



10th International Orthodontic Congress: Learn from 239 speakers from 66 countries

Detailed lecture schedule is available on the conference site

The WFO 10th International Orthodontic Congress will be filled with unique opportunities to learn from renowned colleagues as well as emerging stars from orthodontic lecture halls around the world. The IOC will feature 239 speakers from 66 countries, presenting their latest research and innovations on many topics of high interest within the orthodontic specialty.

The 10th IOC will be October 22-25, 2025 at the state-of-the-art Riocentro Convention and Event Center in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Learn more/register at www.wfo2025rio.org.

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Enjoy Brazilian cultural experiences throughout the IOC at the Riocentro Convention Center and at the Roxy Dinner Club, recently named as one of the 100 Best Places in the World by *TIME* magazine (see page 3).



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WFO is now an ADA-CERP approved continuing education provider

The World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) is proud to announce that it has been officially recognized as an ADA CERP-approved continuing education provider by the American Dental Association's Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition. This prestigious approval includes the WFO's diverse educational offerings, such as lectures at the International Orthodontic Congress and webinars.

According to the ADA CERP's website, it is a service designed to aid dental professionals in identifying high-quality providers of continuing dental education. It is important to note that while ADA CERP offers this recognition, it does not endorse specific lectures or instructors, nor does it guarantee acceptance of credit hours by dental boards of dentistry. The recognition process involves a thorough review of applications, ultimately awarded by the ADA Commission.

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WFO President **Dr. Nikhillesh Vaiid** expressed his satisfaction, stating, "The ADA-CERP approval stands as another testament to our relentless pursuit of excellence. We have been diligently working with the ADA Commission to meet the stringent requirements of the review process, and we are very pleased with the outcome. Updated indicators of continuing education eligibility for our programs will soon be available with their online descriptions."

In the United States, state dental licensing boards typically recognize ADA CERP continuing education units, and such recognition extends to various countries worldwide. We encourage all members to take full advantage of what this recognition means for expanding their professional development and credentials. ▼

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IOC lectures will delve into topics of high interest within the specialty

Explore the lectures section of the 2025 International Orthodontic Conference website, linked at right, to plan your schedule if you have already registered. If you have not yet registered, discover the many great presentations that will make this a “can’t miss” meeting.

From AI-driven digital segmentation and advanced uses of AI to Big Data and its impact on orthodontics, to unusual conditions, innovative approaches for Class II and Class III treatment, and

Keynote Presentations

- ▶ **Facial Growth Modification and Aging from the Perspective of Three-Dimensional Analysis**
DANIELA GARIB (*Brazil*)
- ▶ **Impacted Permanent Molars – Orthodontic Challenges & Creative Answers**
STELLA CHAUSHU (*Israel*)
- ▶ **Overcome the Limits of Aligners by Using TAD-Borne Sliders and Expanders**
BENEDICT WILMES (*Germany*)
- ▶ **Mastering Orthodontic Finishing: Strategies and Success Stories**
CARLO MARASSI (*Brazil*)
- ▶ **Orthognathic Surgery in Growing Patients: When Early Is the Right Time**
JAE HYUN PARK (*United States*)
- ▶ **AI or Eye? Why I Don’t Yet Trust Algorithms to Track My Orthodontic Patients**
JONATHAN SANDLER (*United Kingdom*)

Guest Lectures

- ▶ **Non-Surgical Treatment Protocol for Severe Class III Malocclusion**
LUIS CARRIERE (*Spain*)
- ▶ **Orthodontic Managements for Chin Projection and Height in Class III High Angle Malocclusion**
ERIC LIOU (*Taiwan*)

Oral Presentations

- ▶ **What’s Wrong with Mouth Breathing?**
TAKASHI ONO (*Japan*)
- ▶ **Robotic Retention and Augmented Reality: Toward a New Era in Orthodontic Post-Treatment Care**
MICHELL LE GALL (*France*)
- ▶ **Accuracy of Virtual Surgical Planning in Patients Undergoing Surgery First Approach – A Systematic Review**
DRISTI VERMA (*India*)
- ▶ **Artificial Intelligence Utilization Empowers Big Genomic Data Analysis and Provides New Insights for Future Therapeutic Strategies in Orthodontics**
AISHA MOHAMMED BASUDAN (*Saudi Arabia*)

randomized clinical trials, attendees will hear about innovation around the world. All conference presentations will be in English, with translation into Portuguese and Spanish in the main rooms.

Below and on the following page are examples of the diversity and innovation that will be part of the conference content. [CLICK HERE](#) to view additional speakers and topics in these and other categories included in the IOC program. ▼

- ▶ **Managing Children with Obstructive Sleep Apnea Using CPAP and Undergoing Class III Treatment**
OYKU DALCI (*Australia*)
- ▶ **A Conservative Management of Skeletal Class III Malocclusion: A Non-Surgical Treatment Using Clear Aligners**
NAWAL ALMUTAWA (*Bahrain*)
- ▶ **3D-Printed Clear Aligners: Optimizing Force Application for Tooth Rotation Without Attachments**
KI BEOM KIM (*United States*)
- ▶ **Understanding and Effectively Treating Gummy Smile**
PATRICIA VERGARA V (*Colombia*)
- ▶ **AI and Biomedicine-Driven Precision Orthodontics**
SUNIL KAPILA (*United States*)
- ▶ **Airway Changes in Growing Patients After Herbst Mandibular Advancement Devices: A Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT)**
LUÍSA SCHUBACH DA COSTA BARRETO (*Brazil*)

World Village Lectures

- ▶ **The Use of Artificial Intelligence Supported Remote Monitoring in Different Orthodontic Applications, Four Different Ways to Protract Wisdom Teeth to Close an Edentulous Area in a Single Case**
TONY HSU (*Taiwan*)
- ▶ **Orthodontic Treatment of Periodontally Compromised Patients – Where Are the Limits?**
LIWIA MINCH (*Poland*)
- ▶ **Vertical Control with In-Office Aligners**
AMEL BEN BRAHIM (*Tunisia*)
- ▶ **Randomized Clinical Trial to Compare the Incidence of White Spot Lesions Around Ceramic Brackets with Metal Brackets Evaluated with QLF: One Year Follow-Up**
SUSAN AL-KHATEEB (*Jordan*)
- ▶ **The Power of Virtual Care: Achieving Excellent Results with Aligners**
SHAILESH DESHMUKH (*India*)
- ▶ **Efficient & Simplified Mechanics Management of Transposed Teeth**
KHALED ABOULAZM (*Egypt*)
- ▶ **Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Orthodontics**
VEERASATHPURUSH ALLAREDDY (*United States*)

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- ▶ **What Can the Indigenous People of the Amazon Teach Us About Orthodontics?**
DAVID NORMANDO *(Brazil)*
- ▶ **Application of Artificial Intelligence for Craniofacial Growth Prediction Based on Clinical and Genetic Factors: Looking into the Future**
ERIKA KÜCHLER *(Germany)*



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Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition at CCEPR.ADA.org.

ABOUT OUR HOST CITY AND ITS REGION

The IOC is the first WFO Congress to take place in Latin America, in a host city renowned worldwide for its sophisticated amenities and natural beauty, so unique that it has been designated as a World Heritage Site. Click below to learn more about Rio de Janeiro and to access the [IOC Accommodation](#) page with hotel options.

[ACCESS IOC ACCOMODATION](#)

Many IOC attendees may spend time in Rio before or after the conference. If you are planning tourism activities while in Brazil, the article in the last issue of the *Gazette*, "Rio and beyond: Unique Brazilian adventures to enhance your IOC experience," may help.

Enjoy a guide to a variety of cultural, outdoor and other recreational options in Rio de Janeiro and within short distances from the city. Whether you are seeking world-class cultural experiences, fun in the sun or other outdoor recreation, Rio has something for everyone.

[ACCESS THE RIO DE JANEIRO ARTICLE](#) *(scroll to page 4)*

ENJOY SOCIAL EVENTS WITH FRIENDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Experience Brazilian culture during IOC special events including:

- ▶ The 10th IOC **Welcome Reception, October 22, 2025**, in the Riocentro exhibit hall. Meet old and new friends and hear from WFO leaders as you begin your IOC experience.
- ▶ **Brazilian Dinner, October 23, 2025** at the Roxy Dinner Club, just two blocks from the legendary Copacabana Beach, featuring the [Roxy Dinner Show](#). Named one of the 100 Best Places in the World by *TIME* magazine, the iconic Art Deco club, originally built in 1938, offers an immersive Brazilian cultural experience.
- ▶ **International Reception/Postgraduate Party, October 24, 2025**, Riocentro Pavilion 2, with entertainment including Monobloco and Samba. ▼



Roxy Dinner Show / roxydinnerclub.com.br/home-english/

World Orthodontic Health Day 2025 was a worldwide sharing of smiles

As May 15 dawned in Australia, New Zealand and across Asia, WFO social media launched **video greetings** from **Dr. Hanyi Lee** of Singapore and Dr. Eyelul Ogut Ozugur of Turkey — both representing the **WFO Future Leaders in Orthodontics Society (FLOS)** — and **Dr. Simon Littlewood** of the United Kingdom. The WFO members wished followers a **Happy World Orthodontic Health Day**, with Dr. Littlewood saying, “What a great job we have — and what a big difference we can make for our patients!”

Since 2017, World Orthodontic Health Day has provided an excellent opportunity to spread the positive messages of orthodontic treatment and interact with members of the public of all ages who would like to know more. The event is celebrated annually on May 15.

As an organization with more than 120 affiliate organizations worldwide, the WFO understands that the positive connotation of a healthy, beautiful smile may often transcend cultural and geographic differences. In celebration of this fact, the theme of the 2025 WFO World Orthodontic Health Day was: “**A World of Smiles.**”

This year, the WFO offered members and affiliates a more diverse array of WOHD promotional tools than ever, with a toolkit featuring, flyers, fact sheets, social media graphics, a press release and customizable email templates, with many items customized for member practices, affiliate organizations and educational institutions.

Video tools included:

- ▶ A waiting room slideshow with before/after treatment stories and fun facts for patients and parents to enjoy.
- ▶ A video script with filming tips, providing an easy way to produce and share a video about orthodontic treatment and WOHD. Videos could feature orthodontists, residents or, as in the case of **Smileworks Dental** (see below), patients willing to address a variety of questions about their treatment choices and experiences.

“Our 2025 theme was developed to highlight the fact that people in all regions and many cultures share smiles with those they know and care about and in many places, with strangers as well,” said **Dr. Nikhillesh Vaiid**, WFO president. “A healthy, beautiful smile can bring happiness to everyone who sees it.”

Affiliate organizations, university programs and individual orthodontists worldwide celebrated WOHD 2025 in a variety of ways.

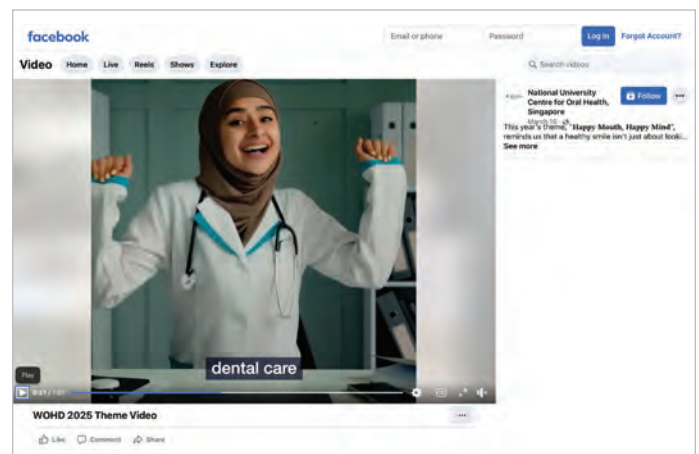
Practices, residency programs and organizations spread positive messages

Individual practices, including **Adventure Dental, Vision & Orthodontics** of Colorado (United States), and **Smileworks Dental** (Singapore) joined in the good wishes for World Orthodontic Health Day by posting on Instagram. Smileworks featured “Celebrating Smile Journeys,” an engaging question-and-answer video with orthodontic patients. (Click on the practice names above to view their shared material.)

Residents from **Chang Gung University** in Taiwan posted on **Instagram** about their celebration of World Orthodontic Health Day. **Dr. Eric Liou**, director of the residency program and WFO Executive Committee member representing Central and East Asia, joined the group and in the video, explained how WFO resources support education of orthodontic residents and continuing education for orthodontists worldwide.



Residents and faculty of the **National University Centre for Oral Health** in Singapore promoted the importance of good oral health habits and the relationship of oral health to mental and physical wellbeing, showing people from various countries and cultures in a **Facebook** video, “Let’s Spread Happiness Everywhere.”



Additional orthodontic events taking place on other dates in May, sponsored by the **Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists (HPUO)** and the **Kosovo Orthodontic Society**, included information and messaging to attendees regarding World Orthodontic Health Day. (See Affiliate News, pages 11 and 12).

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Sri Lankan children examined for orthodontic treatment need

Members of the Sri Lanka Orthodontic Society celebrated World Orthodontic Health Day with **outreach programs** for school children from three government schools in the Gampaha district of Sri Lanka.

Approximately 1,000 children were examined to identify orthodontic treatment needs. The **OPTI Orthodontic Treatment Prioritization Index** for public sector orthodontic patients, an index developed and validated by **Dr. W. M. Senadeera** (a former president of the SLOS) was used to prioritize the children's treatment needs.

SLOS members contributed to a fund to provide necessary supplies and materials to the government orthodontic units serving the three schools, to facilitate the treatment of children in need of orthodontic treatment. The SLOS also provided a health education program for the children.

SLOS President **Dr. Ajith Premaratne** also reports that the organization conducted an awareness campaign on World Orthodontic Health Day on social media, **newspaper** coverage, the organization's web page, and via interview discussions on national **television** programming and on **YouTube**. ▼



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The enriching professional content presented in lecture halls will be complimented by many conversations with your peers from around the world. The IOC is being planned under the leadership of **Dr. Flavia Artese**, IOC chair, **Dr. Ricardo Cruz**, vice chair and **Dr. Jorge Faber**, scientific chair. The host organization is the Brazilian Association of Orthodontics and Facial Orthopedics (ABOR).

Welcoming IOC attendees to the conference and to Rio will be leaders and members of the ABOR, under the leadership of ABOR President **Dr. Carla d'Agostini Derech**.

Orthodontists from throughout Latin America are also expected at the IOC. **The Latin American Association of Orthodontics (ALADO)** brings together the 11 Latin American orthodontic associations

affiliated with the WFO. **Dr. Ricardo Cruz** of the WFO Executive Committee and the IOC Planning Committee has been elected as the incoming ALADO president. He and his fellow ALADO leaders also look forward to welcoming IOC attendees from around the world to Latin America.

Pre-Congress activities will be highlighted during this IOC, with the inaugural **Global Educators Forum**, **Society of Orthodontic Specialty Certifying Boards (SOSCB) Symposium** and **Future Leader Orthodontic Symposium (FLOS, for WFO student members)**. These events will take place on October 22 (see more information on pages 6). ▼

WFO Introduces New Awards Recognizing Excellence in Orthodontic Education

The WFO is proud to announce the launch of a groundbreaking initiative: its first-ever global awards program recognizing excellence in orthodontic education. Formal presentation of these prestigious honors will take place during the inaugural WFO Global Orthodontic Educators Forum on Wednesday, October 22, at the WFO 2025 International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The forum is a unique platform designed to bring together educators from all regions to share insights, celebrate achievements, and foster dialogue on the challenges and opportunities facing the field today. It is expected to become a recurring highlight of future International Orthodontic Congresses.

The selection process for these awards was conducted through a rigorous evaluation by the WFO Educators Committee, composed of internationally respected leaders in orthodontic education. After careful review and ranking of nominations from around the globe, the following recipients were selected:

- ▶ *WFO Educators Committee Scroll of Honor*
Dr. Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman
- ▶ *David Turpin Outstanding Educator Lecture*
Dr. Carlos Flores-Mir
- ▶ *WFO Outstanding Educator Awards*
Dr. Sunil Kapila, Dr. Seung-Hak Baek and Dr. Stella Chaushu

Short Talks

This dynamic session will feature five selected educators who will each present short, inspiring talks on their unique contributions to orthodontic education and leadership:

- ▶ **Dr. Moschos A. Papadopoulos, Dr. Kee-Joon Lee, Dr. Mona Mohamed Salah Fayed, Dr. Veerasathpurush Allareddy and Dr. Sumit Yadav.**

To fully benefit from the Forum and related activities, participants are encouraged to arrive in Rio de Janeiro by the evening of Tuesday, October 21. As the global orthodontic community gathers in Rio, the WFO reaffirms its mission to promote educational excellence, support professional growth, and recognize those who lead the way with vision, integrity, and dedication.

WFO Global Orthodontic Educators Forum: Final Schedule (times are a.m.)

8:30-8:35	Welcome Address & Opening Remarks
8:35-8:45	WFO Educators Committee Scope
8:45-9:00	WFO Guidelines for Postgraduate Education in Orthodontics
9:00-9:20	WFO Awards for Excellence in Orthodontic Education
9:20-10:05	David Turpin Outstanding Educator Lecture
10:05-11:05	Four Inspiring Short Presentations
11:05-11:15	Closing Address & Group Photo

“This important milestone marks a new era for the WFO, demonstrating its deep and ongoing commitment to supporting and advancing the highest standards in orthodontic education

worldwide,” said WFO President-Elect **Dr. Letizia Perillo**, who serves as chair of the WFO Educators Committee with **Dr. Eric Liou**, also of the WFO Executive Committee. “As education forms the foundation of clinical excellence and innovation in the profession, the WFO seeks to shine a spotlight on those who have significantly contributed to shaping the next generation of orthodontists through teaching, mentoring, curriculum development, and research.”

Society of Orthodontic Specialty Certifying Boards (SOSCB) Symposium

Starting at 11:30 a.m. will be another first-time IOC pre-conference event: the Society of Orthodontic Specialty Certifying Boards (SOSCB) Symposium, under the leadership of SOSCB Chair **Dr. Valmy Kulbersh**.

The symposium will include a keynote speech by **Dr. Jae Park**, 2024-25 president of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO), and an update on the ABO certification process given by **Dr. Roberto F. Hernández Orsini**, 2025-26 president of the ABO.

Roundtable discussions will also take place at 15 tables with 10 participants each, with the following topics and leaders:

- ▶ **Identifying Barriers to Board Certification**
Discussion leader: Dr. Mala Ram Manohar, India
- ▶ **Feasible Modifications to Board Certification Processes**
Discussion leader: Dr. Maria Madrazo, Argentina
- ▶ **Increasing the Number of Board-Certified Orthodontists**
Discussion leader: To be determined
- ▶ **Standardized Certification Requirements**
Discussion leader: Dr. Susan Al-Khateeb, Jordan
- ▶ **The Role of Educators in Board Certification**
Discussion leader: Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar, India
- ▶ **Supporting Board Certification Promotion**
Discussion leader: Dr. Alberto Caprioglio, Italy
- ▶ **Remote Certification Exams**
Discussion leader: Dr. Dennis Lim, Philippines
- ▶ **Adapting Case Requirements for Board Certification**
Discussion leader: Dr. Eman Abdulbaset Alnamnani, Saudi Arabia
- ▶ **The Value of Board Certification from an Educator's Perspective**
Discussion leader: To be determined
- ▶ **The value of Board Certification for Orthodontic Graduate Programs**
Discussion leader: Dr. Padma Mukherjee.
- ▶ **Exam Structure Comparison Certification**
Discussion leader: Dr. Nita Viwattanatipa, Thailand
- ▶ **Promoting Board Certification Worldwide Certification**
Discussion leader: Dr. Rocio Casasola, Costa Rica
- ▶ **Timing of Board examinations. Certification**
Discussion leader: Dr. Roberto Hernandez Orsini, Puerto Rico, USA
- ▶ **Consideration for Requirement to Practice Certification**
Discussion leader: Dr. Peerapong Santiwong, Thailand
- ▶ **Need for Recertification Certification**
Discussion leader: Dr. Chaiyapol Chawewannakorn, Thailand

Orthodontists Worldwide Mourn Loss of Dr. David Turpin, Journal Editor, Educator and Leader

AAO leaders, many members and orthodontists worldwide were saddened to learn that **Dr. David L. Turpin**, a leader of the American Association of Orthodontists who also made significant contributions to the WFO and other organizations, passed away on May 29 at age 87, in Tacoma, Washington, USA.



Dr. David Turpin

Dr. Turpin was the editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics* from 1999-2010 and was the journal's interim editor-in-chief from 2013 to 2014 (following the death of **Dr. Vince Kokich**). The AAO reports that in conjunction with his *AJO-DO* position,

Dr. Turpin served as an ex officio member of the AAO Board of Trustees from 2000-2010 and from 2013-14. After retiring in 2014, Dr. Turpin held the title of editor emeritus of the *AJO-DO*.

In addition, Dr. Turpin was the associate editor of the WFO *Gazette* and was a member of the WFO Executive Committee from 2010-2015. In 2024, the WFO announced that its First Global Orthodontic Educators Forum will take place in October 2025, during the 10th International Orthodontic Congress in Rio de Janeiro. The forum will feature a lecture named in perpetuity in honor of Dr. Turpin, in recognition of his service to the specialty worldwide and to the WFO.

Prior to his editorial position with the *AJO-DO*, Dr. Turpin served as editor of *The Angle Orthodontist* and the *PCSO Bulletin*, a publication of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists that includes clinical and research content. His publications included 34 scientific articles and 135 *AJO-DO* editorials. He also delivered 155 lectures over the course of his career.

A native of Iowa, Dr. Turpin completed his dental degree at the University of Iowa and served in the U.S. Navy after graduating. He completed the orthodontic residency program at the University of Washington before entering private practice and beginning his academic career at the University of Washington.

Well-known to orthodontists worldwide, Dr. Turpin was widely regarded for his passion for learning and helping others, and for his kind, humble, open-minded, collaborative, and intellectually honest personality and approach to work.

In private practice for more than 37 years, Dr. Turpin was a clinical faculty member in the orthodontic department at the University of Washington in Seattle. He held the Moore/Riedel Professorship in the department from 2010-2019, after which he retired from teaching. His many awards included the **AAO James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award** (2007), the **American Board of Orthodontics Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award** (2015) and the **Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists Lifetime Achievement Award** (2011).

Dr. Turpin is survived by his loving wife, Judy, their three children, Barbara, Paul and Matthew, and grandchildren.

The family requested that tribute donations be directed to the **Turpin-Huang Endowed Program Support Fund in Orthodontics** at the University of Washington, or the **Wayside United Church of Christ** in Federal Way, Washington.

The family provided additional information about [Dr. Turpin](#). ▼

WFO mourns Ron Moen, who helped the organization have a strong beginning

Ronald S. Moen, who served as the WFO's first secretary general (1995-2000), passed away on May 12 at the age of 85.



Ronald S. Moen

Mr. Moen served as executive director of the American Association of Orthodontists from 1989-2001. During 1994-1995 as AAO leaders, including then-President (the late) **Dr. William DeKock**, planned to initiate the WFO during the 1995 Annual Session in San Francisco, Mr. Moen assisted with the formation processes.

After 69 organizations from 62 countries signed the original WFO charter, Mr. Moen became the secretary general. He continued to work closely with Dr. DeKock, who became the WFO president, and **Dr. Lee W. Graber**, who served as the first WFO vice president.

Educated as a psychologist, Mr. Moen entered the association sector as founding CEO of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. He submitted his resignation from the AAO in 2001 to accept a position as CEO of the American Dietetic Association. His professional activities also included leadership positions with the American Society of Association Executives and the Association Forum.

Mr. Moen is survived by his wife, Jan, two adult sons and three grandchildren. [Learn more](#) about his life and funeral arrangements. ▼

WFO awards celebrate orthodontic achievements, patients' treatment journeys and young people's artistic presentation of orthodontics

In 2023, the WFO initiated a new annual awards program recognizing a wide spectrum of individuals and their accomplishments.

The following awards were first announced in 2024 and were presented at the 2025 AAO/WFO Presidents' Breakfast during the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session, April 25-27 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2024 award recipients included:

Lee W. Graber "Orthodontics Changing Lives" Award

- ▶ Dr. Prabhat Kumar Chaudhari – Indian Orthodontic Society
- ▶ Dr. Puneet Batra – Indian Orthodontic Society
- ▶ Dr. Adith Venugopal – New Zealand Association of Orthodontists

Athanasios E Athanasiou Best Orthodontic Master's Thesis Award

- ▶ Dr. Sophie Roberts (University of Melbourne) – Thesis Title: *Three-Dimensional Changes in Class II Patients Treated with the Twin Block Functional Appliance: A Case-Control study*
- ▶ Dr. Patcharamas Banditsaowapak (Taipei Medical University) – Thesis Title: *The Effect of Different Anterio-posterior Craniofacial Morphology on Three Dimensional Smiles*

Roberto Justus 'Rising Star' Travel Scholarship

- ▶ Dr. Koo Chieh Shen – Association of Orthodontists (Singapore)
- ▶ Dr. Navdeep Bhusri – Cambodian Association of Orthodontists
- ▶ Dr. Ivan Halim – Indonesian Association of Orthodontists
- ▶ Dr. Fabrizia d'Apuzzo – Italian Society of Orthodontics (SIDO)



Roberto Justus 'Rising Star' Travel Scholarship recipients gathered for a photo with WFO leaders outside the Pennsylvania Convention Center after the awards breakfast presentations. Pictured, from left, are Drs. Carlo Bosoni, Navdeep Bhusri, Srengalakshmi, Nikhillesh Vaid (WFO president), Fabrizia d'Apuzzo, Bryce Lee (WFO Executive Committee member and Award Committee chair) and Ivan Halim. Not pictured: Dr. Koo Chieh Shen.

- ▶ Dr. Srengalakshmi – Indian Orthodontic Society
- ▶ Dr. Carlo Bosoni - Italian Society of Orthodontics (SIDO)

Allan R. Thom WFO Art Competition

- ▶ Veda Garewal (age 11) – submitted by Dr. Stutee Grewal
- ▶ Nagy Elwany (age 7) – submitted by Dr. Samar Adel
- ▶ Chiara Cerasuolo (age 8) – submitted by Dr. Ludovica Nucci

Congratulations to all award winners. The application process is open for 2026 annual awards. Apply by January 31, 2026 for consideration, via [WFO Awards](#).

Announcements of 2025 awards were made this year at the AAO/WFO Presidents' Breakfast, with presentation to follow in 2026 (see following page).

T.M. Graber Award presented during annual breakfast

The WFO has recognized the article, "En Masse Retraction of Anterior Teeth through Rapid Periodontal Distraction by a Retraction Screw: A Randomized Control Trial" as the recipient of the **2025 Dr. T.M. Graber Outstanding Article Award**.



Dr. Hibi Dora, first author of the 2025 Dr. T.M. Graber Outstanding Article, was unable to travel to Philadelphia to the AAO Annual Session breakfast. Dr. Srengalakshmi accepted the award on her behalf, presented by Drs. Vinod Krishnan, left and Lee Graber.

The article appeared in the June 2024 edition of the *Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists*. The *JWFO* is offered exclusively online, and WFO members have complete access to the peer-reviewed journal's content as a membership benefit.

Authors included Hibu Dora, Mubasshir Ahmed Shaikh, Seema Gupta, Sameena Begum Maqhbbool, Salim Shamsuddin and Saraswati Raghunath Kokate. ▼

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2025 WFO annual awards winners announced

The WFO Executive Committee and the Annual Awards Committee announced the following winners of WFO 2025 awards during the annual AAO/WFO Presidents' Breakfast, hosted by the WFO at the 2025 American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session in Philadelphia.

The following award presentations will take place at the Presidents' Breakfast during the 2026 American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session, May 1-3 in Orlando, Florida:

Lee W. Graber "Orthodontics Changing Lives" Award (\$1,000 + Certificate + Plaque)

- ▶ Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar – Indian Orthodontic Society
- ▶ Dr. Joe Varghese – Indian Orthodontic Society
- ▶ Dr. Miguel Hirschhaut – Venezuela Orthodontic Society

Athanasios E. Athanasiou Best Orthodontic Master's Thesis Award (\$1,000 + Certificate + Plaque)

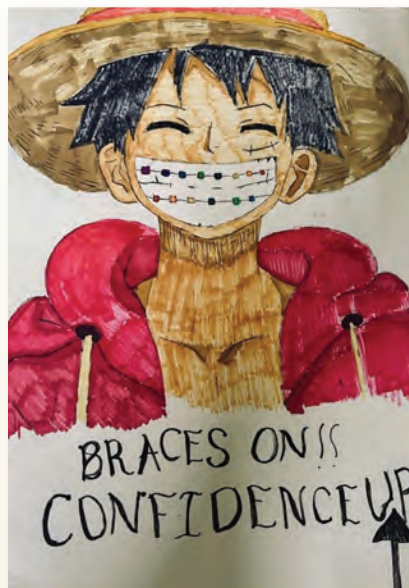
- ▶ Dr. Denice Loo (University of Melbourne) – Thesis Title: *"Bone- and Tooth-Borne Maxillary Protraction with Miniscrews and Class III Elastics: A Pilot Case-Control Study"*
- ▶ Dr. Maxim Milosevic (University of Sydney) – Thesis Title: *"The Use of Teleorthodontics & Artificial Intelligence in Orthodontic Screening: A Crossover Randomised Controlled Trial"*
- ▶ Dr. Watt Sook May (National University of Singapore) – Thesis Title: *"Effect of Bio-Aging on Properties of Conventional Acrylic and 3D Printed Resins"*

Roberto Justus "Rising Star" Travel Scholarship (\$1000 + Certificate + Plaque)

- ▶ Dr. Dalya Al-Moghrabi – Saudi Orthodontic Society
- ▶ Dr. Ahmed Samir Khalil – Egyptian Orthodontic Society
- ▶ Dr. Vasilieios F. Zymperdikas – Orthodontic Society of Northern Greece
- ▶ Dr. Raisa Catunda – Canadian Association of Orthodontists
- ▶ Dr. Dhaval Fadia – Indian Orthodontic Society
- ▶ Dr. Haylea Blundell – Australian Society of Orthodontists

Allan R. Thom WFO Art Competition (Certificate + Plaque)

- ▶ Emelia Oh (9 years of age) – submitted by Dr. Seow Yian San, Association of Orthodontists (Singapore)
- ▶ Zian Uel Zamora (12 years of age) – submitted by Dr. Abdelhakim El Gheriani, Emirates Society of Orthodontists
- ▶ Bernardo Gentil (15 years of age) – submitted by Dr. Ricardo Cruz, Brazilian Association of Orthodontics and Facial Orthopedics (ABOR)
- ▶ Stephanie Halim (18 years of age) – submitted by Dr. Benny Soegiharto, Indonesian Association of Orthodontists
- ▶ Lucas Pelosi Melo (26 years of age) – submitted by Dr. Ricardo Cruz, Brazilian Association of Orthodontics and Facial Orthopedics (ABOR)
- ▶ Shawn Tan (37 years of age) – submitted by Dr. Seow Yian San, Association of Orthodontists (Singapore)



These award-winning art submissions are from Emelia Oh (left), Zian Uel Zamora (center) and Bernardo Gentil. Awards will be presented in 2026.

WFO webinars feature sought-after topics, new enhancements for participants

The WFO monthly webinar series for members continues to feature internationally noted experts, with archived lectures helping to expand the already large compilation of high-quality lecture content on the WFO’s educational website for members.

Live webinars take place every month, always on the second Tuesday of the month (irrespective of the date). Webinars continue to be free for all WFO members. Each month’s webinar is announced in advance on the WFO Facebook page and in an email sent to all WFO members.

Upcoming lectures are also listed on the WFO education portal, which is now available from the home page of the updated website, wfo.org. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you wish to access WFO online educational resources directly rather than from the wfo.org home page, note that the URL for the Education Portal has changed and is now portal.wfo.org.

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Click on the **Upcoming Webinars** tab to register for the next live webinar, to be webcast **Tuesday, August 12 at 7 a.m. Central time:**



► **Program:** Orthodontics, First Principles and Biomechanics: For Orthodontists in a Hurry
Presenter: Dr. Madhur Upadhayay



► **Program:** TMD Patients: What We Need to Know in Our Clinical Practice
Presenter: Dr. Roxana Petchu



► **Program:** Advances in Managing Maxillomandibular Transverse Discrepancy: Surgical and Non Surgical Approaches
Presenter: Dr. N. R. Krishnaswamy



► **Program:** More Than Orthodontics: Branding Yourself and Building a Community through Social Media
Presenter: Dr. Enrique Cruz


Archived lectures continue to be available for viewing

Soon after each webcast, the webinar is archived for future viewing on the webinar series page, where it will be available to WFO members.

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► **Program:** Getting Out of Trouble! Biomechanical Troubleshooting and Avoiding Undesirable Side Effects
Presenter: Dr. Helder Jacob



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News from Around the World

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS

As always, the AAO was delighted to welcome members and guests from around the world, including leaders of the WFO and many of its affiliate organizations, to the 2025 Annual Session, April 25-27 in Philadelphia.

WFO Executive Committee members who presented lectures in the continuing education program included **Dr. Nikhilesh Vaiid**, president; **Dr. Letizia Perillo**, president-elect; **Dr. Flavia Artese**, **Dr. Eric Liou** and **Dr. Lee W. Graber**, assistant secretary general. Dr. Graber, who is also a past AAO secretary general and president, presented the Edward H. Angle Award Lecture. ▼



WFO affiliate presidents attending the AAO/WFO Presidents' Breakfast at Annual Session were photographed with WFO leaders.

HELLENIC PROFESSIONAL UNION OF ORTHODONTISTS

The Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists (HPUO), which continues to play a major role in the ongoing professional education and advancement of Greek orthodontists, held a successful conference in Athens on May 9, 2025, under the leadership of **Dr. Andreas Karamouzos**, HPUO president. The conference featured informative presentations covering key professional topics, including recent legislative developments, tax-related guidance, and strategies for effective practice management.

In anticipation of World Orthodontic Health Day (May 15), the last part of the conference was dedicated to celebrating this global orthodontic community occasion. HPUO emphasized raising public awareness about the value of early diagnosis and treatment of orthodontic problems, exclusively by trained orthodontic specialists.

WFO Vice President **Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis** gave the keynote address highlighting the significance and impact of World Orthodontic Health Day.

In alignment with the WFO, of which HPUO is an affiliate member, all Greek orthodontists were encouraged to amplify the day's message—"A World of Smiles"—through social media, promoting the benefits of orthodontic treatment and engaging with their patients in their practices.

HPUO remains committed to fostering professional excellence and enhancing public awareness through such initiatives. ▼



(Above) Attendees at the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists (HPUO) gathered for a photo.



(Right) WFO Vice President Dr. Panagiotis Skoularikis is pictured with Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontists Vice President, Dr. Anna Papadogeorgaki-Anagnostou.

News from Around the World

KOSOVO ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY



The Kosovo Orthodontic Society held its 9th International Orthodontic Conference, “OrthoCongress 9,” May 23-24, 2025, under the leadership of **Dr. Blerim Mehmeti**, president, and **Dr. Venera Kocinaj**, secretary. The KOS is committed to promoting cooperation between orthodontists at home and abroad. The conference was in part a celebration of World Orthodontic Health Day, which took place on May 15. ▼

EMIRATES ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY



WFO President **Dr. Nikhillesh Vaidi** recently visited the United Arab Emirates, engaging in discussion of issues related to the advancement of the orthodontic specialty in the region with Emirates Orthodontic Society leaders. Pictured, from left, are **Dr. Mohammed Saleh**, Scientific Committee chairperson; **Dr. Khaled Alkateb**, general secretary; **Dr. Vaidi**; **Dr. Mohammed Al Shalabi**, president; and **Dr. Abdelhakim El Gheriani**, Cultural Committee chairperson. ▼

WFO Meetings Around the World

2025

New Zealand Association of Orthodontists B2 Conference

August 28-30, 2025
 Tamaki Makaurau, New Zealand
<https://www.nzaoconference.nz>

Canadian Association of Orthodontists 75th Annual Conference

September 18-20, 2025
 Quebec City, Canada
www.cao-aco.org/orthodontics/events/upcoming-events/

World Federation of Orthodontists 10th International Orthodontic Congress

October 22-25, 2025
 Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
<https://www.wfo2025rio.org/en>

Pakistan Association of Orthodontists 11th International Conference

October 30–November 1, 2025
 Islamabad, Pakistan
facebook.com/PAOrthodontists

Societa Italiana Di Ortodonzia 56th International Congress

November 20-25, 2025
 Fortezza da Basso
 Florence, Italy
www.sido.it

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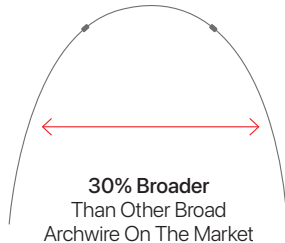
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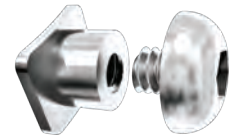
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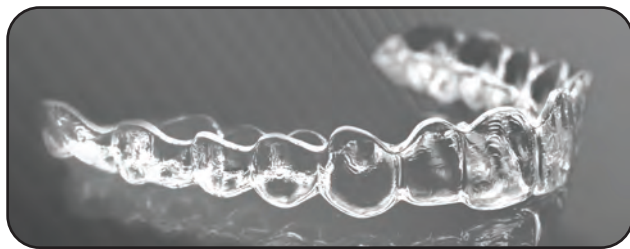
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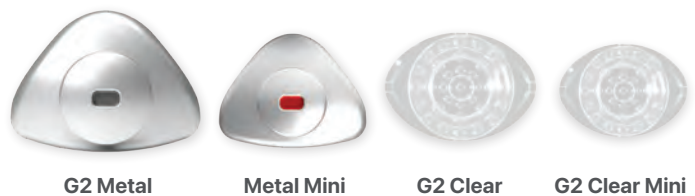
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