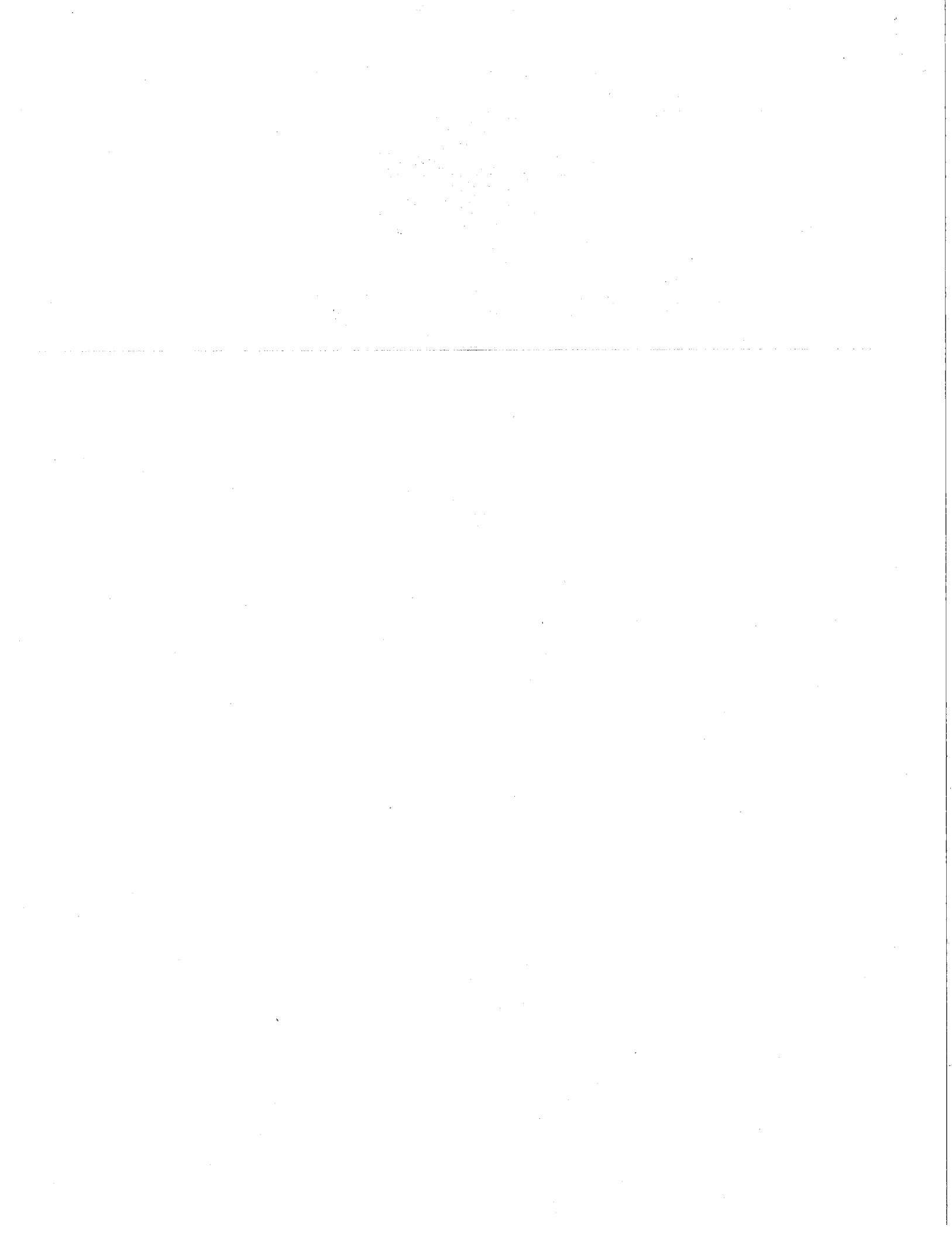




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**ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORTHODONTIC CONGRESS (IOC)
AND ORIGIN OF
THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (WFO)**

The 1st International Orthodontic Congress was held in New York in August 1926. This was the first world-wide congress held by a dental specialty. The 2nd International Orthodontic Congress was held in London in July 1931. The 3rd International Orthodontic Congress was also held in London in August 1973 under the joint sponsorship of the European Orthodontic Society and the American Association of Orthodontists. The 4th International Orthodontic Congress was held in San Francisco in May 1995 under the sponsorship of the American Association of Orthodontists.

The Bylaws of the WORLD FEDERATION OF ORTHODONTISTS were confirmed in San Francisco during the 4th IOC. The first official meeting of the Council of the WORLD FEDERATION OF ORTHODONTISTS took place April 29-May 3, 2000 in Chicago, Illinois, USA during the 5th International Orthodontic Congress in conjunction with the 100th anniversary celebration of the American Association of Orthodontists. The 6th International Orthodontic Congress took place September 10-14, 2005, in Paris, France, under the sponsorship of Societe Francaise d'Orthopedie Dento-Facial and Syndicat des Specialistes Francais en Orthopedie Dento-Facial and the WFO. The 7th International Orthodontic Congress is scheduled to take place February 6-9, 2010, in Sydney Australia, under the sponsorship of the Australian Society of Orthodontists and the WFO.

Meetings of the WORLD FEDERATION OF ORTHODONTISTS will be held every five years during the INTERNATIONAL ORTHODONTIC CONGRESS in conjunction with the host country's national association meeting. Sites for these meetings will be determined by the Executive Committee of the WFO as described in these Bylaws.

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**BYLAWS OF THE
WORLD FEDERATION OF ORTHODONTISTS**

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the Federation shall be the "WORLD FEDERATION OF ORTHODONTISTS", hereinafter referred to as the "WFO" or the "Federation."

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Federation shall be to advance the art and science of orthodontics throughout the world.

ARTICLE 3: OBJECTIVES

Consistent with its purpose, the chief objectives of the Federation shall be to:

- 3.1 encourage high standards in orthodontics throughout the world;
- 3.2 encourage and assist in the formation of national associations and societies of orthodontists when requested;
- 3.3 encourage and assist in the formation of national and regional certifying boards in the field of orthodontics when requested;
- 3.4 promote orthodontic research;
- 3.5 disseminate scientific information;
- 3.6 promote desirable standards of training and certification for orthodontists; and
- 3.7 organize the International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) to be held at least once every five years.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

The members of this Federation shall be classified as fellows, honorary fellows, patrons, academic, student, or retired.

4.1 Fellows

- 4.1.1 To be a "fellow", an orthodontist shall be either (a) a full member of a national or regional association of orthodontists affiliated with the WFO and reside within the jurisdiction of such association; or (b) subject to Article 4.1.3, below, if an orthodontist, by virtue of his or her residence, is not eligible to belong to a national or regional association or society affiliated with the WFO, he or she may apply in writing to the Executive Committee requesting membership in the WFO as a fellow in accordance with Article 4.1.2.
- 4.1.2 Any orthodontist applying per Article 4.1.1(b), above, must have educational credentials equivalent to other fellows of the WFO in order to receive favorable consideration by the Executive Committee, as determined by the Executive Committee in its sole and absolute discretion. Namely, the applicant should have completed appropriate orthodontic training in accordance with requirements recognized by the Executive Committee (i.e., in accordance with the requirements of governing law), and be authorized by such or other relevant law to hold himself/herself out to the public as an orthodontist, and limit his/her practice exclusively to orthodontics. In all cases the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.
- 4.1.3 If, subsequent to acceptance as a fellow, a national association or society from the same country in which the fellow practices becomes an affiliate of the WFO, such fellow must join such national association or society within three (3) years of the date of the affiliation of the national association or society with the WFO, or the date of renewal of the fellow's membership following affiliation by the organization, whichever is earlier. If any fellow fails to comply with this requirement, the fellow shall be ineligible to be a member of the WFO.
- 4.1.4 In the event that a dues paying fellow belongs to more than one organization affiliated with the WFO, membership representation of said fellow will be determined as follows: The fellow may designate which organization shall be counted for purposes of his/her membership. If the fellow makes no designation following request by the Executive Committee, the representation will be split (1/2 - 1/2, etc.) between or among the organizations, and if one organization is a regional organization and the other is a national organization (as determined by the Executive

Committee in its sole discretion), the representation shall belong to the national organization.

4.2 Honorary Fellows

- 4.2.1 The Executive Committee, upon receipt of nomination(s) from Council members for honorary fellowship may, by two-thirds affirmative vote, elect any one or all nominees provided that there shall not be more than twenty (20) living honorary fellows at any one time.
- 4.2.2 Individuals recommended for election to honorary fellowship in the Federation shall be orthodontists or others who, in the discretion of the Executive Committee, have rendered outstanding service to orthodontics.
- 4.2.3 The salutation for an honorary fellow of the Federation shall be "Hon. WFO."

4.3 Patrons

- 4.3.1 Individuals other than fellows of the WFO, organizations other than national associations or societies of orthodontists affiliated with the WFO, and commercial companies and other entities who promote the purposes and objectives of the WFO may be elected patrons of the WFO.
- 4.3.2 The Executive Committee of the WFO may by unanimous ballot elect patrons of the WFO.
- 4.3.3 Patrons of the WFO shall be elected for a period of five years and shall be eligible for re-election if they satisfy the provisions of Article 4.3.1 at the time of re-election.

4.4 Academic

- 4.4.1 To be an academic member, applicant must meet the following requirements:
 - 4.4.1.1 Be a non-orthodontist engaged in full-time education or research relating to orthodontics at an accredited institution as defined by a regional or national affiliate organization
 - 4.4.1.2 Be certified by the dean, program director, person of equivalent academic rank and by the president of the national or regional association of orthodontists affiliated with the WFO as fulfilling requirement 4.4.1.1 at the time of application and

renewal.

4.5 Student

4.5.1 To be a student member, applicant must meet the following requirements:

4.5.1.1 Be enrolled as a full time student in an accredited orthodontic program as defined by a recognized national or regional affiliate organization.

4.5.1.2 Be certified by the dean, program director, person of equivalent academic rank and by the president of the national or regional association affiliated with the WFO as fulfilling requirement 4.5.1.1 at the time of application and upon renewal.

4.5.2. Student membership shall be limited to a total of five years. Student status shall be verified initially and at the time of renewal, if any.

4.6 Retired

4.6.1.1 To be a retired member, applicant must meet the following requirements:

4.6.1.1 Be retired from active practice of orthodontics and/or from full-time teaching or research.

4.6.1.2 Status must be certified by the president of the national or regional association affiliated with the WFO as fulfilling this requirement.

4.7 Application for all classes of membership shall be made on the form prescribed by the WFO and submitted to the Secretary-General. Where applicable, the president of the national or regional association of orthodontists affiliated with the WFO shall certify the applicant's qualifications for membership. Any applicant for membership whose application is denied may reapply not earlier than one year following the date of rejection. If the second application is denied, the applicant may file a final reapplication not earlier than two years after the date of rejection of the second application. If the third application is rejected, the applicant may not thereafter reapply for membership in the WFO.

ARTICLE 5: TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 Except as otherwise set forth in these *Bylaws* and policy statements of the Federation, all members shall be entitled to all services and privileges applicable to their membership classification.
- 5.2 Dues
- 5.2.1 Annual dues, payable in United States for Fellows and Academic members shall be \$ 40.00 payable for a period of three years (\$120.00) at the inception of membership and on every third yearly anniversary thereafter. Fellows and Academic members may pay dues for five (5) years in advance. A discount of 8% will be applied [$\$200.00 \times 0.92$] = \$ 184.00
- 5.2.2 Annual dues for Student members shall be 50 % of Fellowship dues (\$20.00) payable at inception for the length of time an individual is a student not to exceed five years. Student membership includes Gazette subscription.
- 5.2.3 Annual dues for retired members shall be 50% of Fellowship dues (\$20.00) payable for three years (\$60.00) at inception of membership and every third yearly anniversary thereafter without Gazette subscription; or by 75% of Fellowship dues (\$30.00) payable for three years (\$90.00) at inception and every third yearly anniversary thereafter including Gazette subscription.
- 5.2.4 The dues may be changed periodically upon recommendation of a majority of the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of the Council. Changes in dues will take effect at a time designated by the Council.
- 5.3 Dues are delinquent six months past the due date. Membership in the Federation shall be terminated at that time.
- 5.4 The dues for patrons shall be as established from time to time by the Executive Committee and the Council in like manner.

ARTICLE 6: AFFILIATION OF NATIONAL OR REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES OF ORTHODONTISTS.

6.1 Any national or regional association or society of orthodontists may apply in writing to the Executive Committee for affiliation with the WFO, which shall be accepted upon receiving a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval by the Executive Committee, and upon satisfaction of all of the following requirements:

6.1.1 ~~The Bylaws of the national or regional association or society shall have a~~ category of full membership that is only available for orthodontic specialists. Full members of the association or society shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, in that organization, including the right to hold office and vote.

6.1.2 Membership in the national or regional association or society must be open to all qualified orthodontists within the geographical jurisdiction of the association or society, without regard to orthodontic technique used or philosophy of orthodontic practice.

6.1.3 National or regional organizations must not be recognized or perceived by the Executive Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, as a study club or as an organization formed to promote or advance a particular modality of orthodontic treatment.

6.1.4 The Bylaws of the national or regional association or society should provide for sponsorship of or affiliation with a national or regional certifying board or agency in the field of orthodontics.

6.1.5 In those countries where an official accrediting agency or commission exists, only the national or regional association or society recognized by the official accrediting agency or commission as the representative organization of the specialty of orthodontics shall be eligible for affiliation.

6.1.6 The national or regional association or society must, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, as determined in its sole and absolute discretion, promote and advance standards consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WFO and/or its affiliated organizations and societies.

6.2 The WFO may immediately terminate the affiliation of any association or society of orthodontists previously accepted as an affiliated organization if the national or regional association or society no longer satisfies any of the requirements of Article 6.1. Any such action shall be taken in accordance with Article 12.

- 6.3 National or regional associations and societies of orthodontists affiliated to the WFO shall be required to pay an annual affiliation fee on a pro-rata basis in proportion to the number of members of their association or society that they represent (see Article 4.1.5) and who are dues paying fellows of the WFO. Initially, the affiliation fee will be \$1.00 per dues-paying member who is a fellow of the WFO, with a minimum annual affiliation fee of \$50.00 for any national or regional association or society. The amount of the annual affiliation fee may be changed periodically upon the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval by a majority vote of the Council. Any national or regional association or society that fails to pay the fee within four years from the due date shall be ineligible to be a member of the WFO and/or its affiliation shall be terminated; provided, that no association or society that has failed to pay its fee on the due date shall be entitled to representation on the Council until and unless its fee is received by the WFO. If the membership of any national or regional society is terminated by virtue of this provision, its members shall be required to meet the eligibility requirements of Section 4.1.1.
- 6.4 Each regional association or society, and subject to Section 6.7, each national association or society, of orthodontists affiliated with the WFO shall have the right to nominate one representative, who must be a fellow of the WFO, to serve on the Council, which shall be sent to the Secretary-General, along with the term of service for such representative. Subject to the provisions of these *Bylaws*, any such representative may be changed only upon written notification to the Secretary-General by the association or society that appointed the representative.
- 6.5 In addition to the councilors provided for in Article 6.4., forty (40) additional councilors, who must be fellows of the WFO, will be elected every five years by affiliated national or regional associations or societies on a pro-rata basis in proportion to the number of their members who are dues-paying fellows of the Federation. The affiliated organizations shall send the names of the representatives to the Secretary-General prior to the regular meeting of the Council. Such representatives' terms shall commence at the first regular Council meeting occurring immediately after their election and shall end immediately prior to the next regular Council meeting. Subject to the provisions of these *Bylaws*, any such representative may be changed only upon written notification to the Secretary-General by the organization which appointed the representative.
- 6.6 Notwithstanding the foregoing, any councilor may serve more than one, but not more than three, separate or consecutive terms.
- 6.7 In the event that more than one association or society representing the same country should be elected to affiliation by the Executive Committee, that country shall have only one representative on the Council as contemplated by Article 6.4.

