

MEDITERRANEAN ORTHODONTIC INTEGRATION PROJECT (MOIP)

During the XLV SIDO International Conference and the 4th meeting of the Mediterranean Orthodontic Integration Project (MOIP) in Florence (9-11 October, 2014) a MOIP lunch and assembly took place in the Fortezza da Basso on the Saturday.

SIDO was represented by Dr. Claudio Lanteri, President, immediate past President Prof. Felice Festa, Presidents-elect 2015, Prof. Giampietro Farronato, 2017 Prof. Paola Cozza, Secretary Prof. Carlo Di Paolo, Treasurer Dr. Eliana Di Gioia, Secretary-elect Prof. Letizia Perillo, and MOIP Delegate and 2016 President-elect, Dr. Silvia Allegrini.

Dr. Claudio Lanteri opened the meeting welcoming the delegates.

Dr. Silvia Allegrini introduced the agenda of the meeting:

- Introduction of MOIP Countries' delegates
- Reassessment of previous MOIP roadmap
- Discussion of MOIP Bylaws

Representatives from all the participating Societies had been invited, together with Professor Giuseppe Siciliani as SIDO President in 2005, when the first Cairo Workshop was organized. Professor Siciliani did not unfortunately attend the lunch.

Delegates from the following Societies were present:

- Cyprus Orthodontic Society- CYPRUS: Dr. Abraham Kyriakides and Dr. Christodoulos Laspos
- Egyptian Orthodontic Society- EGYPT: Dr. Abbas R. Zaher
- Greek Orthodontic Society- GREECE: Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis
- Greek Association for Orthodontic Study and Research- GREECE: Dr. Gerassimos Angelopoulos
- Israel Orthodontic Society- ISRAEL: Dr. Stella Chaushu
- Lebanese Orthodontic Society- LEBANON: Prof. Joseph Bouserhal
- Moroccan Orthodontic Society for Education and Research- MOROCCO: Dr. Mohamed El Mehdi Echchadi.
- Societè Francaise d'Orthopedie Dentofacial SFODF- FRANCE: Dr. Andrè Horn on Behalf of Dr. Olivier Sorel
- Societè Luxembourgeoise d'Orthopedie Dentofacial- LUXEMBOURG: Dr. Odile Hutereau

A reassessment of the previous MOIP roadmap followed.

-SIDO would be happy to see a more active role is taken up by the other Mediterranean countries. It has been difficult to be in touch with the different societies and organize this year's MOIP in Florence.

-In the beginning the roadmap of the Mediterranean Orthodontic Project contemplated a common Mediterranean Society. After discussion the desire of all the delegates is to maintain the Mediterranean Orthodontic integration Project a network and avoid transforming it in a Society. The reasoning behind it is to control expenses for the participating societies and bureaucratic burden that comes with a regular society.

After discussion among the delegates, even if MOIP will remain a network bylaws can be discussed as they can be useful to give a new stimulus to the future of the project.

After discussion all are in agreement on point 1:

1-The Mediterranean Orthodontic Project holds an international meeting every other year that is hosted on a rotational basis by the orthodontic society from each Country participating in the project.

After general discussion there is agreement on point 2:

2- Each country as a whole has 1 vote in the general assembly of MOIP that is held every two years, during the International Meeting.

After prolonged discussion proposals from other countries for meetings after 2016 will be evaluated at the next MOIP assembly in 2016.

3-On behalf of the Cyprus Orthodontic Society the delegates Dr.Abraham Kirakides and Dr.Chris Laspos are volunteering to host the MOIP Meeting in 2018.

The possibility of creating a database of members is evaluated. In particular, the possibility of allowing one delegate from each society that has a username and password to the members' section of each Society's website is discussed. This would provide fast and efficient access to the database. Some delegates express concern about privacy policies of different national societies not allowing access to their members' contact information. Dr. Bouserhal reminded all about the form the WFO has circulated to have access to the contact information of members of different countries. Agreement is reached that a similar form can be evaluated and, if approved by all countries, used by MOIP. As such point 4 becomes:

4-The Mediterranean Orthodontic project creates a database of each Country's national members to facilitate interaction with the signature of a release form on the part of the members of each national society.

An important point is to overcome the difficulties encountered in maintaining contact over the years with changes on the national societies' Boards. A referee for each Country is deemed necessary. New contacts are difficult and the presence of a referee creates the continuity that is lacking today. Democracy is maintained as a delegate from the elected board attends the assembly together with the Country's referee. After discussion there is full agreement on point 5:

5- A referee from each Country is nominated and guarantees continuity of action with the national society's elected board. The elected board of each society has a delegate to the MOIP who works with the Country's referee.

The 4th MOIP in Florence has started live streaming sessions for Mediterranean Countries participating in the project as well as for residents from postgraduate programs around the world. It is the proposal of SIDO to maintain the streaming as a way to control expenses for members of national societies who do not want to travel. Costs of the streaming sessions are high. Israel is favorable to proceed with streaming sessions but other countries seem uncertain. As such the text of Point 6 of the bylaws will need to be better defined:

6- New technologies can be used to share meetings through the National Societies.

All agree that:

8- Residents and young people are encouraged to participate.

Dr. Bouserhal brings up the proposal that SIDO will continue to give logistic support to the MOIP. All are in agreement:

9- SIDO will continue to act as main office of the MOIP for logistic support.

Prof. Festa has just come back from Russia and announces that the Russian Federation has asked to be part of the MOIP project and has signed a MOIP agreement. MOIP welcomes to Russian Federation.

Prof. Festa also offers the MOIP the use of the European Journal of Clinical Orthodontics as official publication of the MOIP. All are in agreement.

The assembly is closed and the next general assembly will be in Cyprus either at the end of February, 26-27 February or 1-2 November 2018.