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Editorial

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I send this IADMFR newsletter to our distinguished colleagues. First, we would like to thank the immediate past president, Xu-chen Ma, and his staff for organizing the excellent 16th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology. We found the whole experience very stimulating. We found the scientific program very interesting and we also experienced some fascinating aspects of Chinese culture.



We are sure that the upcoming 17th ICDMFR in the Netherlands will prove to be an equally enjoyable and valuable congress for IADMFR members. Professor van der Stelt, the president, and Professor Gerard CH Sandrink, the chairman, have already started to organize the congress and are putting a great deal of time and effort into arranging this event.

As for the 18th Congress, Hiroshima will be the venue. Hiroshima is where the world's first atomic bomb exploded, destroying most of the city and killing about 140,000 citizens. At the time, it was said that no grass or trees would grow for at least 50 years. However, since then, Hiroshima has become a modern industrial city where plants and green trees thrive. Given this historical background, it may be said that Hiroshima has been re-born as a peace-loving city. Unfortunately, there are still many conflicts and wars going on in the world. It is our fervent wish that the entire world be at peace; this desire incorporates not only human beings but extends also to the earth itself, with the hope that the threat posed by global warming can be overcome.

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Message from the President

Dear members of the IADMFR,

It is my pleasure to send you greetings from Amsterdam, also on behalf of the organising committee of the 17th ICDMFR.



We all enjoyed a wonderful conference in Beijing. We have to congratulate Professor Xu-chen Ma, Dr. Zuyan Zhang and their team for the perfect organization of the 16th Congress of our association. The scientific program was very interesting and covered a broad range of subjects in our discipline. The social program offered the participants a chance to experience a wonderful variety of traditional and modern aspects of China. This experience was an extra stimulus for the members of the Organizing Committee of the 17th ICDMFR in Amsterdam.

The theme of the 17th ICDMFR is “Imaging in Perspective”. Currently we are experiencing many changes and developments in maxillofacial radiology. The theme of the conference will offer many opportunities to focus on various aspects of new imaging modalities, as well as, the role of maxillofacial radiologists in dentistry and medicine and on new teaching methods, which are especially helpful in our field, to mention just a few “perspectives”.

The pre-congress course will take place on Sunday 28th June, 2009. The congress itself will commence on Sunday afternoon 28th June until Thursday 2nd July, 2009. In keeping with the tradition of our congresses, the planned social events will be extra special.

Amsterdam is easy to reach by plane and train, and for people living in

Europe also by car. The city has plenty to offer for accompanying persons and is a good place to start if you want to spend some more time in Europe after the conference. The city centre is very compact (everything within walking distance) and public transport is excellent.

The conference will take place in the RAI-congress and exhibition centre. Facilities are state-of-the art. We will have plenty of space for both the scientific presentations and the technical exhibition.

You can find more information by visiting the congress website, www.iadmfr2009.org, where there are also links to other websites about Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Europe. You should have a look yourself and bookmark the site as later the website will also offer the possibility to submit your abstract and register for the congress. These options will be available in the second half of 2008.

Finally, I want to congratulate Professor Tanimoto on his election as the President-elect of the IADMFR and wish him the best with his work as the Newsletter Editor in the next two years.

Best regards,
Paul F. van der Stelt, DDS, PhD
President IADMFR

Report from the Secretary-General, June 2007

For the second time the election of Regional Directors was performed according to the new procedures. In the November 2006 Issue of the Newsletter a call for candidates was published. Members were invited to propose candidates for their region. It was somewhat disappointing that no new candidates were proposed other than the present Board Members. During the period 2005-2007 we had three Board Members from Region 2 Asia. For the future, according to the new constitutions, this has to be reduced to two Regional Directors. Normally we then perform a postal ballot but Professor Tomohiro Okano, one of the two Japanese Regional Directors, withdrew his candidacy. Therefore no postal ballot was needed for any of the regions. Also the appointment of the National Representatives is a new development where members from a country can appoint their own Representative. At present this procedure is too new to see if this helps to improve communication and to promote the IADMFR in the various countries. It is my experience that during our international meetings everybody is very positive about new activities and ideas but after returning home the activities are very limited.

IADMFR Web Site - www.iadmfr.org

The website appears to be a very effective medium with many visitors. Besides information on the activities of the Association, there are contact details for all Officers, Directors, and committees of the IADMFR, while lists of all members in the various regions are also available. Members can use this feature to find their membership number, which is used to access the online journal and to see when their dues expire. A PDF version of Membership directory can also be downloaded from the IADMFR web site.

Please help us to keep the website and your information current, by in-

forming us of changes to your address, phone, fax and email. In particular, a valid email address is important this is now the most common way for the Association and members to stay in touch!

I have been the Webmaster for the past 12 years. This duty is not part of my position as SG but I am available to continue with this work unless others are eager to take over. It is a task for the website committee to share the duties and to develop new features for the website.

Constitutions and Bylaws

The Secretariat was running out of hard copies of the Constitution and Bylaws (C&B). These C&B were printed in 1997 with several revisions since then. Therefore the text was converted into a digital format and all revisions were applied. Special thanks to Mrs. Yvonne Emmer who performed a major part of the typing and editing. The up-to-date C&B can be found at the IADMFR website (in PDF format).

Membership Renewal

In 2007 approximately 85% of the renewals were performed via the Internet. Mrs. Emmer, our Administrative Coordinator, highly appreciates this way of renewal as errors due to handwritten forms and credit card data are avoided. In the near future the automation of this process has to be improved and will be changed in close coordination with the new Secretary General and Treasurer. I hope that in the new procedure an automatic check of the validity of a credit card will reduce the work of the Office.

As in my previous report I urge all of you to renew your membership for periods of three years. The reasons for this are numerous. Annual payments result in much higher bank costs for the Secretariat and create additional work for the Office. Moreover, the actual costs for annual memberships are

much higher than for the tri-annual renewals. Members will save USD 45 by renewing for a period of three years, instead of just one.

Membership Application

Membership figures to June 1 2007 indicate that there will be a small increase on 2006. There are 584 members, against 589 in 2006. It appears to be common that a number of members are very late in the renewal of their membership and only respond after a number of reminders and emails from the Secretariat.

The Region Europe is by far the largest (194 members) followed closely by Region Asia (153 members), then North America (107) and South America (73). The Region Middle East is continuously growing. The number of members in Africa, Central America and Australasia is relatively small.

The largest number of new members were from South America, and resulted from the activities of our Regional Directors where during the Continental meeting in 2006 many new members were recruited. The growth in China was also strong.

Journal On-line

Members of the IADMFR receive the print edition of DMFR and have access to the full electronic archive of DMFR, along with online access to other BIR journals, the British Journal of Radiology and Imaging. Use your IADMFR membership number to activate your online subscription. Go to the IADMFR website, click on 'Journal on DMFR' or directly the journal homepage: <http://dmfr.birjournals.org/>, next 'subscriptions' and follow the procedure to activate your online subscription. Enter your membership number and follow the prompts, which will take you through the activation process. Your online access will continue as long as you remain a member of the IADMFR.

IADMFR Fellowship

No applications were received for the Fellowship of the IADMFR. Fellowship status can be obtained by qualified members of the Association having had their credentials reviewed by the Fellowship Committee. I hope individual members who are eligible for a Fellowship make the step to apply for it. The procedure can also be initiated by proposing other candidates to the Fellowship Committee or to the SG.

A description of the requirements for eligibility and procedure as well as Application Forms can be found on the IADMFR web site. Do not hesitate to contact members of the Fellowship Committee or the Secretary General for further information.

IADMFR Research Award

In 2005 the IADMFR Research Award was given for the third time. The Chair of the Research Award committee, Sharon Brooks indicated that from the abstracts submitted four were invited for oral presentation. The Awardees for this Congress, who orally presented their research at Scientific Session 1 on Monday May 30th, 2005 were:

- 1st Prize: Dr. Rose Ngu, Guy's King's and St Thomas' Dental Institute, Kings College London, United Kingdom for "Salivary duct strictures nature and incidence in benign salivary obstruction."
- 2nd Prize: Dr. Mohan Gundappa, Guy's King's and St Thomas' Dental Institute, Kings College London, United Kingdom for "Comparison of ultrasound, digital and conventional radiography in differentiating periapical lesions."

All details on the criteria and procedures related to this Award can be found on the IADMFR web site. Please inform postgraduate students or

junior faculty members who are within five years of graduation about this prize. The next opportunity to apply for this Research Award will be in 2009 at the congress in Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

Administrative Coordinator

I am very grateful to our Administrative Coordinator, Mrs. Yvonne Emmer, who took care of the membership administration and other everyday business of the Secretariat for the past 10 years. Many of you will know her prompt response on all inquiries. Without her it would have been a very difficult task to run the Office of the Secretariat.

Time for a change

Being actively involved in the activities of the Association since 1980, I have seen a lot of changes and improvements. One of these changes was the switch from a three-year cycle for the congresses to a two-year cycle. In the meantime most continental meetings have also adopted the two-year cycle and meet in the intermittent years. In addition, the Ad-Interim Board Meeting during the three-year cycle was abandoned as present technology like the internet, email, and discussion board made it unnecessary.

However, one drawback that I see to this two-year cycle system is that the President is fully occupied by the activities of preparing for the next congress. The term length for a President is therefore too short to be seriously involved in the other important activities of the Association, such as chairing the Executive committee, guiding the various committees and representing the Association on an International level. I believe it is recommended that the Board considers the pros and cons of a four-year term for the President, with the possibility of re-election for a period of two years. The person who prepared the bid to host a congress can be appointed as a Vice President.

In June 2007 my final term as Secretary General will end. I am very grateful having been able to perform in this position for a period of 10 years. A new Secretary General will be appointed at the General Assembly during the 16th Congress of the Association in Beijing. To ensure a smooth transfer of the Office of the Secretariat and my duties I am very pleased to cooperate in this with the new Secretary General.

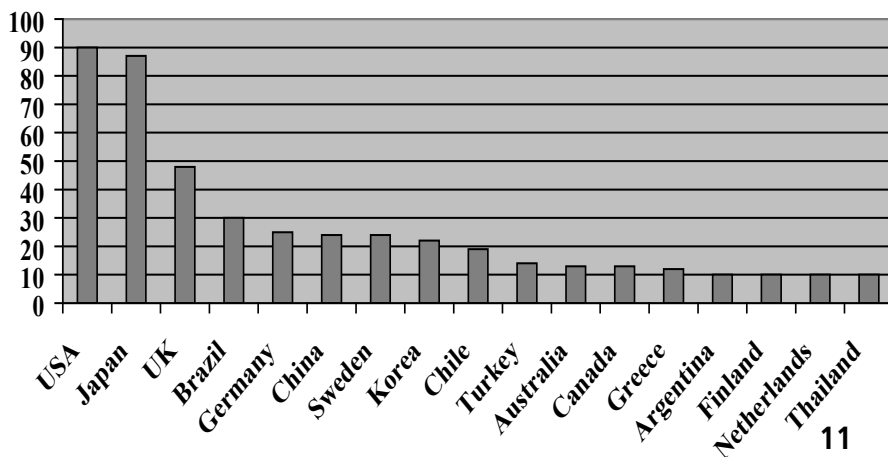
Gerard Sanderink
Secretary General

Active Membership, June 1, 2007

REGION	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007*
Africa (1)	2	3	4	4	6	4
Asia (2)	196	208	177	147	146	153
Middle East (3)	10	13	19	21	27	33
Europe (4)	166	181	201	188	184	194
North America (5)	117	119	117	114	122	107
Central America (6)	4	3	3	1	3	3
South America (7)	116	90	77	83	67	73
Australia (8)	20	19	20	16	12	14
Total	631	626	618	574	568	584

* June 1, 2007

Countries with 10 or more members



From the Immediate Past President

The 16th ICDMFR was held at the Friendship Hotel in Beijing, China, on June 26-30, 2007. The Congress was well attended by over 400 participants. Professor Xu-chen Ma, the President of IADMFR and Chinese Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology delivered the speech at the opening ceremony on June 25, 2007.

Professor Qide Han, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress, sent his congratulation letter to the congress. Mr. Xiaohong Chen, the deputy Minister of Public Health, attended the opening ceremony of the Congress and enjoyed the performance by the artists from Central Folk Song and Dance Troupe, together with Professor Weigang Fang, the vice president of Peking University Health Science Center, Professor Zhenkang Zhang, the Honorary President of Chinese Stomatological Association (CSA), Professor Xing Wang, the President of CSA, Professor Guangyan Yu, the Vice President of CSA and Dean of Peking University School of Stomatology.

The pre-congress course, held on June 25, 2007, explored imaging of temporomandibular disorders, fMRI, implant radiology, computer aided learning, dental erosion, and MR spectroscopy. Seventeen scholars delivered invited lectures at the congress. There were a total of 193 presentations, including 81 lectures and 112 posters. The speakers presented excellent lecture material on the latest development and achievement in the field of oral and maxillofacial radiology, including that of tumor diagnosis, TMJ disorders, salivary gland diseases, implant radiology, radiation biology, digital radiology, and cone beam CT.

Twelve companies participated in the congress exhibition. The board meetings of the IADMFR and EADMFR, the editorial board meeting of the Jour-

nal, and a meeting of Research Committee of EADMFR were also held during the congress. The social events which included a Peking Roast Duck banquet, Peking Opera, and Acrobatic shows will prove to be memorable to the congress participants.

I am grateful for the support shown by the IADMFR, invited speakers, all the members, participants, sponsors, local organizers and student volunteers.

Finally, I wish Professor Paul van der Stelt a successful term as the President of the IADMFR.

Xu-chen MA, DDS, Ph.D.
Immediate Past President, IADMFR
President, 16th ICDMFR



Professor Xu-chen Ma delivered the opening speech at the opening ceremony of the 16th ICDMFR.



Board Meeting of the IADMFR held on June 24, 2007.

Editor's Report, October 2007

Many things have occurred with *Dentomaxillofacial Radiology* since the last IADMFR newsletter, some of which had been anticipated earlier and are now a reality.

1. In February 2007 we initiated the use of the Editorial Manager system for manuscript submission and management. While I am sure that at the beginning some authors and reviewers felt a little bit frustrated by the system, by now everyone seems to be using it smoothly. The major effect on the Editorial Office (me, the Editor!) is the reduction in the number of email reminders I have to send to reviewers due to problems with their institution's email system and, in general, an overall reduction in clerical duties. For the most part manuscripts have been submitted, sent for review, and a decision made in reduced time, compared to the old system. While occasionally there is still too long a delay because reviewers are busy and late with their reports, on the whole I am very happy that we made the switch.

2. In 2007 we increased the number of issues per year from 6 to 8, due to the increasing number of manuscripts submitted. We still have not yet caught up with the backlog of accepted manuscripts in the publication queue, but it is much reduced from earlier. We have also made a strong effort to be more selective in which manuscripts will be published. The latest statistics from the Editorial Manager system for 2007 (through October 15) is 26 accepted and 73 rejected. There are still a large number of manuscripts going through the review process and some, which are currently being revised by the authors, will eventually be accepted. However, the acceptance rate is greatly reduced compared to previous years.

3. Also in 2007 we changed the cover design for the journal. We received

many compliments on the new style, but also a few complaints. In addition to the revised typeface and layout, we included a single radiographic image, a rather striking and artistic occlusal radiograph. Some members stated that the new image was too "dental" and did not adequately express the complete range of dentomaxillofacial radiology. We have selected some new images and expect the new cover to be used in the first issue of 2008.

I was very pleased to have the opportunity to meet many of the manuscript authors and reviewers at the ICDMFR in Beijing in June 2007. I like being able to put a face with the name, although, of course, I had met many of you at previous congresses. I hope to see more of you at the next congress in Amsterdam in 2009.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the editor of your journal, *Dentomaxillofacial Radiology*.

Sharon Brooks
Editor, *DMFR*

From the Regions

Report from Africa By Claudia Noffke

At the 16th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology in Beijing, China, I was elected as Regional Director of Africa. I hope that I will fill the footsteps of my predecessor, Prof. ME Parker, whom I would like to thank for a job well done. Further, I wish him success in his term as Secretary General of the IADMFR.



We are only a handful of registered members of the Association in South Africa and it is therefore not too difficult to keep in contact with my colleagues. I could, however, not obtain news from other parts of Africa as the continent is vast and communication difficult. I will appreciate receiving news from other African countries in future.



One of our senior Oral Radiologists, Prof. Brian Buch (pictured, left), retired last year as Head of the Department of Diagnostics and Radiology at the University of Pretoria. The Department lost its departmental status and became a Section of Dental Management Sciences in which Brian has been appointed in a temporary capacity as Section Head of Radiology since January. This leaves only the University of the Western Cape with the status of an independent Department of Oral Radiology in South Africa.

In my institution DMFR is a Division of Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery. The loss of momentum in our discipline is poorly timed as all dental Schools in South Africa are in need of new equipment in order to remain technologically relevant. Health Management has, however, indicated that introduction of digital radiology in all academic hospitals will be a priority in the next financial year. Three-dimensional imaging modalities are not yet introduced to our dental schools which still rely on medical facilities to provide this essential service.

With the qualification of Dr. Chabikuli, we are now four active Oral Radiologists in South Africa. If the discipline is not made attractive, successive planning might become a problem. The provision of modern equipment will hopefully rekindle interest in DMFR as a career.

Best regards,
Claudia Noffke, Pretoria, South Africa, Email: noffke@medunsa.ac.za

Report from the Middle East**By: Silvina Friedlander-Barenboim**

Following the IADMFR congress in Beijing, it was evident that a large amount of colleagues from our region are involved in DMFR, thanks to Prof. Ruprecht for the data he presented, there are 8 countries in the Middle East where DMFR is a recognized speciality, including Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Syria. This is an opportunity for a regional convention and professional collaboration.

In Israel DMFR is part of Oral Medicine, this year the annual congress of the ISOM (Israeli Society of Oral Medicine) was dedicated to DMFR (Innovations in Maxillofacial Radiology), it was a great success and we hope to enlarge the awareness of our dental GP's colleagues to DMFR. Following is a link for ISOM where you can see details on our congress: http://www.ida.org.il/ida_professional_unions_page.asp?Newsid=1036

Let us hope for collaboration and maybe in the future the regional director for the Middle East will report on the first DMFR congress in the Middle East Region.

I wish you a very good and satisfactory academic year,

Silvina Friedlander-Barenboim



**Report from Europe
by Tore A Larheim and Reinhilde Jacobs
Regional Directors Europe**

For many Europeans summer started with an outstanding Chinese experience. European delegates at the ICDMFR meeting in Beijing came from 15 countries and gave about a third of all oral presentations.



Prof Ma, president of the meeting, Prof Zhang and Prof Yang and the entire Beijing team created an unforgettable event. On behalf of the European delegates we would like to congratulate and thank them for being such wonderful host, and for the excellent scientific programme and the superb teamwork. This pre-Olympic activity may undoubtedly act as a perfect example of the 2008 games.

This year, the academic career of two leading professors in European oral health care reached a crosspoint. Prof. H-G Gröndahl (DMF radiologist, Göteborg, Sweden) and Prof.



ICDMFR delegates coming from 6 different countries with one common factor: the Belgian link



From left to right: Prof D. van Steenbergand his wife on a Leuven celebration with Reinhilde Jacobs and Frieda Gijbel

D van Steenberghe (periodontologist, Leuven, Belgium) have been pioneering their respective fields for many years. Their key publications and multiple achievements serve as milestones and sources of inspiration for many others.

We would like to thank both of them for their great ideas and numerous contributions to science and profession. At the same time we wish them good luck when driving on their new road.

An important event that took place in Europe September 6-8, 2007 was the 20th Annual Meeting and Refresher Course of the European Society of Head and Neck Radiology (ESHNR).

For the first time the congress was organized in Norway with a Norwegian Congress President and a Norwegian Scientific Committee, being responsible for the scientific program. Members of the committee were from Rikshospitalet University Hospital, Oslo, Aker University Hospital, Oslo, and University of Oslo, Faculty of Dentistry (see photo).

More than 200 participants from 35 countries visited Oslo, almost 50 with a background from dentistry. The majority were radiologists (medical or maxillofacial), ENT surgeons and oral and maxillofacial surgeons attended.



Prof H-G Grøndahl (right, first row), acting as the Group Program Chair with members of the Diagnostic Sciences Scientific Group at the IADR in Brisbane in 2006.



Prof H-G Grøndahl (left) and Prof TA Larheim at the ESHNR meeting in Oslo.

The objective of the meeting was to present state-of-the-art head and neck imaging and to discuss recent development, with focus on interdisciplinary collaboration. The first day had a pre-congress course on ultrasonography for general and maxillofacial radiologists, and ENT surgeons. The number of participants was limited to 30 because this also included practical-clinical training. The ENT department and Dr Terje Osnes at Rikshospitalet University Hospital organized this very successful course, and Jackie Brown represented the maxillofacial radiologists among the invited speakers, lecturing on salivary glands.

The congress was opened at Bristol Hotel, Oslo, by Dr. Stephen Golding, Oxford, President of the European Society of Head and Neck Radiology and welcomed by Dr. Heidi Eggesbø, Oslo, Congress President. In the Opening Session the following invited speakers lectured: Dr. Casselman from Bruges (New applications on CT and MR), Dr. Larheim, Oslo (Temporomandibular joint imaging: An update), Dr. Becker, Geneva (Imaging osteomyelitis), Dr. de Foer, Antwerpen (State of the art: MRI of cholesteatoma), Dr. Imhof, Vienna (Parapharyngeal and retropharyngeal masses) and finally, Dr. Abildgaard, Oslo discussed "The case of the month", based on the reports from many participants diagnosing cases monthly put on the ESHNR website (altogether 12) before the congress event. The cases were proposed by the Scientific Committee.

On the two next days 39 invited speakers gave a number of lectures on different subjects, in addition to 58 oral or poster presentations. There were parallel sessions except for the very last session on Saturday afternoon where a traditional ESHNR Refresher Course was



The Scientific Committee of the 20th Congress of European Society of Head and Neck Radiology, (left to right): Dr. Andreas Abildgaard MD, PhD (radiologist), Prof. em. Alf Kolbenstvedt MD, PhD (radiologist), Dr. Heidi B. Eggesbø MD, PhD (radiologist) (Congress President), Prof. Tore A. Larheim DDS, PhD (maxillofacial radiologist), Dr. Terje Osnes MD, PhD (ENT surgeon)

given, focusing on anatomy and pathology of skull base, cranial nerves, temporal bone, masticator space and oral cavity.

Dr. Mukherji, Michigan lectured on 3T H & N MR imaging, as well as on Carcinoma of the oropharynx and oral cavity: What the radiologists need to know. Dr. Lowe, Rochester (Mayo clinic) lectured on PET-CT and Dr. Chong, Singapore lectured on the meninges in H & N imaging. Of course a number of lectures focused on cancer diagnostics and treatment, in paranasal sinuses, larynx, thyroid, cervical lymph nodes etc.

A separate session with the subtitle Mandible and maxilla had a multidisciplinary team from Norway, Dr. Støre (maxillofacial surgeon), Dr. Jetlund (ENT surgeon) and Dr. Larheim (maxillofacial radiologist), lecturing on Clinical management of tumours and tumour mimics: An update. Dr. van Rensburg from Cape Town lectured on: Ameloblastomas: Correlative imaging applications. There were also other sessions with particular interest for maxillofacial radiologists; Drs. Bjørnland/Larheim, Oslo: Diagnostic imaging and surgical management of TMJ disorders/diseases, Dr. Skjelbred, Oslo: Surgical management of craniofacial traumas and value of imaging and finally, Dr. Gröndahl, Gothenburg: Jaw imaging with cone beam CT.

The congress was very successful and the invited speakers with a background from dentistry virtually had an impact on the program. The next congress will be in Geneva, November 6-8, 2008 – www.eshnr2008.ch

Early autumn, Jackie Brown, current president of the British Society for DentoMaxillo-Facial Radiology organised a very attractive two-day programme in London, focused on cone beam CT and its applications in dentistry. Various interesting lectures on clinical CBCT indications were dealt with by British besides German specialists. The meeting was a great success and should just be considered as a perfect warm up for next autumn, when the British Society celebrates its 50th anniversary (25-26 Sept 2008). We would thus like to advise you to mark "London in September 2008", which is strengthened by the fact that London will also host the huge Pan-European Federation (PEF) meeting of the International Association for Dental Research. This meeting will be chaired by Prof. Francis Hughes (see <http://www.pefiadr2008.com/>; 10-12 Sept 2008).

But of course the next time we meet again will be in beautiful Budapest, at the 11th European Congress in DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology (25-28 June 2008). We are convinced that an attractive scientific and cultural programme is awaiting us and we wish Levente Pataky and his team the best of luck! For more information and important dates, please visit the website at <http://www.asszisztencia.hu/ecdmfr/>.

Greetings from North America

On behalf of the North American members, particularly those who attended the 16th International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology in Beijing, China, June 26-30, 2007, we wish to congratulate Professor Xu-chen Ma, Immediate Past-President of the IADMFR and President of Organizing Committee of the 16th ICDMFR for an outstandingly successful conference.

The Executive committee of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR) consists of Dr. James Geist (President), Dr. Kenneth Abramovitch (Immediate past President), Dr. Michael K. ShROUT (Executive Director) and Drs. Christos Angelopoulos, Madhu K. Nair, Charles F. Hildebolt and Don Tyndall (Councilors). Dr. Laurie Carter will assume the position of President in November at the Annual Session. Dr. Scarfe continues to serve as Treasurer and Dr. Allan G. Farman as Editor of the Oral Radiology Section of Oral Surgery Oral Pathology Oral Medicine Oral Radiology and Endodontics (OOOOE), the official publication of the AAOMR.

The Academy wishes to announce the opening of their new website www.aaomr.org Congratulations to the Electronic Publications Committee, chaired by Dr. Hui Liang, and the Councillor for Communications (Dr. Madhu Nair) for developing this new website which will hopefully provide members with attractive and easy access to the workings of the AAOMR.

Nowadays with development of network communication and interoperability, digital dental imaging made in one geographic region can be instantly reviewed in other jurisdictions of the United States. Since there are limited numbers of oral and maxillofacial radiologists in the entire country, some regions or states have none or only a few oral and maxillofacial radiologists. Teleradiology will certainly be beneficial to patients in the regions and states who are not served or underserved by oral and maxillofacial radiologists. To examine impediments to patient interstate access to professional radiological interpretations, and to investigate possible solutions, AAOMR along with CARS Foundation (Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery Foundation) have initiated a new work item, entitled "Technique report: impediments to utilization of interstate digital imaging communications for dentistry: An overview and suggested solutions." The project was submitted to the American Dental Association Standards Committee on Dental Informatics by Drs. Allan G. Farman and Jie Yang, the SCDI Representatives of the Organizations and Dania Tamini from the AAOMR on September 26, 2007. It was approved by the SCDI

Plenary Session as a new Work Item and has been referred to SCDI WG 21 (Interoperability) for development of a Technical Report.

The 58th Annual Session of AAOMR will be held at The Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, November 28 - December 2, 2007. This year Dr. Christos Angelopoulos, Chair of the Annual Sessions committee has developed an outstanding continuing education program dispersed throughout the scientific program. The full program is available online: (https://www.regonline.com/custImages/246341/AAOMR_07_Final_Schedule.pdf).

Three "special invitation" CE programs will be presented. On Wednesday November 28, 2007 Dr. Hugh Curtin, MD of the Harvard Medical School, Chief of Radiology, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary will present a one and one-half hour presentation on "Head and Neck Anatomy 101". On Thursday November 29, 2007 Drs. Ahmed Gharib, MD and Dima Hammoud, MD from the National Institutes of Health, Clinical Research Center will present the second CE Program (3 hours) entitled "An Introduction to Molecular Imaging". Finally on Saturday December 1, 2007 Professor Dirk Schulze, DMD, MD, PhD from the Head and Neck Diagnostic Section, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, University Freiburg, Germany will present on "C-arm based Imaging and Navigation in Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery.

Following the success of the AAOMR sponsored a full-day continuing education program presented in conjunction with the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry at the 57th Annual Session, another full day Program will be presented on the Saturday December 1, 2007 which will be open to all dentists and professionals from the community. The program is a Workshop entitled "An Evidence-Based Approach To Cone-Beam CT Use In Oral & Maxillofacial Radiological Diagnosis" and will feature structured presentations from prominent clinicians on the clinical efficacy of CBCT imaging for various diagnostic purposes. Registration details and information about the AAOMR in general can be obtained by accessing <http://www.aaomr.org> .

Sincerely,

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