

## SIDO's International Projects

The *Mediterranean Orthodontic Integration Project (MOIP) Network to create a cultural bridge between Societies in Europe and in the southern part of the Mediterranean* still continues. And so does SIDO's internationalization and interaction with different Orthodontic Associations.

After the successful joint meetings in Venice (2008) and Viareggio (2010), the Delegates of the Network approved a MOIP Network shared Session being hosted by the Member Societies within a National Congress, on a rotational basis, every 2 years.

Possible future implementation of the MOIP Network had been further discussed and the SIDO President Maurizio Manuelli and his Council had decided to once again facilitate international relationships, supporting a joint meeting in 2012 in Montecarlo, to coincide with the SIDO Spring Meeting.

The Euro-Mediterranean Orthodontic Congress, "*3D orthodontics: pushing back the limits*", took place on April 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and was co-organized with the *Société Française de Orthopédie Dentofaciale (SFODF)* and the *Fédération Française d'Orthodontie (FFO)*, with the participation not only of the MOIP Network, but also of the *Foederatio Europea Orthodontica (FEO)*.

Chairs of the Congress were Jean Michel Foucart (SFODF) and Maurizio Manuelli (SIDO), the FEO Session was coordinated and co-chaired by Julian O'Neill, Olivier Mauchamp and Francesca Miotti and the MOIP Network was coordinated by F. Miotti and O. Mauchamp.

The shared congress format was once again proposed, with SIDO and SFODF organizing their congress independently, while one session was planned by an international Committee, coordinated by the SIDO-MOIP Network and FEO, inviting some of the most brilliant speakers of the Mediterranean area to participate.

The Scientific Committee had contacted the Presidents of the various affiliated Associations, asking for the names of their suggested speakers, including some experts and also the "emerging stars", the younger researchers, to illustrate the most recent developments on various themes, to offer a picture of the studies being carried out in the different Countries.

The general theme of the Congress "*3D orthodontics: pushing back the limits*" was divided in many interesting and challenging sessions, prompting discussion among the participants.

On Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>, the SFODF organized a "CBCT certification course" with R.Felizardo and J-M. Foucard, a rapidly developing topic, while SIDO had planned a course on "lingual orthodontics", presented by G.Scuzzo and D. Fillon.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>, France (SFODF) discussed "how to push the limits in 3D orthodontic imaging", illustrating the possible applications in orthodontics and maxillo-facial surgery, with an interesting team of French, Italian and British speakers. In the afternoon, Italy (SIDO) presented a session on "how to push the limits in interceptive orthodontics", a still controversial topic.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, FEO and the MOIP Network shared the organization of the four sessions of the day, with the opening session dedicated to the first Award for the "*Euro-Mediterranean Young Speakers Contest*", an interesting Forum on new research and proposals. The rest of the day was dedicated to developing the theme "how to push the limit in orthodontics", divided in "*how to push the limit in the sagittal, vertical and transverse dimension*".

In each session the 5 speakers, representing most Societies affiliated to the FEO and/or the MOIP Network, presented the state of the art in their challenging allocated topic, stimulating discussion with the very interested audience.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, France (SFODF) again discussed "how to push the limits in 3D orthodon-


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tic imaging", illustrating the CBCT application in the orthodontic clinical practice, while Italy (SIDO) presented the final session on "how to push the limits in lingual orthodontics".

All the topics were challenging and stimulating in their variety, some of the best international speakers have been involved, sharing the most updated information with the very interested participants.

Montecarlo in the spring is an absolutely delightful venue and some fun has also been enjoyed by all: the Welcome Cocktail at the Grimaldi Forum, overlooking the sea, and the Students' Party on Saturday evening, the Gala Dinner at the Hôtel de Paris and the "Orthodontic Poker Tour".... Another interesting, successful and enjoyable experience in learning, sharing information, meeting new colleagues and having fun in a joint organized Congress among different Societies.

The next 24<sup>th</sup> SIDO International Congress has been planned in Firenze, on October 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The title of the Congress is "**New And Old Myths In Orthodontic Philosophies**" and the topics will be: **comparison between different fixed orthodontic techniques**. Nationally and internationally celebrated keynote speakers will participate.

As previously reported, a MOIP Network Award had been suggested, to honour a graduate student or a newly recognized young orthodontist who has provided major contributions to the speciality of Orthodontics.

An *ad hoc* Committee had drafted the criteria for the Award, which were approved at a MOIP Network Delegates meeting in 2010.

The first MOIP Network Award will be presented in Firenze in 2012. Moreover, the SIDO President Dr. Maurizio Manuelli and his Council have suggested a special Award for the best poster presentation from a Mediterranean Country presented in Firenze.

The criteria for the selection of both Awards will soon be available in the SIDO website. It will be a memorable Congress: do mark the dates! in your diaries! (Save the dates!)

We are looking forward to welcoming all the SIDO Members and the MOIP Network Members, and many of our international colleagues and friends, in beautiful Firenze next October.

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