

MOIP



SIDO
Italian Society
of Orthodontics

THE "MEDITERRANEAN ORTHODONTIC INTEGRATION PROJECT"

The mission of the "Mediterranean Orthodontic Integration Project" is to build a "cultural bridge" between the northern and southern sides of the Mediterranean and to share orthodontic experiences in the different Countries, to facilitate the improvement both of the quality of educational programs and the standard of patients' care.

The first step in the project (December 2005, Cairo) was to organize a Workshop Meeting of the Orthodontic Associations to analyze the future of Orthodontics and the possible future developments in education, to enhance existing programs and possibly harmonize curricula in the different environments. All Societies in the area were invited to participate in the workshop.

The discussion covered the assessment of existing manpower, the distribution of specialists in the provision for care and the need of treatment, the post-graduate training in each Country and the application of the Erasmus curriculum, the availability of official journals, the existence of Continuing Education programs.

The participants agreed on the possibility of developing an "orthodontic culture" in the Mediterranean Area, by developing common programs, harmonizing training, exchanging students and teachers, creating common research programs and protocols. Such a goal can be gradually reached only by intensive discussions and careful planning, thus the **need to hold regular international meetings**.



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Meeting and Congresses:

SIDO Workshop
Cairo, December 9, 2005

XVIII SIDO International Congress
Florence, November 16-18, 2006
MOIP Meeting with Representatives from
the Mediterranean Societies affiliated to the network.

XX SIDO International Congress
Naples, October 24-27, 2007
MOIP Meeting with Representatives
from the Mediterranean Society
affiliated to the network.

1st MOIP Congress
SIDO / SFODF International Meeting
Venice, May 8-11, 2008



Mediterranean Orthodontic Integration Project (MOIP) Network

After the last SIDO-SFODF-1st MOIP Network Meeting in Venice-Lido in May 2008, described as a great success by all participants, SIDO has been thinking about further progress and possible initiatives for the MOIP Network, and an update on possible future developments is now due.

The Venice report had indicated that many international Colleagues had suggested the MOIP Network Meeting "to become a regular new appointment, organized each time by a different country in the Mediterranean area": offers to host the event in the future had at the time enthusiastically come from a number of Societies.

It did however appear in later correspondence that 2010 might be a very busy year for the whole Orthodontic Community, and indeed it is, with the usual national and international meetings, and the addition to an already busy agenda of the 7th International Orthodontic Congress in Sydney in February 2010: an event that seems to be very appealing to many Colleagues and will see the participation of the best speakers in the whole orthodontic World. Some of the Countries who had originally offered to host the event preferred postponing their direct invol-

vement in the organization of a meeting to a later time. Offers have then been received to host the next MOIP Network Meeting in 2012, 4 years after the first official Network Meeting in Venice.

The SIDO Council, with president Claudio De Nuccio and president-elect Carmela Savastano, feels it would be a rather long time before the Network could have a chance to meet again and continue in the project.

Thus the suggestion and the offer from the SIDO Council to organize and host another MOIP Session in Italy, in May 2010, when the new president Carmela Savastano will chair the Spring Meeting.

This would obviously involve the presence of some Speakers from the MOIP participating Countries, to increase the relationship and the cultural exchanges among the Mediterranean countries.

The Venice report also indicated that "the list of possible speakers of the different associations has been completed, and will soon be available for distribution". On looking at it again, before distributing it with the report, SIDO did however feel that the 2007 nominations of possible speakers from the different Countries needed updating from all So-

cieties before distribution and further planning. Some lists are already quite comprehensive, indicating a number of topics and names, and further suggestions from all Societies have recently been requested, so that an interesting and sound Scientific Program can be formulated.

SIDO trusts the invitation to come to Italy once again to further progress our relationships and the Network will be accepted by all and looks forward to welcoming all our MOIP Network Colleagues in our beautiful Country.

The venue of the Spring Meeting has recently been decided on, after the Council has been looking at a number of possible locations, considering all MOIP Network participants' suggestions discussed in Venice. Facilities in transport and economical issues regarding accommodation, important to all of us, but also the interest and beauty of the place, have all been considered. The final choice fell on **Viareggio (Versilia)**, a beautiful seaside resort in fascinating Tuscany, ideal for both a scientifically stimulating Spring Meeting and a relaxing spring break, **on May 14 and 15, 2010.**

The theme of the Meeting is "New perspectives for patient-centered orthodontics"

with the topics:

- Clinical advantages from genetic research;
- Prediction of the response to functional/orthopedic treatment;

- Prediction of biomechanical response and Individualization of treatment;
- Clinical cases: individualization of treatment and new technologies.

Viareggio is within easy reach from the airport of Pisa (www.pisa-airport.com) where here most international –even low cost- companies fly, and trains from Milan and Rome are quite frequent too. Viareggio is deservedly known as the “Pearl of the Tyrrhenian”, thanks to its beaches of fine golden sand, marinas, vast pine woods, and the elegant

shops that face onto the long boulevards lined with palm trees and oleander bushes.

www.comune.viareggio.lu.it

www.viareggiocongress.com/en

www.apiversilia.it

All ranges of accommodation are available to participants, within easy reach of the very comfortable congress venue. All details are available, on the SIDO’s website at www.sido.it.

The President Claudio De Nuccio, the President Elect and Chair of the Spring Meeting Carmela Savasta-

no, SIDO’ Council are looking forward to welcoming the participation of our MOIP Network Colleagues to another stimulating exchange and meeting, and to Tuscany and charming Viareggio.

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