mail was not widely used at that time.

“We hope to get responses within hours to days rather than weeks to months,” said Dr. Hershey, who noted that Dr. Kessel will be able to issue reminders regarding the questionnaire via e-mail, too.

Even though communication methods may have been slower in the late 1990s, eighty-five percent of the 81 affiliate organizations returned the questionnaire for the first study. Dr. Hershey hopes the affiliate organizations demonstrate the same or an even greater level of participation this time around.

The growth of the WFO will also have an impact on this new study. In the past decade, the WFO has grown from 81 affiliate organizations to 109 organizations. The 8,000-plus WFO members now hail from 101 countries.

“It will be interesting to see how the specialty has evolved over the last 12 years,” said Dr. William DeKock, secretary-general of the WFO. Dr. DeKock; Dr. Athanasios E. Athanasiou, past president of the WFO; and Dr. Takayuki Kuroda, a former member of the WFO Executive Committee, wrote the original questionnaire for the first study. “The first study provided an extensive evaluation on the status of orthodontics; it was one of the most comprehensive surveys on orthodontics ever completed. However, the WFO now has representatives from so many more organizations and countries. This new study should provide even more precise results on the status of care of orthodontic patients worldwide. We hope the affiliate organizations and WFO fellows will find the resulting information to be invaluable.”

Affiliate organizations should ensure the WFO has accurate contact information on file for their representatives. To update e-mail and mailing addresses, as well as telephone and fax numbers, WFO fellows should contact the WFO Secretariat at wfo@wfo.org. The phone number is +314-993-1700, and the fax number is +314-993-5208.

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www.sfdf.org

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Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Course: Skeletal Anchorage-Consensus Conference**

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www.sido.it

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**European Orthodontic Society
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www.eos2011.com
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Prague, Czech Republic
www.orthodont-cz.cz

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www.jao.org.ar
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September 24-27, 2011
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www.bos.org.uk

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www.sobor-bevor.be

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23rd International Congress**

November 10-12, 2011
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www.sido2011.it

**Taiwan Association of Orthodontists
23rd Annual Meeting**

December 9-11, 2011
Nan Shan Education & Training Center
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www.tao.org.tw

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23rd Australian Orthodontic Congress**

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www.aso.org.au
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April 27-30, 2012
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www.euromedit-ortho2012.com

**American Association of Orthodontists
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May 4-8, 2012
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www.aaoinfo.org

**Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society
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November 29-December 2, 2012
New Delhi, India
www.8thapoc-47thioc.in

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September 27-30, 2015
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