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A Letter from the President

Dear friends in different parts of Europe,

In this second issue of EFOSA Headlines I would like to report on the activities inside our Federation directly to the individual members of our members.

The work is accomplished in the three Committees like the "Orthodontic Training Programs and Examinations" chaired by Krister Bjerklin, Sweden. At the moment focus is concentrated on cooperating with the "Teachers Forum" established by the EOS at the Vienna Meeting two years ago. Another partner with the same objective is the postgraduate students organization EPSOS (European Postgraduate Students Orthodontic Society).

The "Quality Working Group" demonstrated a prototype of the "ESAS", (EFOSA Self Assessment System) in Berlin. Frank de Winter, the Netherlands, chair of the Committee has reported that they are busy completing a real version before the Lisbon Meeting next June.

The third Committee chaired by Alexandros Kokkas, Greece, is dealing with "Health Insurances". They have started to collect information from the member countries on existing insurance arrangements.

We are looking forward to meeting again in Lisbon and we are enthusiastic in urging Slovakia, Hungary, Malta, Latvia Lithuania, Bulgaria and Romania to become new members of the EFOSA. Croatia is already prepared to become an affiliate member.

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Welcome to Lisbon!
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The 38th General Assembly Meeting

The 38th EFOSA General Assembly(GA) was held in Berlin at the Hotel Maritim, Berlin, Germany on Wednesday, June 20th, 2007. Thirty delegates of member societies/associations from 20 countries, 6 guests from 6 (non-member) countries, 5 extra guests of 5 member countries and one observer from each of the EOS (Milan Kaminek) and the FEO (Olivier Mauchamp) were present. The president Lars Medin, Sweden, welcomed all delegates and guests to the 38th EFOSA General Assembly, and opened the meeting. The Secretary Frank de Winter, the Treasurer Claude Bourdillat, France, and the auditor Chris Kettler, U.K., read their reports which were unanimously accepted by the General Assembly. The treasurer introduced a budget based on estimates, which is something new to EFOSA.

During the meeting **Milan Kaminek**, Czech Republic, was unanimously elected as the new council member. Also **Jonathan Sandler,** UK, **Bart Vande Vannet**, Belgium and **Wolfgang Schmiedel**, Germany, were elected as members of the **new Nomination Committee**. Finally, **Julian O'Neill**, UK, and **Abraham Kyriakides**, Cyprus, were elected as financial auditors.

The President reported that a newly installed committee on **"Orthodontic Training Programs and Examinations"** exists with Krister Bjerklin, Sweden (chairman), and Luc Dermaut, Belgium. They   will work together with EOS's Teachers Forum and EPSOS to get the necessary information.

Frank de Winter and Tor Torbjørnsen reported on the work of the **"Quality Working Group"** . They presented to the GA the Self Assessment System (ESAS). All delegates were asked to find at least one study club in their country willing to work with the project by entering data of treated orthodontic cases into the system when ESAS will be available on-line. All EFOSA members will be informed by e-mail when this is done. It was decided that the ESAS should be available only to members of EFOSA's member societies/associations.

The chairman of the **"European Health Insurances"** committee and EFOSA vice-President Alexandros Kokkas, Greece, reported that the initial collection of information regarding insurances policies is done. The data will be reviewed in order to do a comparison study. As soon as this material is sorted out it will be presented on the web-site. A second

Our Organization

The European Federation of Orthodontic Specialists Associations (EFOSA) was founded in 1977, as an umbrella organization for European national associations of orthodontic specialists. The aim of the EFOSA is to unite associations or groups of orthodontic specialists or practitioners, who have a comparable education and working conditions as orthodontic specialists with a view to:

1. obtaining official recognition of orthodontic specialists in all countries in Europe

2. providing and promoting orthodontic treatment by orthodontic specialists of the highest quality in all countries of Europe according to the concept of quality improvement

3. improving the contents and quality of education for orthodontic specialists by means of formulating proposals geared toward defining and coordinating the teaching of orthodontics at the university and post-university level

4. standardizing European examinations at the end of specialist training programs in orthodontics, advising and supporting national associations or groups that aim to obtain recognition for the specialty of orthodontics in their country, establish an official specialist register and form a national society of orthodontic specialists.

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member of the committee, Christian Scherer, Germany, has also been appointed by the Council. Alexandros Kokkas also presented in detail the first

issue of the "EFOSA Headlines".
During the Meeting the GA decided to accept the following **change in the Bylaws 3.3.2**: 'The Nomination Committee shall strive for representation in the Council from different parts of the European Union'. It was also decided that Estonia and Slovenia will be the new active members of EFOSA. According to the President, next year in Lisbon, the Council expects Slovakia, Lithuania and Latvia to apply for active membership. Hungary, Malta, Bulgaria and Romania will be contacted. Croatia will apply for affiliated membership.
As far as, **promoting our specialty** to the public, Abraham Kyriakides, gave a presentation on the annual «orthodontic week» project which takes place in Cyprus. Claude Bourdillat-Mikol, informed the Assembly about the French «one day per year free phone» project in which the orthodontists

answer the callers questions on orthodontic care. Michiel Bierman spoke about how in the Netherlands they are aiming to have a closer contact with the public. Michiel Bierman also brought to our attention the new situation in the Netherlands regarding the problems orthodontists are facing under the new legislation.
Finally, before closing the Meeting, the

President, specially thanked **Chris Kettler**, U.K., for his excellent contributions to the EFOSA in the long period he has been representing the UK. His contribution to the "Code of Ethical Practice and Professional Conduct" was specially mentioned.

The 2007 "Get Together Party"

The evening before the General Assembly the **German Orthodontic Society** hosted the 'Get Together Party'.
It took place at the restored old amphitheatre of the Medical School of the Charité University. The participants also had the chance to visit the adjacent Medical Museum.
The "Get Together Party" is an excellent way for the delegates from all over Europe to meet, get to know each other, discuss and exchange ideas in a friendly environment, thus strengthening the ties between the European Countries.