

The EFOSA Headlines

A Letter from the President



Time is running fast and shortly we will be meeting in Berlin. Since last year the European Union has grown from 25 to 27 countries. At the beginning of this year, Bulgaria and Romania became new members. The EFOSA family is also supposed to grow at the same speed.

The Council has met twice since Vienna last year and the most important issue is how to get in contact with the 12 new member countries that have joined the EU in 2004. Since then, three countries have joined EFOSA and at least two more are supposed to become members this year: Estonia and Slovenia.

The General Assembly meeting in Berlin will be held at the Maritim Hotel, Berlin on June 20th starting at 9:00 a.m.. The delegates will have a common round table lunch, as we had last year, in order to exchange ideas and discuss important matters for the future of EFOSA. The evening before (Tuesday night), the German Orthodontic Association (BDK) has invited all delegates and their spouses to the traditional "Get together". This will be a highlight during the meeting and another possibility to meet friends from all over Europe.

This year we will also invite representatives from all non-EU countries in Europe as Guests. The EFOSA General Assembly will replace the earlier Forum

Meeting and give information to all countries in Europe regardless of member status in the EU.

It is my hope and belief that all European countries will be represented at the next EFOSA meeting and strive for quality treatments and high standard in the performance of our beloved profession: Orthodontics.

Welcome to Berlin!

Lars Medin, EFOSA President

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The 37th General Assembly Meeting



The 37th EFOSA General Assembly was held in Vienna at the Hofburg Gartensaal, on Tuesday, July 4th, 2006. Twenty-nine member participants from 21 countries attended the meeting. Six guests/observers from 6 countries and one observer from each of the European Orthodontic Federation (FEO) and the European Orthodontic Society (EOS) were also present.

The President, Frans van der Linden (The Netherlands) warmly welcomed the delegates and guests to the 37th EFOSA General Assembly Meeting and opened it at 9.15a.m.

The President expressed many thanks to the Association of Austrian Orthodontists (VÖK) for hosting the successful "Get Together Party" at the Mumok Lounge in the Museum of Modern Art the night before.

The Secretary, Lars Medin (Sweden) and the Treasurer Claude Bourdillat-Mikol (France) read their reports. During the General Assembly a new Council was unanimously elected. The President thanked the Nomination Committee which proposed the

candidates and congratulated the newly elected Council members. Among others, the General Assembly decided to accept Switzerland as an active member, to change the fee system and the special temporary conditions of the new member countries, and finally to add one more member to the Council making it a five member Council.

Frank de Winter (The Netherlands), Stephen Richmond (UK) and Tor Torbjornsen (Norway) presented the work of the Quality Working Group. In the absence of Francesca Miotti (Italy), the President reported on the work of the "Orthodontic Training Programs and Examinations" Committee.

The EFOSA Council Members

Lars Medin (Sweden), the **President**, graduated from the Dental School of



Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden in 1964. He became a recognized Specialist in Orthodontics in 1971 and certified by the Swedish Board for Health and Welfare, after his

training at the Karolinska Institute, Orthodontic Department. He is the head of the Orthodontic clinic in Falun, County Council of Dalarna, Sweden since 1974, and maintains a private practice in Falun since 1973, as well as, in Stockholm since 2002. He was the Secretary of the Swedish Association of Orthodontists from 1975 - 2003, its President since 2004; former Secretary and immediate Past President and Active member of the Angle Society of Europe; the Secretary of the European Federation of Orthodontic Specialists Association from 2003 - 2006, and its President since 2006. Memberships include: The European Orthodontic Society, the American Association of Orthodontists, and the World Federation of Orthodontists.

Alexandros Kokkas (Greece), the **Vice-President**, earned his Dental Degree



from the University of Thessaloniki, Greece in 1986, and his Certificate in Orthodontics from Loyola University of Chicago, U.S.A. in 1991. He is the

President of the Hellenic Professional

Union of Orthodontists (H.P.U.O.) since December 2004. He has been an active member of the Council of the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists (H.P.U.O.) since 1996, in which he served as the Secretary General from 1998 until 2004, and as the Vice President the year 2004. He was elected EFOSA auditor in June 2005. He was the President of the 1st Greek Professional Congress of Orthodontics in 2003. Professional Memberships include: The World Federation of Orthodontists, the European Society of Orthodontics and the American Association of Orthodontists. He is also a member of the Lingual Orthodontics Research Team of the Greek Orthodontic Society. He is in private practice since 1991, in Nea Smirni, Athens, Greece.

Frank de Winter (The Netherlands), is the **Secretary**. He earned his D.D.S. degree



from the University of Groningen and his certificate in orthodontics from the University of Amsterdam. He practiced orthodontics for 30 years (1975-2005) in a private orthodontic practice in Heemstede.

Since 2001, he is a part time faculty member at the University of Amsterdam. He has served on several 'committees' e.g.: Board of the Dutch Association of Orthodontists, Dutch Dental Association's Specialists Negotiation Committee (on fees: with insurers and government), Co-editor of the Dutch dental journal 'Quadrant', orthodontic books reviewer for the journal of the Dutch Dental Association, Dental Specialists Registration Committee, Committee

for National Guidelines for the Practice of Orthodontics, Committee that prepared a national 'visitation' program as a quality tool in orthodontics, EURO-Qual project: European Orthodontic Quality Manual, Manual of quality systems for orthodontic practices in the Netherlands and the Quality Committee of EFOSA. He is a member of the Dutch Association of Orthodontists, the European Orthodontic Society and the American Association of Orthodontists.

Claude Bourdillat-Mikol (France), the **Treasurer**, was born in Paris, France, and is



married with two children. She earned her Doctor's Degree in Dentistry in 1971, her Certificate in Anthropology in 1973, and her Certificate in Orthodontics in 1977. Her inscription

on the official list of Specialists took place in 1978 (University Paris VII). She served as an Orthodontic Consultant at the Hospital Bretonneau (Paris) from 1980 to 1989, as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Orthodontics, University of Paris from 1992 to 1996. She also served as an Orthodontic Consultant at the Hospital Trousseau (Paris) from 1997 to 2002. Other positions include: Vice-president of the SSFODF (French professional association), President of the Exercise's Condition Committee, Council Member of the Committee of the 6th International Orthodontic Congress (Paris 2005), the Continuous Education Committee of the French Dental Association, the Bio-Progressive Association of Paris and the Scientific Committee of the French Orthodontic Federation.

Frans Van der Linden



Frans P.G.M. van der Linden served as the EFOSA President from 2004 - 2006.

He received his orthodontic education at the University of

Groningen (The Netherlands), the University of Vienna (Austria), and the University of Washington, Seattle (USA).

From 1962 - 1995 he was Professor and Chairman of Orthodontics at the Univer-

sity of Nymegen (The Netherlands). From 1969-1970 he served as a visiting professor at the University of Michigan (USA).

He was the initiator and coordinator of the Erasmus program for postgraduate education in orthodontics which has been implemented worldwide, since its introduction in 1962.

He has published more than 180 papers and 10 books including a series of 6 textbooks on orthodontics. His main interest is incorporating basic and clinical research results

into the theory and practice of orthodontics.

Besides his scientific work he was involved in EFOSA activities and contributed to the EFOSA legislation. He served for many years as a delegate of The Netherlands and as a member of the Nomination Committee.

During the 37th EFOSA General Assembly, Frans Van der Linden resigned from his position as EFOSA President. Lars Medin, the new President, thanked him for all his work with the EFOSA during a ten-year period and wished him good luck in the future.

The Editor's Message

EFOSA was founded in 1977, as an umbrella organization for European National Orthodontic Associations. Since then it has never stopped growing. Today it has 18 active European country members, 3 provisional, 2 affiliate and 1 observer. The number is expected to grow in the near future.

All these years the EFOSA's Council has successfully contributed to the expansion of our specialty in Europe and to the promotion of professional, political and educational interests of the European orthodontic specialists. The EFOSA Council recently decided that there is a need for a newsletter to make the Association's work known to a broader audi-

ence. The newsletter has been named the "EFOSA Headlines" and this is the first issue. It is our second publication, the first being the EFOSA Quality Newsletter made by the Quality Working Group since 2006.

The "EFOSA Headlines" is a bulletin for the European Orthodontic Professionals. Its purpose is to provide specialized information to our members, as well as, to create credibility, present EFOSA's work and strengthen our organization's identity among members and colleagues all over the world.

Even though it will be in both electronic and printed form, it is mainly going to be

electronic and sent to the European national societies via e-mail. It is up to the national societies if they wish to make printouts and deliver it to their members. We want to present the EFOSA efforts, as well as, current issues of the European Union that affect our profession. We would also like to present the orthodontic background of every European country and this is going to be a contribution by each national society.

Personally, I am very enthusiastic about this project and I will do my best as an Editor for a successful outcome.

Alexandros Kokkas

EFOSA Vice President and "Headlines" Editor

The Treasurer's Message

One could ask: Why do we pay for EFOSA? What is our interest for that contribution?

It is my duty, as the EFOSA's Treasurer, to give some explanations about what we do with the fees you pay.

During our last General Assembly in Vienna, we changed the annual fees in order to make them fairer according to the number of the members in each association. We hope that this will help small countries which have few members. Also, the new Eastern European Countries that entered the EU in 2004, will pay half of the fees for the first 4 years (i.e. until 2008).

We decided to introduce a European

Quality Self Assessment System (ESAS), available on our web site: www.efosa.org to help each practitioner to improve his or her practice, and compare with colleagues from other countries. Along with the presentation of this project at the Berlin General Assembly the cost too has been decided.

Each country receives an Annual Financial Report, so you can all have a look on the income and expenses.

For the first time I will present during our next General Assembly a provisional budget, based on the previous years.

We are very aware of the dues you give to EFOSA. These funds are needed in order to meet expenses that we feel are very

important to promote and defend our specialty of Orthodontics.

See you in Berlin!

Claude Bourdillat-Mikol
EFOSA Treasurer

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The 2005/36 European Union Directive

On Oct. 20, 2007, the E.U Directive 2005/36/EC will be in effect.

According to the Directive any nationals of a Community Member State legally established in a given Member State, may provide services on a temporary and occasional basis in another Member State under their original professional title, without having to apply for recognition of their qualifications. Each Member State automatically recognises certificates of training, giving access to professional activities as a doctor, nurse responsible for general care, dental practitioner, vet-

erinary surgeon, midwife, pharmacist and architect.

The Directive also adopts the principle of automatic recognition for medical and dental specialisations common to at least two Member States under existing law, but restricts future additions of new medical specialisations - eligible for automatic recognition - to those that are common to at least two-fifths of the Member States.

Orthodontics is included in the table 5.3.3. of the Directive.

Member States may require migrants to have the knowledge of languages necessary for practising the profession.

A dental practitioner presupposes possession of a diploma or certificate from universities or higher institutes of an equivalent level, and shall comprise a total of at least five years of full-time theoretical and practical study.

For more information you can visit: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>



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The EFOSA was founded in 1977, as an umbrella organization for European national associations of orthodontic specialists.

The aim of the EFOSA is to unite associations or groups of orthodontic specialists or practitioners, who have a comparable education and working conditions as orthodontic specialists with a view to:

1. obtaining official recognition of orthodontic specialists in all countries in Europe
2. providing and promoting orthodontic treatment by orthodontic specialists of the highest quality in all countries of Europe according to the concept of quality improvement
3. improving the contents and quality of education for orthodontic specialists by means of formulating proposals geared toward defining and coordinating the teaching of orthodontics at the university and post-university level
4. standardizing European examinations at the end of specialist training programs in orthodontics, advising and supporting national associations or groups that aim to obtain recognition for the specialty of orthodontics in their country, establish an official specialist register and form a national society of orthodontic specialists.



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Orthodontics in Europe – France



In France, the scientific and the professional part of orthodontics are distinct. The French Professional Association is

SSFODF (Syndicat des Spécialistes Français en Orthopédie Dento-Faciale) while the Scientific Association is FFO (Fédération Française d'Orthodontie) which is composed by 12 scientific groups. Historically the first group was the SFODF (Société Française d'Orthopédie Dento-Faciale).

SSFODF was created in January 1961. It aims to provide a specialty in orthodontics in France, to protect, defend and represent our members and the orthodontic specialty facing the stakeholders, to promote the specialty in the media, to promote the best level of teaching and research in orthodontics, help specialists in professional affairs, create a library, organize meetings in orthodontics, and finally to advise and assist its members from a legal standpoint. In 2005, the SSODF co-organized the 6th IOC in Paris with SFODF (French Orthodontic Scientific Society). SSFODF is composed of 24 regions. Each region has its own President and has a meeting once a year. Every November its national General Assembly

takes place in Paris during the "Orthodontics Days". The "Orthodontics Days" convention is very well known in France. It is always on TV and there are many articles about orthodontics in newspapers. Next year a promotion for the Specialty will take place during the "Orthodontics Days".

The Specialty was officially recognized in 1977, thanks to SSFODF and Charles Bolender the president at that time. The competent authority for specialists registration is the French National Chamber of Order. In France there were about 1900 specialists at the end of 2006.

The National Specialist's Training Program is under the authority of the National Order. The outline is: 4000 hours of general dentistry (6 years), special examination for entering the post-graduate course in Orthodontics and 4 years training for the specialty (part time). The specialty training is held in Public Universities only.

Continuous education is under the control of the National Dentist's Order and it is mandatory. Under a new law each doctor has to accomplish courses for a continuous education of 600 hours over a period of 4 years.

Orthodontic care is carried out by specialists in almost 65% of the patients. A good

cooperation with the General Practitioners is now established.

In 2006, a new agreement for the fees took place:

For regular patients, orthodontic fees are free. It is the first time this is written in the agreement.

For low income patients such as CMU (universal illness state insurance) the fees are fixed; the government pays for them and the amount is slightly - but not sufficiently - raised.

The proposal for a reduced number of applications for a treatment - from one application every 6 months to only one for the whole treatment - is still in progress.

For many years immigration is free for orthodontists coming from European Union Countries. However, due to the language barrier, there are not many foreign orthodontists practising in France.

The National Council of SSFODF is:

Dr. Jacqueline KOLF, President,
Dr. Gérard MOTTO, Vice President for Internal affairs, Dr. Claude BOURDILLAT-MIKOL, Vice President for External Affairs, Dr. Yves TRIN and Dr. Joël DENIAUD, Secretary Generals.

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