

“Efficiency timing and the future of Orthodontics”

Venice, 8-11 May 2008

SIDO – SFODF – MOIP Network

The internationalization of SIDO continues successfully!

The beautiful setting of the Lido in Venice hosted the first **Congress of the Mediterranean Orthodontic Integration Project Network**, the first Mediterranean network organized and coordinated by SIDO to facilitate contacts and cultural exchanges among Mediterranean countries. The session, that for the first time saw speakers coming from the countries joining the Network as main actors, was held within SIDO's Spring Meeting, partnered on this occasion with the Société Française de Orthopédie Dentofaciale (SFODF). The two prestigious associations had agreed in organizing a joint congress, a rather rare event in Europe. A new and interesting congress format was thus proposed: during the first part of the event, on Friday 9th, the day was entirely planned by SIDO, while on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, colleagues from France organized their congress independently.

On Saturday morning the session was planned by an international Committee, coordinated by SIDO, inviting some of the most brilliant speakers of the Mediterranean area to participate. The Scientific Committee had previously contacted the Presidents of the various affiliated Associations, asking for the names of their most brilliant and skilful speakers, including not only the most expert lecturers, but also the “emerging stars”, the younger researchers. A list of possible speakers was thus prepared, with the curricula and the indication of the topics of their studies and the Scientific Committee selected 11 reports illustrating the most recent research on various themes, so as to offer a picture of the different

Countries. Unfortunately it was not possible to include all participating Associations, but during the next congresses this will be taken into account.

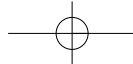
During the brief opening ceremony, exciting and much appreciated, Claudio De Nuccio, SIDO's president, welcomed the participants and introduced a film, which summarized the objectives of the MOIP and presented the participating countries. During the film (which will be available within the network) Francesca Miotti briefly explained the future goals of the network, from the organization of future congresses that will involve the other Associations, to the sharing of research projects and ongoing educational programs. The international partners were invited to participate in the SIDO's project, coordinated by Alberto Laino and Chiarella Sforza, concerning aesthetics in the different ethnic types, aiming at improving the results of orthodontic treatment, also fulfilling patients' expectations. The invitation addressed to all participants was to collaborate towards reaching the global international “vision” shared by all affiliated Countries. Olivier Mauchamp, SFODF's president, again welcoming all participants, officially opened the Congress. Representatives of the various Countries and Associations took then the podium.

The World Federation of Orthodontists, with both SIDO and SFODF as “Charter Members”, was represented by its Greek President, Athanasios Athanasiou, who presented an analysis of the possible undesired effects on the enamel during the orthodontic treatment. The WFO Egyptian vice-President, Abbas Zaher, described the orthodontic approach to ectopias and dental transpo-

sitions. Mirjana Sasic analysed the temporomandibular dysfunction in the Serbian population, Effie Basdra, representative of the Greek Orthodontic Society, discussed the adaptation of the temporomandibular joint to functional therapy, while Maja Ovsenik, from Slovenia, presented the early treatment of class 3 malocclusion with the Frankel appliance. After the short break, the Lebanese Roy Sabri indicated the labial contour and the smile line as a guide to the aesthetics of the smile, while the approach to skeletal anchorage with the use of mini-screws was presented by Andreu Puigdollers, from Spain, and by Nazan Kucukkeles, from Turkey. The new techniques of imaging, computerized tomography and 3D imaging, were illustrated by Dimitrios Halazonetis, representative of the Greek Association for Orthodontic Study and Research, and by the Egyptian Amr El-Beialy, while Christos Laspos, from Cyprus, analysed the secondary effects of the orthodontic treatment, with a stimulating comment: “if I had known then what I know now”... The session was closed by the presentation of the Randomized Clinical Trial on the bonding protocol in one or two phases, illustrated by Stephen Chadwick, one of the co-authors of the paper published in the Journal of Orthodontics in 2006, which was awarded the prestigious FEO Award by the European Orthodontic Federation in 2007.

During the three days, different Associations held the meetings of their Executive Boards, obviously including the organizing Societies SIDO and SFODF, and the official Representatives of the MOIP Network also met.

The MOIP Network meeting was interesting and stimulating and all participants expressed their satisfaction for the first congress hosting all representatives as active participants in a new congress format. Claudio De Nuccio and Francesca Miotti, after welcoming Presidents and attending Representatives of the participating Societies, illustrated the most recent news of the network, which recently included Tunisia, while for



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Algeria and Libya, some contacts were made to reach the two countries, thus completing the participation of all Mediterranean countries to the network. Currently there are 22 associations participating in the network, representing 19 countries in the Mediterranean area. The list of possible speakers of the different associations has been completed, and will soon be available for distribution with the report of the meeting, and a draft of the Newsletter was presented, requesting everybody's collaboration in the future. The Committee for the selection criteria for the MOIP Award, presented a proposal which, after some discussion, will be finalized for the next meeting. Olivier Mauchamp illustrated the relationship among the various associations, SIDO, SFODF, FEO and the MOIP network and the importance of international collaboration, remarking on the interest in the various groups on increasing and improving close interaction. In concluding the meeting, Alberto Laino presented the analysis of the morphometric characteristics of the different populations to be compared with ideal facial features, already available for the Italian population. The data have been collected in collaboration with Chiarella Sforza and already presented by SIDO and published at international level. Professor Laino illustrated the fairly easy method of analysis, and indicated that SIDO could possibly help with some economic support and with providing already trained personnel to support in collecting the data. The interest in this analysis was shown by many participants and SIDO will prepare a protocol to share with the various international Associations, given the importance to perform morphological comparisons between the various populations, to improve orthodontic planning and treatment, also by targeting it at an individual level.

On Sunday morning, the General Assembly of the European Orthodontic Federation (FEO) took place, with representatives from the majority of the European Orthodontic Associations. After various welcoming addresses, the re-

ports of the President (Olivier Mauchamp), the general Secretary (Mirjana Sasic) and the Treasurer (Odile Steil-Hutereau) were presented and the Presidents or the participating Representatives illustrated the activities of their Associations. The relationship between FEO, EOS and EFOSA was discussed. The venue for the next General Assembly was proposed by Mladen Slaj, who on behalf of the Croatian Orthodontic Society invited FEO to Dubrovnik, at the beginning of September 2009, to join COS in a course held by Vince Kokich and Bjorn Zachrisson.

One of FEO's future tasks is the organization of the European Session within the World Village Day during the 7th International Orthodontic Congress organized in Sydney by the World Federation of Orthodontists on 6-9 February 2010. The FEO International Scientific Committee, nominated by the WFO within the Council, will organize a day aiming to represent the European approach to orthodontics, involving speakers who will represent as many of the 20 Associations currently affiliated to FEO as possible. The Presidents of the various Associations suggested the names of possible speakers for the topic "Orthopaedics and Function: a Century of Research in Europe", proposed by FEO Council and enthusiastically accepted by the Scientific Committee of WFO. Thus Olivier Mauchamp and Francesca Miotti (co-Chairs), Barbel Kahl-Nieke (FEO Council), with the support of Ian Watson and Rick Olive (WFO Council), are working to develop a program that will illustrate the approach and the most recent European research on the selected topic.

An important international success was obtained by SIDO during the elections for the Executive Council of the Federation: Francesca Miotti, SIDO's representative for MOIP Network and International Affairs, was elected as FEO President for 2008-2010. She succeeds Olivier Mauchamp, who remains in the Council as immediate past-President. Barbel Kahl-Nieke, President of the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Kieferor-

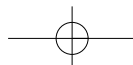
thopädie joins the Council as vice-president. The new General Secretary is Julian O'Neil, from the British Orthodontic Society, and the Assistant General Secretary is Panagiotis Skoularikis, from the Greek Orthodontic Society. The new Web-Master will be appointed shortly. Michel Steil from Luxembourg will cover the role of Treasurer and Josè Dahan will continue his role of Director of the Federation in Belgium. The new Council has immediately declared the wish to increase in the future the collaboration with the Associations already affiliated to FEO and to invite the countries not yet actively involved to participate, to further facilitate exchanges and international collaboration.

Great satisfaction was expressed by everybody for the success of this first MOIP Congress, and an applause was extended to SIDO and SFODF, the two Associations who had the idea and the courage to plan this brilliant joint congress, involving Societies and Countries that had never shared before such a participation to a cultural event. This was a real international meeting: the congress in Venice was attended by almost 1300 members, representing 37 countries, from Albania to the United States, from Senegal to New Caledonia, from Norway to Kuwait, and Brazil, to mention just a few.

With compliments and congratulations to SIDO, to the President Claudio De Nuccio and his Council, many participants suggested a regular new appointment, organized each time by a different country in the Mediterranean area: offers to host the event in the future came from Croatia, Greece, Morocco, Turkey... The next location will be difficult to choose, given the enthusiasm of all colleagues in the various Associations and the beauty of the suggested locations.

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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**.



ALBANIA - ARAB COUNTRIES - BULGARIA - CYPRUS - CROATIA - EGYPT - FRANCE - GREECE - ISRAEL
ITALY - LEBANON - LUXEMBURG - MOROCCO - SERBIA - SYRIA - SLOVENIA - SPAIN - TUNISIA - TURKEY

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
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affiliated to the network.

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

