

The EFOSA Headlines

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Opening

The EFOSA 43rd General Assembly Meeting (GAM) took place in Santiago de Compostela, Spain on Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

President **Alexandros Kokkas** opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. thanking the Spanish orthodontic community for everything they have done to help EFOSA. There were 35 participants present from 22 countries, each whom introduced themselves.

The President reminded the General Assembly of the death of **Juri Kuroi** and asked the delegates to stand for a minute's silence.

New EFOSA Full Member

The GAM unanimously accepted the application for full membership of **Luxembourg** which was submitted by **Odile Hutereau**.

Reports

The President **Alexandros Kokkas**, the Secretary **Julian O' Neill** and the Treasurer **Christian Scherer** presented their reports. The GAM accepted the financial report. The EFOSA accounts were audited by **Owen Crotty** and **Lutgard De Ridder**.

The EFOSA Projects

President **Alexandros Kokkas** provided a powerpoint presentation on the **European Orthodontic Guide**. In this, he described its history where **Franz van der Lin-**

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den, Luc Dermaut and **Wolfgang Schmiedel** had initially collected the data. This had been first produced as a poster in Paris in 2005 and then in Sydney in 2010. He also stated that to date 23 out of the 28 country members had responded. The Guide will be completed next year.

Secretary **Julian O'Neill** described the concept of updating the website to provide administrator rights to individual country members. This would make individual country members responsible for updating their own information. Vice President **Bart Vande Vannet** gave a detailed powerpoint presentation on the production of radiation guidelines by EFOSA. **Jonathan Sandler** suggested that the articles be placed on the website.

Guest Speaker



Professor Stavros Kiliaridis of the Geneva University, provided a presentation on postgraduate education in Europe and NEBEOP. He explained what is NEBEOP and what it is trying to achieve. He also

provided an update on activities. He stated that we need to move ahead with NEBEOP and that more countries will need to have their programmes signed up if this is to be a success.

The Prof. Charles Bolender Award

It was announced that **Prof. Charles Bolender** had happily agreed to allow

his name to be appended to this award. **Julian O' Neill** suggested the concept that this award should be provided to a postgraduate in orthodontics who would carry out a project related to EFOSA's activities. This could take the form of a survey of postgraduate training throughout Europe. The award would have competitive entry and the winner would carry out his research and then present this at a future EFOSA meeting. It had been agreed that an award of 1,000 Euros and up to 500 Euros for expenses would be made available.

Elections

The GAM unanimously elected **Eva Sramkova** (Czech Republic) as the new member of the Council. She will replace **Ewa Czochrowska** who will host the 2014 EOS Council in Poland.

For the Nominations Committee **Martina Drevensik** (Slovenia) was elected.

Auditors were elected: **Alain Vigie du Cayla** (France) and **Kristin Heimisdottir** (Iceland).

Other Business

Claude Bourdillat discussed the issue of recycling brackets. She told the delegates that there would be an EU directive in 2015 regarding this.

Jonathan Sandler provided a presentation on the upcoming 8th IOC meeting in London planned for September 2015 and reminded delegates to sign up early in order to enjoy a reduced registration fee and VIP events.

Finally, the President thanked all the delegates for their presence and closed the GAM. The next EFOSA GAM will take place in Reykjavik, Iceland, in June 2013.



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EFOSA at the "15eme Journée de l'orthodontie." The EFOSA Prof. Charles Bolender Award

The French Federation of Orthodontics (FFO) invited the EFOSA Council to participate in honoring the founder of EFOSA Prof Charles Bolender during the opening ceremony of the FFO annual Congress, the *15eme Journée de l'orthodontie*, which took place in Paris on November 10, 2012. It was an initiative of the President of the FFO, Olivier Mauchamp.



The EFOSA President Alexandros Kokkas addressed to the audience honoring Prof. Charles Bolender for his contribution in founding and leading EFOSA.

He also had the chance to present for the first time the EFOSA Prof. Charles Bolender Award in a major orthodontic congress in Europe.



During their stay in Paris the EFOSA Council held its 34th meeting which was also kindly organized by the French Federation of Orthodontics.



The same day a common social event between the EFOSA and the European Orthodontic Federation (FEO) Councils also took place.

Our Federation is always striving to strengthen its relationship with all European orthodontic organizations.

The 2012 Get together

The EFOSA Get Together, took place on Monday, June 18th, 2012 at 19:30. It was organized by the Spanish Organizing Committee at the Hotel Puerta del Camino. All EFOSA Delegates had the chance to socialize and discuss in a friendly atmosphere personal and professional matters. The event was exceptionally well organized thanks to our the Spanish colleagues.



89th EOS Congress

The 89th Congress of the European Orthodontic Society this year will take place in Reykjavik, Iceland on June 26-29, 2013. What makes this Congress special is not only the exceptional location but also the fact that it is the first time that such a small country organizes such a great orthodontic event.

The Icelandic Orthodontic Society is constantly participating and supporting all EFOSA activities. The EFOSA wishes all the best for the success of the 89th EOS Congress to the organizing Committee and its President Arni Thordarson.



The new EFOSA Council member



Eva Sramkova was elected Council member in June.

She graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, in 1990. She received her orthodontic education at Palacky University and Charles University, Czech Republic.

She is in private practice in Náchod since 2002. Eva also serves as a part-time teacher at the Orthodontic Department of Charles University, Hradec Králové since 2005.

She is an active member of the Czech Orthodontic Society (Audit Committee 2004-2012, Council member since 2012). She was the President of the 8th Congress of the Czech Orthodontic Society in 2008. She is also an EFOSA delegate since 2005. Other professional memberships include the American Association of Orthodontists and the World Federation of Orthodontists.

