A Letter from the President

Dear EFOSA Friends,

Last year, in Portoroz, during our 41st General Assembly Meeting a major change in the EFOSA Council happened. Four new members entered the Council, Bart Vande Vannet (Belgium), Julian O’Neill (UK), Christian Scherer (Germany) and the new Co-opted EOS member, Maja Ovsenik (Slovenia).

The Council met twice during the June ’10-June ’11 period. All aspects of our Organization and our profession were discussed in detail. We are all committed to do our best for the interest of our profession.

The most important function of EFOSA is our General Assembly Meetings. The GAMs show the strength of our Organization. In Portoroz there were 41 participants present, representing 26 European Countries. The GAM is the place to express our ideas, problems, solutions and a time to start new projects. Therefore, I am looking forward to the 42nd General Assembly. We will also have two guests. Professor A.E. Athanasiou, the immediate WFO Past President has kindly accepted our invitation to speak during our GAM and I would like to thank him for this. We will also have Vincenzo D’Antò the EPSOS President who is going to present a very interesting survey about the European Orthodontic Training Programmes.

During our General Assembly we will have to vote for a new Council Member since Prof. Milan Kaminek’s term will end. Milan’s contribution to the EFOSA all these years was invaluable. His presence showed the dynamism of Orthodontics in Eastern Europe.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the previous Council: Lars Medin, Claude Bourdillat-Mikol, Frank de Winter and Reggie Miethke for their excellent work and dedication to EFOSA and to European Orthodontics.

Alexandros Kokkas
President

The WFO Presidents Meeting

On May 15, 2011, the Annual WFO Presidents Breakfast meeting, hosted by the American Association of Orthodontists took place in Chicago. President Alexandros Kokkas represented EFOSA. Also, present from the Council was Christian Scherer (Germany) EFOSA’s Treasurer. From the previous Council Lars Medin (Sweden) and Claude Bourdillat-Mikol (France) attended as well. Chairman of the 8th International Orthodontic Congress Jonathan Sandler, (EFOSA Nomination Committee Chair) presented the progress of the preparations for the 8th IOC.

European Orthodontic Guide

The EFOSA Council decided to start a new project named “European Orthodontic Guide”. It will comprise new and old information such as the Country Reports, the European Health Insurances Report, data from two EFOSA Posters which were presented during the Paris and Sidney International Orthodontic Congresses, etc. Our goal is to produce the absolute guide of the orthodontic profession in our Continent. This will be an ongoing project since data, reports and information is always changing.
People of EFOSA

Claude Bourdillat (France), served as the Treasurer, for two successful consecutive terms (2002-2010). As a member of the Quality Committee she contributed to the ESAS Project. She is the President of the French orthodontic professional association, SSFODF.

Prof. Rainer Reginald Miethke (Germany), served EFOSA as the Co-opted EOS Council Member (2007-2010). Currently he is the Chairman of the Department of Dentistry at the Hamad Medical Corporation in Doha, Qatar. He served the European orthodontic community from many different positions including President of the EOS in 2007 and as Professor and Chairman of the Orthodontic Department at the Charité, Humboldt-University, Berlin.

Lars Medin (Sweden), served EFOSA Council as the President (2006-2010) and as Secretary (2002-2006). He is the Head of the Orthodontic Clinic in Falun, County Council of Dalarna, Sweden. He is the President of the Swedish Orthodontic Society since 2004. He is an active member of the Angle Society of Europe and has served the Society as its President and Secretary.

Frank de Winter (The Netherlands), served EFOSA as Secretary (2006-2010). He also served EFOSA as the Webmaster, Auditor, Chair of the Quality Committee and delegate of the Netherlands. He was involved in the development of the EFOSA’s Self Assessment System (ESAS) and the EFOSA Quality Newsletter.

Orthodontics in Italy

Orthodontics in Italy is mainly provided by private practitioners. Orthodontic treatment is mainly delivered in the practices of general dentists where orthodontists work as consultants. There is a small number of private dental practices limited to orthodontics.

The National Health System provides orthodontics at the University Departments of the Dental Schools and in certain Hospitals and Public Services. Some private insurances cover part of the fees for the treatments.

Continuing Education is mandatory in Italy. Every orthodontist needs to collect a minimum of credits per year. Orthodontics and Oral Surgery are the only recognized Dental Specialties. ASIO, the Italian Association of Orthodontic Specialists (EFOSA member) was established in 1996 and soon was accepted into EFOSA.

ASIO is the Professional Union of the Italian orthodontists. Its main objectives are the promotion of the professional, educational and economical interests of the Orthodontic Specialists. ASIO is also a member of the WFO.

The current President of ASIO is Ugo d’Aloja.