

Minutes of the 19. EFOSA Meeting

8 Avenue Simon Bolivar, Paris, 75019, on Tuesday, 26th November, 1991.

The President, Professor C. Bolender, took the chair. The other delegates attending were Drs. R. Bijlstra (Netherlands), W. J. Schmiedel (Germany), C. Gysel (Belgium), J. Bailey (Britain), A. Ferrini (Italy), and N. Flood, (Ireland). With delegates of all member countries present, no apologies were received. Visiting observers included Mme Duque-Morens (Belgium), Dr. K. Markostamos (Greece), Dr. B. Faure (France) and Dr. P. Piccioni (Italy).

The minutes of the 1990 meeting were read and approved.

Dr. K. Markostamos, in presenting the application of the Greek Orthodontic Society to join EFOSA said that the Society had been formed as the result of the amalgamation of previous orthodontic groups in Greece. There were now nearly a hundred members. Dr. Gysel and Dr. Bijlstra pointed out that the provisions of the Constitution allowed the admission of non-specialists to the Greek Society. On discussion, Dr. Markostamos disclosed that a majority of its current members were not qualified specialists, though they intended to restrict entry in the future. As EFOSA was formed to represent the rights of orthodontic specialists, it requests that all new societies confine its members accordingly. The Greek application would regretfully have to be deferred until a society could be formed that would meet EFOSA requirements. It was hoped it would not be too long before a new Greek Society of Orthodontic Specialists could be formed and a new application submitted.

In Britain, a discussion document has been produced by the General Dental Council with the view of establishing a Specialist Register in line with EC recommendations. It is hoped that the new Register will come into being early in 1992. Ireland has also announced its intention of applying to the Dental Council for the establishment of an Irish Specialist register for Orthodontists.

TRANSITORY MEASURES FOR RECOGNITION OF SPECIALISTS.

France is concerned that some practitioners may be obtaining recognition in other EC countries for certificates that would not meet specialty requirements in their own countries. For instance, the Diplome Nationale is awarded to successful candidates in two examinations centrally directed from Paris, following a four year official course. The Diplome Universtaire, on the other hand, is for overseas students, and is not recognised in France as it does not meet official requirements. There is a danger that holders of the Diplome Universtaire may be applying for registration in other countries who are not aware of the distinction between the two diplomes. Stressing the need for standardisation

Professor Bolender welcomed the Erasmus report on ideal specialist training being produced by Van der Linden.

It was proposed that for the next meeting of EFOSA, each delegate was to prepare a written report concerning:

1. The official training available in his country for postgraduate orthodontics.
2. What parallel unofficial training systems exist.
3. What recognition his country gives to people trained outside the EC.

All members were requested to send their written reports to the Secretary, Dr. Flood, before the next EFOSA meeting.

It was decided that next year's AGM would be held in 8 Avenue Simon Bolivar on the Saturday in November preceding the S.F.O.D.F. meeting in Paris.

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