

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

during the 17th International Congress of
Dentomaxillofacial Radiology

15:30 - 17:00 July 1, 2009

Forum Centre, RAI Convention Centre,
Amsterdam

AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IADMFR

Date: July 1, 2009, 15.30-17.00 hours

Venue: Forum Centre ,RAI Convention Centre,Amsterdam

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**16TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF DENTOMAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY**

Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting

Friday June 29th, 2007

JuYing Hall, Friendship Hotel, Beijing, China

1. Welcome and opening of the Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. The President, Professor Ma, opened the meeting and made a few introductory remarks.

2. Absentees and alternates

- a. The President introduced the Secretary General, Professor Gerard Sanderink, who tendered apologies from the Secretary of the Board, Dr. Dale Miles. The Secretary General indicated that Professor William Scarfe would act as Secretary to the Board at this meeting.
- b. The Secretary General introduced the members of the Executive committee seated at the podium.

3. Minutes of the Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, June 1, 2005

- a. The Secretary General indicated that the minutes of the General Assembly held at the 15th Congress of the IADMFR in Cape Town, South Africa on June 1, 2005 had been previously distributed (published in the Newsletter and available on the Internet). They were proposed (Brocklebank) and seconded (Coombs) as being read.

(1). **VOTE:** The motion *“To accept the Minutes of the General Assembly in Cape Town”* was accepted unanimously.

4. Report of the Secretary General

- a. The Secretary General, Dr. Sanderink presented his Report to the meeting and indicated that it had been previously distributed (available on the Internet). Proposed (Coombs), seconded (Tsiklakis) as being read.
- b. Sanderink reported that the Website had been in existence for over 10 years now and that it continued to be important to the administrative operations and communication of the Secretariat with the members of the IADMFR. He reported that there had been a few minor changes to the website including the location of the Constitution and Bylaws document.
- c. Sanderink also reported that this was to be his last report and acknowledged the support and contribution of Ms. Yvonne Emmer over the last 10 years.

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- d. Finally Dr. Sanderink indicated that the membership of the IADMFR had continued to increase of the last 10 years with some fluctuations and that the current membership was now over 600.
- e. The Immediate Past President, Professor Curly Nortje was acknowledged from the podium by Dr. Sanderink who proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary General and his Secretariat including the Treasurer, Professor Luc Habets and administrative Coordinator, Ms. Yvonne Emmer, for their enthusiasm, expertise, skill and service to the members over the last 10 years. This sentiment was applauded by acclamation.
(1). VOTE: The motion *“That the Report of the Secretary General be accepted.”* was accepted with one abstention.

5. Report of the Treasurer/Finance Committee

- a. The Treasurer, Luc Habets, presented his Report (2005-2006) and Budget (2007-2008) accompanied by explanatory tables to the meeting. Proposed (Tyndall), seconded (Rout) as being read.
- b. Habets indicated that this would be his last report and proceeded to provide the meeting with explanations regarding the operating fund and Trust fund from 2003 to 2006 inclusive, both of which increased over the period. He indicated that the 2005 Congress had realized a slight loss but over the last 10 years that the Association had continued to operate at a profit.
- c. Habets also presented his Budget for 2007-2008. He indicated that while this period was not to be within his appointment, it had been decided that he would continue in his capacity as Treasurer until the hand over /take over by the incoming Secretariat, anticipated to be by January 1, 2008. Habets informed the meeting that he anticipated that the operating fund and Trust fund for 2008 to be \$223,000 USD and \$176,926 respectively.
- d. In concluding, the Treasurer said that based on Report and Budget, he did not propose and dues increase for the next biennium.
(1). VOTE: The motion *“That Treasurer/Finance Committee Report be accepted”* was accepted with 1 abstention.
- e. The Treasurer also requested that in view of the increasing amount of money in the operating account he requested that he be authorized to transfer \$100,000 USD from the operating to the Trust Fund account. Proposed (Farman), seconded (Langlais) as being accepted as read.
(1) VOTE: The motion *“That Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$100,000 USD from the Operating to the Trust Fund account.”* was accepted with 1 abstention.

6. Past President's Report

- a. Professor Christoffel Nortjé presented his report and advised attendees that the Report had been previously distributed (Newsletter) with a full report available on the Internet. Professor Nortjé indicated that while successful, the 15th Congress had incurred a slight loss. He indicated that it had been difficult to budget for attendees and that despite the relatively low attendance at the Congress itself, the pre-Congress course had been very successful. Finally he thanked the Trust Fund Committee, and Professor Farman in particular, for approving monies for travel of less financially secure members to attend the conference. Proposed (Brocklebank), seconded (Hirsch) as being accepted as read.

(1). **VOTE:** The motion *“That Past President's Report be accepted”* was accepted with one abstention.

7. President's Report

- a. The President, Professor Xu-Chen Ma presented his report. He thanked the General Assembly for their support for the meeting and the Trust Fund for providing funds for financial support of colleagues from developing countries. Proposed (Coombs) seconded (Mork-Knutsen) as being accepted as read.
- b. Professor Farman was recognized and clarified to the meeting that monies from the Trust Fund were for the promotion of the activities of the Association and not discretionary.

(1) **VOTE:** The motion *“That the President's Report be accepted”* was accepted with one abstention.

8. Report of the President Elect

- a. The President elect, Professor Paul van der Stelt, presented his report. He indicated to the membership that it had been previously distributed via the Internet. He indicated that he and the Organizing committee were looking forward to hosting the 17th Congress of the IADMFR in Amsterdam, The Netherlands June 28- July 2, 2009. He directed the membership to the website (www.iadmfr2009.org) for the latest information.
- b. The President Elect indicated that good progress was being made with the establishment of the organizing committees and development of the website Proposed (Tyndall), seconded (Rout) as being read.

(1). **VOTE:** The motion *“To accept the President Elect's Report”* was accepted with one abstention.

9. Report of the Newsletter Editor

- a. The Newsletter Editor, Professor Paul van der Stelt presented his Report to the delegates and thanked all delegates, Regional Directors and contributors. Proposed (Schultze) and seconded (Yang) as being read.
- b. He also thanked the publishers, The British Institute of Radiology for facilitating distribution of the Newsletter with the mailing of the Journal. This reduced mailing costs associated with the Newsletter substantially.

(1). **VOTE:** The motion *“That the Newsletter Editor’s Report be accepted”* was accepted with one abstention.

10. Editor’s and Publisher’s Report

- a. The President, Professor Ma introduced The Editor, Professor Brooks to address the meeting. The Editor presented her report and the Publisher’s Report to the meeting and mentioned that they had both been previously distributed (available on the Internet). Proposed (Hirsch), seconded (Ludlow) as being accepted as read.
- b. Brooks highlighted the following aspects of the Editors Report:
 - i) The number of issues had been increased from 6 to 8 per annum with no cost to individual members.
 - ii) There had been a substantial increase in the number of submitted manuscripts.
 - iii) The Publisher had initiated an Editorial Manager System for electronic submission of manuscripts had greatly increased the administrative efficiency of the Editors duties.
- c. Professor Brooks also highlighted the following aspects of the Publisher’s Report;
 - i) As a valuable benefit offered by the Publisher, BIR, IADMFR members are able to search PDF formats of previous articles. However only 1/3rd of members had activated their online subscription.
- d. The Treasurer, Luc Habets was recognized and clarified Professor Brooks statement regarding costs of the Journal. He indicated that while the individual rate per issue had not increased, the increased number of pages per annum were invoiced to the Association at a cost of £4,500. (approx. \$9,000 USD)

(1). **VOTE:** The motion *“That the Editor’s and Publisher’s Reports be accepted”* was accepted with one abstention.

11. Committee Reports

a. Education Standards Committee

- i) The Secretary General, Gerard Sanderink, asked Professor Scarfe to present the findings of the Committee’s Report to the meeting.

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- ii) Professor Scarfe indicated that the Education Standards Committee, under the Chairmanship of Professor Neill Serman, had diligently developed a draft report document and distributed it to the Regional Directors early in 2007. Professor Scarfe indicated that he and Professor Jang, North American Regional Directors, had provided numerous suggestions and modified the document based on pedagogical developments with respect to educational principles now adopted in European and North American educational institutions. It was in this capacity that Professor Scarfe explained that he was presenting the draft document.
- iii) Professor Scarfe indicated that this document had been available to the membership for view and comment on the Association website since May.
- iv) Professor Scarfe thanked the committee and indicated that the Board of Directors was bringing this document forward to the meeting for adoption less wording in the Preamble that indicated that the document was not an official document of the IADMFR.
- v) Professor Brocklebank was recognized and clarified with Professor Scarfe the sentence to be deleted from the document.
- vi) Professor Jang was recognized and thanked Professor Scarfe for his efforts in developing the document.
- vii) Professor Brooks was recognized and indicated that the document was a significant contribution to educational standards in OMFR and that, if accepted, would be published in DMFR.

(1) **VOTE:** The motion “*That the Education Standards Committee Report, less specific deletions as indicated by Professor Scarfe, be accepted*” was accepted with one objection and one abstention.

b. Trust Fund

- a. Professor Allan Farman, Chairman of the Trust Fund Committee was recognized and presented his report. Professor Farman indicated that the Report of his committee had been distributed and indicated that the financial health of the Fund had been assured because of the stewardship of the Treasurer, Luc Habets. Proposed (Larheim) seconded (Coombs) as being accepted as read.
- b. Farman indicated that the major activities of the Trust Fund in 2006-07 were support of the IADMFR Research Prize, the addition of pages for DMFR to assist with publication of a backlog of manuscripts and sponsorship of travel for disadvantaged participants from the Asian region to attend the 16th ICDMFR in Beijing, China.

(1). **VOTE:** The motion “*Trust Fund Report be accepted*” was accepted with one abstention.

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c. *Technology/Standards Committee Report*

- a. Professor Allan Farman, Chairman of the Technology/Standards Committee was recognized and presented his report. Proposed (HAbets) seconded (Brocklebank) as being accepted as read.
- b. Professor Farman indicated that the committee had decided to participate with the American Dental Association ((ADA)/DICOM standards committee interoperability program rather than act independently. Professor Farman indicated that the IADMFR also had representation from Professors Tyndall, Scarfe and Jang. Farman indicated that the committee had been active during 2006-07 on two approved supplements including DICOM E-mail Transport (DICOM Supplement 113), 3D X-ray (DICOM Supplement 116) and ongoing activity with Structured Display (DICOM Supplement 123 – in process).

(1) **VOTE:** The motion “*That the Technology/Standards Committee Report be accepted*” was accepted with one abstention.

12. IADMFR Research Award

- a. The Chair of this committee, Professor Sharon Brooks, was introduced by the Chair who in term recognized the contribution of her committee members.
- b. Dr. Brooks described the current eligibility and evaluation process and indicated that 4 finalists were selected based on the principles of innovation and soundness of research. They were:
 - i. “*Image quality versus radiation dose of four different CBCT scanners.*” Submitted by Drs. Mit Loubele, Reinhilde Jacobs, R. Bogaerts, F. Maes, SC White, D van Steenberghe and P Suetens
 - ii. “*Diagnostic validity of 2D digital intra-oral images versus 3D CBCT images in the assessment of periodontal breakdown: an in-vitro study.*” Submitted by Drs. Bart Vandenberghe, Reinhilde Jacobs and Jie Yang.
 - iii. “*Retrospective study of the effectiveness of high resolution ultrasonography compared to sialography in the diagnosis of Sjogren’s Syndrome.*” submitted by Drs. Poul John and Jackie Brown
 - iv. “*Are immediate post-operative radiographs of facial fractures necessary, beneficial and cost effective?*” submitted by Drs. Aabed Sahr and Eric Whaites.
- c. During this process Dr. Brooks indicated that it became evident that her committee should review the current eligibility requirements.
- d. Dr. Brooks then announced the winners (First Prize (\$7,500 USD) - Drs. Loubele *et al.* and Second Prize(\$2,500 USD) – Dr. Bart Vandenberghe *et al.*) who were congratulated by Professor Ma.

13. Report of the Nominating Committee

- a. Professor Curly Nortje, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented his committee’s Report.

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- b. Professor Nortje reported that there had been 1 complete bid application received for the 2011 conference from Japan (Hiroshima) and submitted his committee's recommendation for approval.
- c. Professor Nortje also presented the slate of proposals for IADMFR Officers for 2007-09 (see Appendix A). Proposed (Brocklebank) and seconded (Hirsch) as being read.
(1) VOTE: The motion *“To accept the Nominating Committee proposals for the 17th ICDMFR to be held in Hiroshima, Japan and to accept the slate of IADMFR Officers for 2007-2009”* (See Appendix A) was accepted with objection and one abstention.

14. Other items as submitted

- a. No other items were submitted for discussion.

15. Closure

- a. The President, Professor Xuchen Ma, closed the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Friday, June 29th, 2007.

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APPENDIX A

IADMFR Officers: 2007-2009

President:	Paul van der Stelt	The Netherlands	09
Immediate Past President:	Ma Xu-Chen	People's Republic of China	09
Secretary General:	M.E. Parker	Republic of South Africa	13
Treasurer:	Curly Nortje	Republic of South Africa	13
President Elect:	Keiji Tanimoto	Japan	09
Senior Vice President	Zuyan Zhang	People's Republic of China	09
Junior Vice President:	Erwin Berkhout	The Netherlands	09
Vice President Designate:	Tsukasa Sano	Japan	09
Secretary to the Board:	William C. Scarfe	USA	09
Editor of the Journal:	Sharon Brooks	USA	09

Regional Directors: 2007-2009

Ex-officio

Gregorio Faivovich	Chile	09
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Africa (1)

Claudia Nofke	South Africa	09
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Asia (2)

Makoto Tsuchimochi	Japan	09
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Jae-Duk Kim	Korea	09
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Middle East (1)

Silvina Friedlander-Barenboim	Israel	09
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Europe (2)

Reinhilde Jacobs	Belgium	09
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Tore A. Larheim	Nordic countries	09
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North America (2)

William Scarfe USA 09

Jie Yang USA 09

Central America (1)

Vacant

South America (2)

Claudio Costa Brazil 09

Andres Briner Chile 09

Australasia (1)

Malcolm Coombs Australia 09

IADMFR Committees 2007-2009

Nominating Committee (3 Board Members + Immediate Past President as chairman)

Xu-Chen Ma (Chair)

Yang Yie

Reinhilde Jacobs

Claudio Costa

Selection Committee IADMFR Research Award – chaired by Editor + 4 others (Europe, Americas, Asia, rest of the World)

Sharon Brooks (Chair)

Gang Li

Ann Wenzel

Gulnara Scaf

John Ludlow

Finance Committee – Treasurer, Secretary General, Regional Director

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Curly Nortje (Chair)

M.E. Parker

Sharon Brooks (advisor)

William Scarfe

Constitution and Bylaws Committee – 5 Board members

ME Parker

Andres Briner

Jae-Duk Kim

Malcolm Coombs

William Scarfe

Trust Fund Committee – 5 members, elect own Chairman and Secretary

Laetitia Brocklebank

Allan Farman

Gerard Sanderink

Kanji Kishi

Ann Wenzel

International Association of Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology

Report of the Secretary General June 2009

From the Secretary General

This my first Report as Secretary General of the IADMFR since taking office in Beijing China in June 2009. I hope that I will be able to follow in the footsteps of my Predecessors.

My first task as Secretary General was to transfer the secretariat office from Amsterdam to Cape Town. This proved to be a challenging task. The Association had to be registered with the South African Revenue Services as a non-profit organization before a Bank account could be opened. Furthermore we had to acquire the services of an internet banking services provider so that credit card payments could be made directly into the IADMFR bank account. The office was successfully transferred only around June 2008 with the result that many of the 2008 membership dues had to be collected and paid into the Amsterdam account. I would like to thank Ms Yvonne Emmer for so graciously agreeing to accommodate us by continuing collecting the membership dues on behalf of the IADMFR. The initial teething problems have now been sorted out and the office is now running smoothly.

Webmaster

At the meeting in Beijing in June 2007 Dr Sanderink's offer to be the official webmaster for the IADMFR was accepted. We acknowledge Dr Sanderink's sterling work over the past 12 years. In his report as Webmaster Dr Sanderink makes a number of proposals for improvement of the IADMFR website. The Board of Directors will have to discuss these proposals to determine the direction the IADMFR takes in term of its website.

Memberships Renewal

Once again over 95% of renewals were performed through the internet. At the recommendation of the immediate past Secretary General the credit card payments are now fully automated reducing the work load of the office. I would like to re-echo previous requests to all the members to renew your membership for a period of 3 years instead of a year. Annual payments result in higher bank costs as well as additional administrative work for the secretariate.

Membership Application

The membership since 2007 has shown an increase from 584 in 2007 to 623 in 2008 and for 2009 we are standing at 557. Despite the fact that the new membership is increasing the

existing members are very late in renewing their membership. As far as the Regions are concerned Europe is still leading with 194 members, followed by Asia with 140, North America 106, South America 54, Middle East 38, Australia 14, Africa 7 and Central America 2. Detailed figures can be found in the graphs and tables at the end of my report.

IADMFR Research Award

It is gratifying to see that the application and the number of finalist for the research award are steadily increasing. The Research Awards Committee also made some changes to the criteria for submitting an application for the award so that more candidates would become eligible to compete. Candidates were also required to submit an extended abstract, instead of the typical one page abstract. Possible changes to the way in which the research prize money is distributed will be recommended to the Board for its approval.

Nominations for Regional Directors

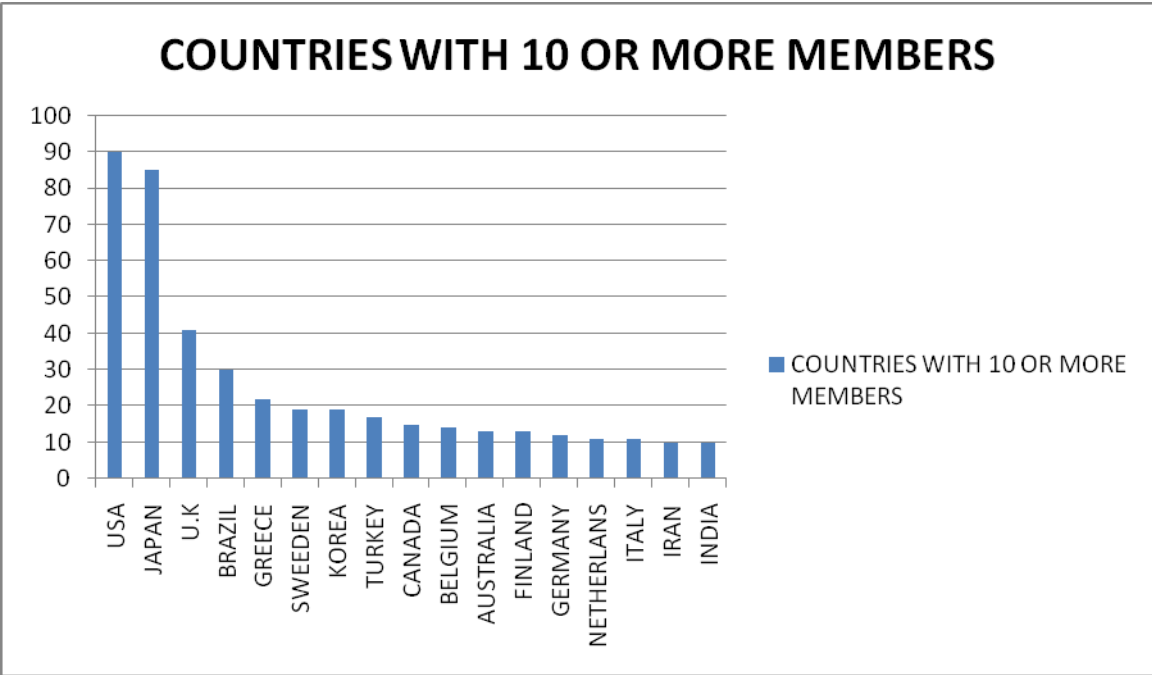
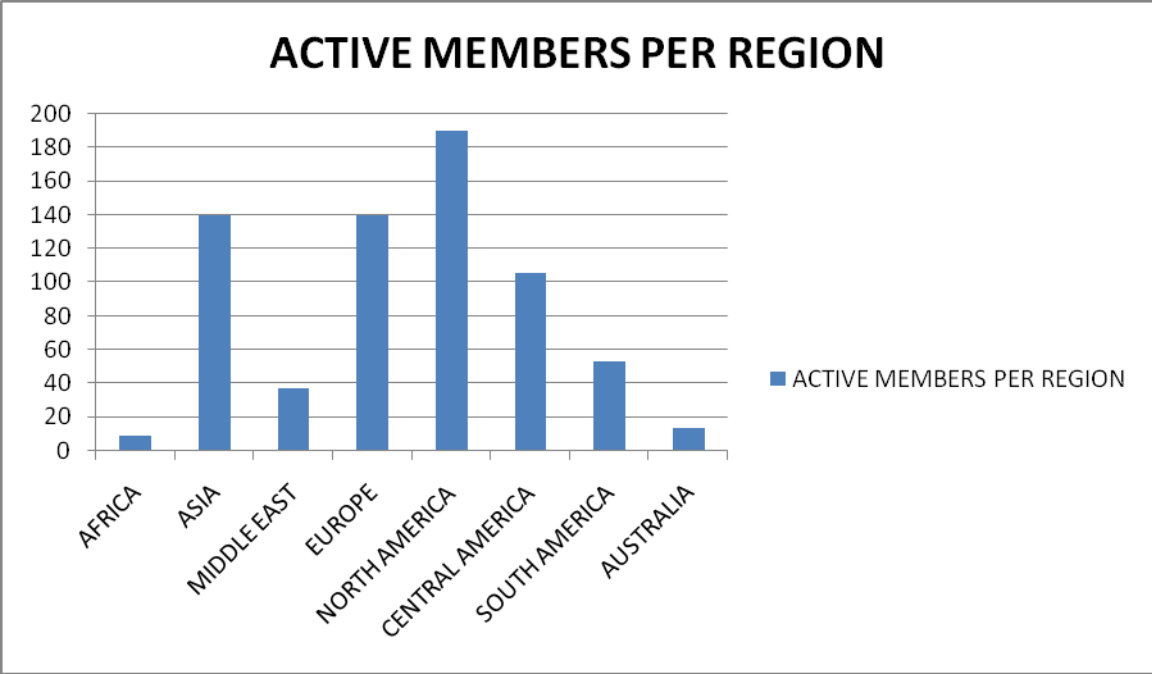
The response to the call for the nominations for candidates for Regional Directors was very poor with the result that we had to ask almost all the existing Regional Directors to continue for another term. I do not see any objection to the current Directors continuing however the Aim of the new procedures of appointing Regional Directors was to give individual countries the opportunity to appoint their own representatives.

My first two years as Secretary General have been a tremendous learning experience. I have to express my sincere gratitude to Prof Gerard Sanderink the immediate Past Secretary General for all his kind support and advice. I would like to thank Ms Jorina Botha our administrative coordinator who took care of the membership administrative and other secretarial business. Lastly I would like to express my gratitude to Prof Curly Nortjé for all the assistance and support.

I look forward to you're continued support and co-operation in conducting the affairs of the IADMFR.

Mohamed Ebrahim Parker

Secretary General



Active membership, June 1, 2009

YEAR	TOTAL	NEW
1995	549	67
1996	573	63
1997	631	130
1998	601	43
1999	626	65
2000	604	47
2001	618	52
2002	587	14
2003	574	43
2004	534	24
2005	568	53
2006	589	67
2007	584	37
2008	623	44
2009	557	60

Number of regions	8
Number of directors	13
Number of countries	92

Active members by region

REGION	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009
AFRICA (1)	2	3	4	4	6	4	7
ASIA (2)	196	208	177	147	146	153	140
MIDDLE EAST (3)	10	13	19	21	27	33	38
EUROPE (4)	166	181	201	188	184	194	194
NORTH AMERICA (5)	117	119	117	114	122	107	106
CENTRAL AMERICA (6)	4	3	3	1	3	3	2
SOUTH AMERICA (7)	116	90	77	83	67	73	54
AUSTRALIA (8)	20	19	20	16	12	14	14
	631	626	618	574	568	584	557

Active members by region and country

Year	Region	Country	NO		
2009					
	AFRICA(1)				
		GHANA	1	SOUTH AFRICA	4
		NIGERIA	1	UGANDA	1
	ASIA(2)				
		BANGLADESH	1	KOREA	19
		CHINA	4	SINGAPORE	1
		CHINA, HONG KONG SAR	3	SRI LANKA	1
		CHINESE TAIPEI	5	THAILAND	8
		INDIA	10		

		INDONESIA	3		
		JAPAN	85		

	MIDDLE EAST(3)				
		EGYPT	1	LEBANON	2
		IRAN	11	SAUDI ARABIA	1
		ISRAËL	4	SYRIA	1
		JORDAN	1	TURKEY	17

	EUROPE(4)				
		BELGIUM	14	LATVIA	1
		CZECH REPUBLIC	1	LITHUANIA	1
		DENMARK	4	MACEDONIA	1
		FINLAND	13	NORWAY	9
		FRANCE	6	POLAND	5
		GERMANY	12	ROMANIA	1
		GREECE	23	SPAIN	8
		HUNGARY	3	SWEDEN	20
		ICELAND	1	SWITZERLAND	6
		IRELAND	2	THE NETHERLANDS	11
		ITALY	11	UNITED KINGDOM	41
	NORTH AMERICA(5)				
		CANADA	15		
		MEXICO	1		
		USA	90		

	CENTRAL AMERICA (6)				
		COSTA RICA	2		

	SOUTH AMERICA (7)				
		ARGENTINA	4		
		BRAZIL	31		
		CHILE	9		
		COLOMBIA	1		
		PERU	5		
		URUGUAY	2		
		VENEZUELA	2		

	AUSTRALIA(8)				
		AUSTRALIA	13		
		NEW ZEALAND	1		

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 16th International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology

Beijing, China, June 26-30, 2007

Introduction

The IADMFR decided at its 14th Congress in Florianopolis, Brazil, that the 16th International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology would be held in Beijing, China in 2007. The Organizing committee for the 16th ICDMFR consisted of the following members.

President: Xuchen Ma

Vice president and Chairman of Organizing Committee: Zuyan Zhang

Vice president: Jie Yang, Thomas KL Li, Songling Wang, Qiang Yu

Scientific Program: Songling Wang, Jie Yang

Social Program: Thomas KL Li

Treasurer: Minxian Wei, Tiemei Wang

Exhibition: Qingjiang Meng, Xindong Fan

Audit: Qiang Yu, Hu Wang

Executive secretary: Gang Li

Reception: Bo Wang, Wenjie Hu, Lihui Zhang, Xinghua Hu

Logistic support: Shiping Wang

Promotion of the Congress

The organizing committee made great efforts for promoting the Congress, both domestically and globally. The Chinese Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Board met to discuss promoting the congress and called for colleagues from all around the country to attend the congress.

Professor Xuchen Ma distributed the invitation to the 16th ICDMFR to each and every standing member of Chinese Stomatological Association and deans of every major dental school in China,

and promoted the congress at the 5th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Bangkok, Thailand, in 2004; 10th European Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology, Leuven, Belgium, in 2006; the 6th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Bangalore, India, in 2006; Korean Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Seoul, Korea, in 2006; and Japanese Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in Fukuoka, Japan, in 2006. The first announcement was sent to all members of the IADMFR in January 2004. A website was created to provide relevant information on the congress.

Support and sponsorship

The organizing committee is indebted to IADMFR for providing seed funding of USD 10000 for starting organization of the congress. The Trust Fund contributed USD 20000 to help people from developing countries to attend the congress and for inviting those from remote area in China to attend. Industry enthusiastically supported the congress.

Pre-congress course

The 16th ICDMFR was held at Friendship Hotel in Beijing, China, June 26-30, 2007, preceded on June 25 by the pre-congress course. The pre-congress course included the following speakers: Lars Hollender (USA), Shumei Murakami (Japan), Jae-Juk Kim (Korea), Gerard CH Sanderink (The Netherlands), Jie Yang (USA), and Qiang Yu (China). Forty six foreign delegates from the congress and 100 Chinese colleagues attended the pre-congress course.

Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony, held following the close of the pre-congress course, was enhanced by a declaration of congratulation letter from Professor Qide Han, the academician and vice chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress. The ceremony was opened by Professor Xuchen Ma, the President of the IADMFR and the 16th ICDMFR. The following dignitaries addressed the audience:

Mr. Xiaohong Chen, Vice Minister of Health

Professor Xing Wang, President of the Chinese Stomatological Association (CSA)

Professor Zhenkang Zhang, Honorary President of the CSA

Professor Weigang Fang, Vice Director of Peking University Health Science Center

Professor Guangyan Yu, the Dean of Peking University School of Stomatology

Dr G Sanderink, General Secretary of the IADMFR

The countries and areas of attendants were declared and the delegates from the various regions stood in turn and were applauded by the audience. The ceremony closed with Chinese folk songs and dances.

Registration of delegates

The 16th ICDMFR was attended by 316 delegates and 51 accompanying persons from 40 distinct regions, with Japan (49 delegates) having the highest foreign representation.

Scientific presentations

Eighty one oral presentations and 112 scientific posters were delivered during the congress. Eleven special speakers gave fascinating talks on the latest developments in oral and maxillofacial radiology.

Exhibitors

Twelve exhibitors were present at the congress. Free exhibition stands were provided for the Secretariat of IADMFR and 17th ICDMFR organizing committee.

Social events

Social events with unique Chinese characteristics were held each day of the congress. At the opening ceremony on Monday, the delegates were entertained to a wonderful performance from the Chinese Folk Song and Dance Troupe. The delegates enjoyed the delicacy of the Peking Roasted Duck on Tuesday at the famous old restaurant of Quan Ju De. Wednesday evening, the President offered a reception at the Fragrant Hill Hotel, located in a scenic royal garden. Here the participants had an opportunity to get to know each other. Chinese artists staged the Peking Opera on Thursday for the delegates, the performance being an ingenious and colorful combination of elements from traditional music, poetry, song, recitation, dancing,

acrobatics, and martial arts. On Friday, the delegates were impressed by a Chinese acrobatic show. The congress was closed with a farewell party served at Friendship Hotel on Saturday with traditional Chinese food.

Conclusion

The 16th ICDMFR was a big event for Chinese Oral Radiology and followed the 3rd Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology held in Beijing in 2000. It had great significance for promoting the development of oral and maxillofacial radiology in China, and for strengthening the academic exchange between regional and international communities. The organizing committee is grateful to all attendants, the invited speakers, and IADMFR for their joint effort making the congress a great success.

Professor Xuchen Ma

President, IADMFR

President, the 16th ICDMFR

Professor Zuyan Zhang

Chairman, Local Organizing Committee

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007-2009

It seems only a few months ago since we had the excellent congress in Beijing. When Amsterdam was chosen to host the next ICDMFR, the members of the organising committee could start to work on all plans that had been made until then.

The conference was announced in several professional journals and at regional meetings. We had decided to do the first announcement as a simple printed post card and do all other announcement via e-mail and website. This made the organisation much more flexible and save a lot of money. Special regional meetings attended by the President were the biannual meetings of the European Academy of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology and lately the 7th Asian congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in Nara, Japan.

The worldwide financial crisis was making us a bit nervous about its effects on the amount of interest from colleagues and the financial support from industry. However, the number of abstracts was larger than ever before, and the financial support from the industry is reasonably, if not good.

Another unexpected issue was the outbreak of the swine flu. Here as well, it seems that it did not make a big negative effect on the number of attendees. For some time there was a ban on travelling for our Japanese colleagues, but recently this ban was lifted and everything seems to be reasonably well back to normal.

We hope to offer an interesting congress and enjoyable social events. Some of the important meetings are:

1. The Board Meeting on Saturday June 27, 2009, followed by a dinner.
2. The Pre-congress Course will be held on June 28 with five educational lectures, all focused on Cone Beam CT.
3. The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party is on Sunday June 28.
4. On Monday the Mayor of Amsterdam will host a reception in the Town Hall.
5. On Wednesday evening the official Banquet will be arranged in an old church built between 1620 and 1631..
6. Six special lectures given by invited speakers and around 300 papers (oral and poster presentations) will be presented during the congress.
7. The technical exhibition will be held at the congress site from June 28 to July 2.
8. A trip to the Zuiderzee Museum about the history of the fisher villages with real old houses and a BBQ is scheduled for Tuesday June 30.
9. The General Assembly will be held on Wednesday July 1, the day before the closing of the congress.
10. The Closing Ceremony will be followed by the Farewell Party (July 2) in a very special environment.

We are looking forward to a stimulating and interesting congress.

Paul F. van der Stelt
President, IADMFR

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT ELECT

The bid for 18th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology (ICDMFR) from Hiroshima was presented to the Nomination Committee. There was only one candidate and Hiroshima was accepted. It was approved by the general assembly during the 16th ICDMFR in Beijing, China, in 2007. The Japanese Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (JSOMR) will fully support the 18th ICDMFR in Hiroshima, in 2011. JSOMR decided to have the annual Congress 2011 together with 18th ICDMFR to allow more participants than expected and to increase the number of IADMFR members.

The members of organizing committee were recruited and the followings were engaged. At this moment the role of the members are not assigned yet. We should make it soon.

Keiji Tanimoto; President, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima

Tsukasa Sano; Vice president, Tokyo Dental College, Chiba

Yoshinori Arai, Nihon University, Tokyo

Eiichiro Arijii, Aichi-Gakuin University, Nagoya

Junichi, Asaumi, Okayama University, Okayama

Souhei Furukawa, Osaka University, Osaka

Kazuya Honda, Nihon University, Tokyo

Takashi Kaneda, Nihon University, Matsudo

Akitoshi Katsumata, Asahi University, Gifu

Kaoru Kobayashi, Tsurumi University, Yokohama

Nori Nakamura, Radiation Effects Research Foundation, Hiroshima

Tomohiro Okano, Showa University, Tokyo

Takashi Sasano, Tohoku University, Sendai

Akira Taguchi, Matsumoto Dental University, Shiojiri

Takashi Takata, Hiroshima University (Oral and maxillofacial Pathology), Hiroshima

Yasunori Totsuka, Hokkaido University (Oral and maxillofacial Surgery), Sapporo

Kazunori Yoshiura, Kyushu University, Fukuoka

Yoritaka Yotsui, Osaka Dental University, Osaka

The venue for the 18th ICDMFR is International Conference Center Hiroshima and was appointed for the dates 1st – 4th August, 2011. Some think that the duration of the ICDMFR is too long, and it is difficult to attend fully. So, we decided not to have the pre-congress in 2011 to make it shorter. The board meeting will be held on 31st July, 2011. The place may be in Hiroshima University to save the money. It is time to ask the companies' contribution, but it is tough because of the recent economy. We need to think how we can save the money and make the budget smaller.

Hiroshima was once suffered from the atomic bombing. After then, Hiroshima wants real peace and the study of radiation has been very active. The participants will see how we recovered and how beautiful it is nowadays.

All the participants of the 18th ICDMFR in Hiroshima, August 1st-4th, 2011 will be most welcomed.

Keiji TANIMOTO

REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The responsibility of the Newsletter editor for the term 2007-2009 was to publish 4 issues of the Newsletter. Volume 34 number 1 was delayed publication for 1 month.

Volume 33, number 1 – December 2007, 24 pages.

Volume 33, number 2 – June 2008, 31 pages.

Volume 34, number 1 – January 2009, 63 pages.

Volume 34, number 2 – May 2009, 30 pages.

I used the attractive logo from Amsterdam. The contents were collected mainly from the regional directors. I contacted the regional directors by e-mail. European and North American directors have very familiar to integrate their reports. Africa, South America, Middle East, Asian directors were very cooperative. Thank you very much for all the contributors. President, Secretary general, Editor of DMFR, Past President; all the officers were so cooperative and you helped me very much. Thank you all.

I tried to make the newsletter as interesting as possible, but it was so difficult. To collect articles are sometimes difficult.

To publish and deliver the newsletters, I express many thanks to the publisher of DMFR, British Institute of Radiology, especially Ms Sherry Dixon. The cost of the publication was mainly supported by Hiroshima University, and partly J. Morita Corporation.

I hope all the members of the IADMFR enjoyed the newsletters.

Prof. Keiji Tanimoto

Newsletter Editor 2007-2009

Report from the Editor, Dentomaxillofacial Radiology

Dentomaxillofacial Radiology

In February 2007 we initiated the use of Editorial Manager for manuscript management, from submission to review to publication. Since then 518 manuscripts have been processed completely, with many others still out for review or sent back to authors for revision. Of the 518 completed papers, 163 have been accepted (31%), 349 rejected (67%), and 6 withdrawn by authors (1%), usually because they were not willing to revise as requested.

In 2008 there were 260 manuscripts submitted (an all time high for DMFR) and manuscript submission for the first 5 months of 2009 is at or slightly above the 2008 pace. This can be compared to a low of 120 papers submitted in 2003, the year that I assumed the editorship.

In the last two years manuscripts have been received from 40 different countries, with the largest contributing countries being Turkey (110), Brazil (83), India (68), and Japan (37). People from 41 countries participated as manuscript reviewers, with the largest numbers of reviews being done by people in the United States of America (317), Japan (122), Brazil (81), United Kingdom (75) and Turkey (65). The increased proportion of reviewers from USA and UK, compared to the number of manuscripts from those countries, is probably related to the fact that two of the Associate Editors are from the USA and one is from the UK and they may be more comfortable inviting their fellow countrymen to be reviewers.

In 2007 DMFR moved from 6 issues/year to 8 issues/year. The number of pages published from 2003 through 2005 averaged 400/year. In 2006 and 2008 there were on average 480 pages. In 2007, in order to accommodate a large backlog of manuscripts, 534 pages were published. It is expected that the number of pages will remain at ~480/year. Despite a tightening of the standards for manuscript acceptance (and a reduction of acceptance from ~70% to 31%), there is still a delay of about 1 year from acceptance to publication.

Another major change in the journal has been the cover, which was redesigned in 2007 to look more modern. As a result of concerns expressed, the cover images were replaced in 2008 to reflect the scope of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology better.

I have now completed my initial 6-year term as Editor of the journal. It has been an enjoyable experience and one that I hope has been of value to the members of IADMFR. At the Board of Directors meeting in 2007 I was asked if I would be willing to extend my term for an additional two years and I agreed. Therefore, if the current Board agrees, I would like to continue the editorship until the next Congress in 2011. However, it will then be time to appoint a new editor both because it will be time for a change and because I will be retiring from my university position.

Research Award Committee

As Editor of DMFR, I am chair of the Research Award Committee. The other members of the committee are John Ludlow, representing North America; Gulnara Scaf, representing South America; Ann Wenzel, representing Europe; and Gang Li, representing Asia.

This year we received 8 applications for the Research Award and accepted 6 of them as finalists, all of whom will present their studies during the Congress. We made some changes to the criteria for submitting an application for the award so that more candidates would be eligible to compete. In addition to postgraduate students and faculty in Dentomaxillofacial Radiology programs, undergraduate dental students and students in other disciplines doing research in DMFR became eligible. Since DMFR is not a recognized specialty in all countries at this time, people doing excellent radiology research outside of a dedicated DMFR program had been excluded in the past.

Another change in the Research Award program this year was the requirement of an extended abstract, rather than the typical one-page abstract submitted for the Congress. This gave the committee members more material with which to judge the applications. We will be discussing whether we would like to continue this requirement for future years.

Comments have been made to the chair of the Research Award Committee about possible changes to the way the research prize money is distributed. Right now the first prize winner

receives \$7500 and the second prize winner receives \$2500. All of the other finalists receive a certificate. Some of the suggestions include dividing the money among more prize winners (include a third or fourth prize), distributing part of the prize money to the winners' institutions and the rest to the individuals, distributing some of the money as prizes, with the rest being available to the winners as travel grants to the next congress, as a means of encouraging them to continue their involvement with the Association. The Research Award Committee would like to discuss these issues and present their recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval, most likely as a mail ballot since the committee will not be meeting before the Board meeting.

Sharon L. Brooks

June 2009

REPORT FROM THE WEBMASTER

The IADMFR website, online since 1995, appears to be a very effective medium for the association with many visitors. It is the portal to the Secretariat for membership application and renewal.

Furthermore many other items can be found at the website like:

- Information on the activities of the Association, Congresses, Research Award, Fellowship of the IADMFR, Constitutions & Bylaws.
- Congress Calendar and Newsletters
- Addresses of all Officers, Directors of the IADMFR and committees
- Listings of all the members in the various regions. This can help to find membership numbers to access the online service of the journal and to see when the dues expire.

The website has to be a place which is more or less permanently developing as information changes continuously. To keep this information up to date input is required from the users. In practice this information is often lacking and requires the webmaster to be alert on changes and to be active in the acquisition of information.

The present layout of the site has been in use for several years and a revision is required to keep up with present possibilities. New items could include a discussion board and the opportunity for members to upload messages or news.

In the past, efforts have been made to initiate a website committee but this has not been very successful until present. Such a website committee is needed to perform a survey on what is desired and furthermore develop new features for the website and to share the knowledge to keep maintenance on a desired level. When there are no skilled members interested to build such a more advanced website, external professional help is required to build such a new site. In my opinion it is important the Board of Directors determines in what direction we have to go.

Gerard C.H. Sanderink

June 11, 2009