All the participants had open discussion. Frankly speaking, TAO was successful by arranging such Summit Meeting, as each member organization of WFO could share their present status of practicing orthodontics (legal and logistic), research and orthodontic education. The results of this meeting proves that this policy is perfectly right and should be continued in the future too. Let me furnish the details of the summit meeting and some photographs of the conference which may update overall situation of world orthodontics:

**Time & Venue**

December 11, 2010
11:30 AM - 13:30PM
Ambassador III
Taipei World Trade Center
Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

1.0 Call to Order & Welcome Address

TAO President Dr. Ching-huei, Horng call the meeting to order at exactly 11:30 AM and welcome and thank all in attendance. He express his sincere appreciation for the great supports from all the friends from the APOS and WFO affiliated organizations to share the scientific knowledge, technology, clinical skills and friendship with each other.

1.1 WFO Secretary General Dr. William H. DeKock address
1.2 AAO President Dr. Lee Graber address
1.3 Self Introduction of all the attendees

2.0 Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Substitute Presidents

Japanese Orthodontic Society (JOS):
Professor Dr. Keiji Moriyama represent the President Professor Dr. Shigemi Goto.
Bangladesh Orthodontic Society (BOS):  
Dr. Md. Zakir Hossain represent the President Professor  
Dr. Mohammad Emadul Haq  

Japanese Association of Adult Orthodontics (JAAO):  
Dr. Takehiko Daisaku represent the President  
Dr. Motohiko Sato  
Absent  
Australian Society of Orthodontists (ASO):  
President Dr. Mike Razza  
Orthodontic & Dentofacial Orthopedic Association of Nepal, President Dr. Praveen Mishra  

Present  
Forty Orthodontic Presidents, President-elect, Vice Presidents, WFO ECs and APOS ECMs and distinguished guests. They are:-  

World Federation of Orthodontists, Secretary General  
Dr. William H. DeKock  
American Association of Orthodontists, President  
Dr. Lee Graber  
Asia Pacific Orthodontic Society, President  
Dr. Kai-Who Loh  
Asia Pacific Orthodontic Society, Vice President  
Dr. Kazuo Tanne  
APOS Secretary General, (ThaAO)  
Dr. Jaraprakorn Tanan  
WFO E.C. Asia & Thai Association of Orthodontists, President  
Dr. Somchai Satravaha  
WFO, E.C. Asia & Japanese Orthodontic Society, Director  
Dr. Keiji Moriyama  
WFO E.C. Ocenia, Indonesian Association of Orthodontists  
Dr. Halim Himawan  
Association of Orthodontists Singapore (AOS), President  
Dr. Vicpearly Wong  
Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO), President  
Dr. Jose Manuel R. Rivera  
Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO), President-elect  
Dr. Roberto B. Tan  
Bangladesh Orthodontic Society (BOS), Secretary General  
Dr. Md. Zakir Hossain  
Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS), President  
Dr. Girish Karandikar  
Indian Orthodontic Society, Immediate Past President  
Dr. Om P. Kharbanda  
Indonesian Association of Orthodontists (IAO), President.  
Dr. Eky S. Soeria Soemantri  
Korean Association of Orthodontists(KAO), President  
Dr. Young-Guk Park  
Korean Association of Orthodontists, Immediate Past President  
Dr. Kim Sang-Cheol  
Malaysian Association of Orthodontists(MAO), President  
Dr. Shalene Kereshan  
Malaysian Association of Orthodontists, Chairman, 2014 APOC  
Dr. Noraini Binti Hj. Alwi  

New Zealand Association of Orthodontists(NZAO), President  
Dr. Peter Fowler  
Pakistan Association of Orthodontists(PAO), President  
Dr. Sheraz Burki  
Pakistant Association of Orthodontists, Immediate Past President  
Dr. Amjad Mahmood  
Pakistant Association of Orthodontists , APOS ECM,  
Dr. Mubassar Fida  
Saudi Arabia Orthodontic Society(SAOS)  
Dr. Mohammed T. Buhkary  
Taiwan Association of Orthodontists(TAO), President  
Dr. Ching-Huei, Horng  
Taiwan Association of Orthodontists, Vice President  
Dr. Hsu Wei-Yung  
Taiwan Association of Orthodontists, Vice President  
Dr. Johnny J-L Liaw  
World Implant Orthodontic Association(WIOA), President  
Dr. Y.C. Park  
Japanese Association of Orthodontists(JAO), President  
Dr. Tateshi Hiraki  
Thai Association of Orthodontists, President-elect  
Dr. Chirat Chaoenratrote  
Association of Orthodontists Singapore, Treasure  
Dr. .................................  
Japanese Association of Adult Orthodontics  
Dr. Takehiko Daisaku  
TAO Charter President  
Dr. Hsiao-Dsung Fay  
TAO International Development Committee Chairman, (TAO)  
Dr. Yeong-chyang Yen  
TAO Advisor & Immediate Past President  
Dr. Ming-jean Su  
TAO Advisor & Past President  
Dr. Chih-Peng Su  
TAO Advisor & Past President  
Dr. Chia-tze Kao  
TAO Scientific Committee Chairman  
Dr. Eric Liou  
TAO Members Benefits Committee Chairman  
Dr. John Kuan-Fa Chang  
TAO Deputy Secretary General  
Dr. Mark Hen-ming Chang  
TAO Secretariat  
Ms. Wei-jun Chen  

3.0 Agenda  

3.1 Proposal from Bangladesh Orthodontic Society (BOS)  
1. Orthodontics in Bangladesh is very developing stage; we are under tremendous pressure to produce qualified Orthodontists to meet the demand of densely populated country. We are lacking adequate number of teaching expertise. Fellow member organization may come forward to deliver lectures or conducting Hands on technique in contemporary Orthodontic techniques (eg;Use of Implant in Orthodontics) in Bangladesh.
2. Complimentary Journals /periodicals may be exchanged among the member countries.  
    
    **Proposer**  
    Dr. Md. Zakir Hossain, BDS,PhD  
    Professor & Head,  
    Dept. of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics  
    Dhaka Dental College & Hospital, Bangladesh  
    Secretary General,  
    Bangladesh Orthodontic Society (BOS)  
    EC Member APOS

3.2 Proposal from Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS)

1. "a development of academic association for orthodontic professionals in the Asian Pacific regions completely independent on governmental control or politics".  
    **Proposer**  
    Professor Dr. Tanne, Kazuo D.D.S., Ph.D.  
    Vice President,  
    Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society  
    Executive Committee Member,  
    Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society

3.3 Proposal from the Japanese Orthodontic Society (JOS)

All the presidents briefly report the current news of the own society by turns to promote mutual understanding and friendship.  
    
    **Proposer**  
    Dr. Keiji Moriyama, D.D.S., Ph.D.  
    Professor and Chairman  
    Department of Maxillofacial Orthognathics  
    Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School  
    Director,  
    International Committee, Japanese Orthodontic Society  
    Director,  
    Executive Committee, World Federation of Orthodontists

3.4 Proposal from Taiwan Association of Orthodontists (TAO)

1. The continuing of the International Orthodontic President Summit Meeting. We Orthodontic World have so many new challenges, need cooperation between different Associations/Societies. We also have so many opportunities to share our resources together. However, all of these need good management system. The International Orthodontic Presidents Summit Meeting offer the excellent platform and opportunities to let the Orthodontic Elites to cooperate together to develop the future Orthodontic Direction. We TAO sincerely wish this kind of meeting could be maintained for once every two years, We wish it could be under WFO structure and right now it is started with the combination of Central, East Asia and Ocenia.  
    **Proposer**  
    Dr. Ching-Huei Horng, D.D.S., M.S.  
    President,  
    Taiwan Association of Orthodontists  
    Dr. Yeong-chang Yen, B.D.S., M.D.S.  
    Chairman,  
    International Development Committee,  
    Taiwan Association of Orthodontists

3.5 Proposal from Malaysian Association of Orthodontists (MAO)

The organisation of orthodontic short courses within the Asian Pacific Region. We would like to propose that all such courses be sanctioned/endorsed by the National Orthodontic Association of the country concerned to safeguard the standards of teaching and practice of orthodontics within the region and safeguard our patients.  
    **Proposer**  
    Dr. Shalene Kereshanan  
    President,  
    Malaysian Association of Orthodontists

3.6 Proposal from Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO)

Since the delegates to the President's Summit are also members of the WFO / APOS, then our mission should also be in line with those of our umbrella organizations. One item that could be included in the agenda is for each member President to furnish the group with a list of accredited universities offering postgraduate courses in Orthodontics from their respective country. We could also come up with a speaker's bureau or a listing of speaker's from the different countries, with their cv's and lecture topics, who are willing to share their expertise in our field of specialization.  
    **Proposer**  
    Dr. Jose Rivera  
    President,  
    Association of Philippine Orthodontists

3.7 Proposal from Pakistan Association of Orthodontist (PAO)

1. It would be very practical and uniform if we could develop a universal examination system (starting from postgraduate level orthodontics), in which all the students from all parts of world can appear and the diploma/degree awarded is acceptable and registerable with all the registering bodies of
the world. This I am writing in particular reference to the developing world. The students from these countries have to go abroad for their postgraduate studies and later on for jobs. They have to face problems when they come back to their homeland when that particularly diploma/degree is not registered. Similarly when they apply for the jobs in different parts of the world, they have to face the same hurdle. This is because the diploma/degree of one country has not got the same weightage in other countries.

2. Student exchange programme would be another way of exchange of ideas and knowledge.

   **Proposer**
   Professor, Dr. Amjad Mahmood,
   Immediate Past President,
   Pakistan Association of Orthodontists

3.8 Proposal from Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS)

1. **Membership Criteria's Lack of Uniformity:** There are differing criteria in granting membership by individual national orthodontic Associations/Societies to its members. These may differ as follows:

   a) **Qualifying standards:** For granting full membership (with all rights including voting) to applicants, Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) insists on a 3 year Post-Graduate Training Degree (MDS) program with a dissertation component from a recognized institution before allowing the applicant a membership status. Though a few members without proper MDS in Orthodontics were given either Associate/Affiliate memberships in the yearly years, now, these classes of membership are not 'open' anymore since a few decades. Likewise, the duration of an MDS Program in Orthodontics did differ in the past from University that one did qualify from, over the years a much needed uniformity has been established for all recognized MDS programs.

   Those with lesser qualifications (Diplomas, or, Overseas Training through Programs without a Dissertation Component) that are deemed inadequate by the Governing Council as compared to the equivalent of the uniform code/syllabus for all national training colleges in India, are not considered worthy of membership to IOS at all. The Governing Council for Dental Education in India closely examines the transcript of the Program of every applicant. In some cases, it is inferior to the set standards, the program is not acceptable to consider that professional to be worthy of being on the teaching staff for MDS students. For example some Universities/Dental Schools in Russia offer a MS program that involves just a handful of clinical cases to be treated by the trainee before being granted a Degree.

   b) **Opportunities offered:** IOS also does not permit non-orthodontists to present free-communication oral papers or poster presentations that vie for any awards, or, even to attend the Meetings/Conferences.

   The notable exception to the abovementioned rule, as per IOS norms, is for Invited Faculty who:

   i. Render Guest Lectures
   ii. Participate in a Symposium
   iii. Conduct Pre-congress or Post-congress Courses

   c) **Rights:** IOS does not grant Voting rights and/or the right to contest Elections for being an Office-bearer to anyone but Full Members.

   It is a given that various countries will have differing concerns/policies regarding the protocol adopted for granting membership to their respective Orthodontic Associations. That is quite acceptable.

THE PROBLEM: When criteria differ between Countries to Countries for being given membership to their Orthodontic Association/Society, in an International Meeting, it may offer tricky problems for the host nation to accommodate requests for registration and/or presentations especially if any of those overseas delegates wishing to be registered have been giving/conducting Hands-on Courses in training non-orthodontists to do orthodontic treatment with Fixed Appliances. I am sure, qualified Orthodontists the world over detest this as it adversely affects their business prospects directly.

A few questions, which are rather tricky, do pop-up for the IOS who shall be hosting a true, recognized and endorsed International Orthodontic Conference for the first time in 2012:

- Can / should such members from an Overseas Nation/Association, or, other members who are not Qualified Orthodontists (read that as General Dentists, mostly) be refused Registration by the Host Nation / Association for an Orthodontic Meeting / Conference?
- Will the Host Nation/Association, if it were to deny some overseas members a registration, be considered to be kind of transgressing on the rights of that particular National Association/Society/Group (who is an integral part of either WFO or APOS)?
- What kind of Registration Fee will apply for such members who are non-orthodontists? Should they be charged higher fees? Should the parent organization be expected to supply an updated list of its members that segregates qualified orthodontists from the other members?
- Though the issue of "Proper Training", or, "Qualified Orthodontists" will need considerable effort in defining for various countries/their Orthodontic Associations; it is a fact that, in a mixed gathering, the nature of questions asked of a Faculty will often be at a totally different level when the audience has General Dentists and Orthodontists. Those of us who have had an opportunity to lecture
to such a ‘mixed audience’ will perhaps nod their heads in agreement on this one.

1. **Menace of Orthodontists conducting Hands-on Courses for General Dentists:** Assuming that most of us do agree this to be a menace, how can such a person be dissuaded from being engaged in such an activity? Or, before that, please think if such an activity should be attempted to be curbed at all or not? Assuming the answer to be YES, I feel that the issue has 2 ramifications: one at a domestic level, and the other one at an international level.

   **Domestic Level:** If such a person is a member of a particular Organization and is running such an activity within his/her member country, it is purely the problem of that Association / Society / Nation. For example, if I am engaged in such an activity (of conducting hands-on courses, or, running term-courses over months and years to ‘train’ non orthodontists, my Society, the Indian orthodontic Society should be left to deal with the problem.

   **International Level:** However, if, I were to go another Country: let’s say, Bangladesh / Pakistan / Sri Lanka and collect hefty fees in “training” General Dentists there, upon a complaint from that Nation’s Association to my parent Association through the aegis of either APOS or WFO (of whom my National Association is a member of) , can no action be taken? If my Association, after being offered a proof of my unethical activity, still chooses to turn a blind eye, can some punitive measures not be taken against my Association to spur it on to the correct path? Such as:

   a) Rendering that Association inadmissible to have any member from it to be allowed to contest for any post in the Executive for say, a specified period of time (5 years).
   b) Not allowing the said Association a vote on any matter for a specified period of time.
   c) A hefty financial penalty to the concerned Association.
   d) Rendering that individual a persona non grata and removing him/her from any post immediately?
   e) Or, one or more, or, all of the above?

   If we do not think of each-other’s interests, we are not really getting the maximum of our International Organizations. Are we?

   **Proposer**
   Dr. Girish Karandikar
   President, Indian Orthodontic Society
   Hon Treasurer, Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society

**4.0 Adjournment**

TAO President Dr. Horng close the meeting and after that a photo session was conducted by the host’s official photographer. A few memorial photographs are inserted.

Before adjournment of the summit meeting, I on behalf of the president BOS Prof. Dr. M.E.Haq, expressed my heartiest gratitude for inviting me and placing our agendas on the top of the list that was discussed. Congratulations TAO and 2nd WIOC organizing committee for their great success and fulfillment.

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