

## Editorial



This is the last issue of the Newsletter I am responsible for publishing. Through the newsletter the IADMFR members were provided with substantive information regarding events and activities in the field of oral and maxillofacial radiology in each and every region of the world. The General Secretary, the President, the Editor, Regional Directors, and other contributors must be thanked and complimented for their continuous supports to the publication of the Newsletter in the past two years.

Since 14<sup>th</sup> ICDMFR in Brazil we got the opportunity to hold the 16<sup>th</sup> ICDMFR in Beijing in 2007, the organizing committee has initiated to do some related work for this congress. After the congress in Cape Town, we will try our best to step up our preparation for the 16<sup>th</sup> ICDMFR in Beijing in 2007 and we do need the supports and cooperation from all the colleagues around the world. In addition, the new editor of the newsletter will be elected on the 15<sup>th</sup> ICDMFR in Cape Town. I sincerely wish a successful term to the new editor.

Again, I wish our President, Professor Curly Nortje, a success in their effort to prepare the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress in Cape Town this coming May. I am looking forward to enjoying the scenic splendor of his beautiful country.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues:

This is probably my last communication with you before the 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology which will be held in Cape Town from the 28<sup>th</sup> of May -2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2005. It is with great concern and hesitation that I write you this message because the organizing committee is presently experiencing a lack of interest from colleagues to attend the meeting in Cape Town, however we are still hoping that many of you will attend. What is a light in the tunnel for the organizers is that most of the distinguished maxillofacial radiologists in the world will be attending the Congress. They remind me of an old saying” life is like waiting for a train you get on or you get off”. It is colleagues like them who did not hesitate to get on to the train and look where they are today.

I would like to once again invite all of you to try and make an effort to attend the congress in Cape Town. The organizing committee has been working very hard to make the congress a very pleasant and memorable one, to have chance to share moments of joy with colleagues and friends who really cares about promoting maxillofacial radiology all over the world. Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and is rated as one of the 3 most popular cities to visit in the world.

Finally, please try and make a special effort to attend the meeting in Cape Town which could be fundamental for future meetings of IADMFR. We are looking forward to meet with.

God bless you all!

Curly Nortje

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From the Secretary General



Next you will find the agenda for the coming General Assembly. The reports and other materials belonging to the agenda will be available in at the Website of the IADMFR ([www.iadmfr.org](http://www.iadmfr.org)) beginning of May 2005.

#### AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IADMFR

Date: June 1, 2005, 11.00 hours

Venue: The Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting      Prof. Curly Nortjé, President IADMFR
2. Absentees and alternates:                      Dr. Sanderink, Secretary General
3. Minutes of the General Assembly, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brasil.  
(For highlights see Newsletter Volume 29, Number 1, November 2003)
4. Report of the Secretary General              Dr. Gerard Sanderink
5. Report of the Treasurer/Finance committee      Dr. Luc Habets
6. Past President's Report                          Prof. Edemir Costa

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| 7. President's Report                  | Prof. Curly Nortjé                            |
| 8. Report of the President Elect       | Prof. Xu-chen Ma                              |
| 9. Report of the Newsletter Editor     | Prof. Xu-chen Ma                              |
| 10. Editor's Report                    | Prof. Sharon Brooks                           |
| 11. Publisher's Report                 | Prof. Sharon Brooks/Publishers Representative |
| 12. Committee Reports                  |   |
| 13. Awarding of Honorary Membership    | Prof. Curly Nortjé                            |
| 1. Prof. Hajime Fuchihata              |   |
| 2. Mr. Peter Hirschmann                |   |
| 14. IADMFR Research Award 2005         | Prof. Sharon Brooks                           |
| 15. Report of the Nominating Committee | Prof. Edemir Costa (Chair)                    |
| 16. Other items as submitted           |   |
| 17. Closure                            |   |

## **From the Secretary General**

### Nominations for the Board of Directors (2005-2007)

As of the meeting in 2005, all regional Directors will be elected directly to their positions. The deadline for the Call for Nominations for the Board of Directors has passed. All nominees were proposed and seconded by members of the Association in their region and arrived in due time. For the region North America and the region Europe three candidates each were nominated. Both regions have two directors. As a result a ballot for election was held in these two regions. The outcome of the election in these two regions will be published on the IADMFR web site beginning of May. For the other regions no ballot is needed as the number of proposed candidates was in accordance with the number of regional directors. No nominations were received from the regions Central America and Australasia. Actually there are just two members in the region Central America. This number is too small to have a Regional Director. In Australasia we do have eleven members and I hope that for the elections for the period 2007-2009 the interest in an active role within the IADMFR will grow and result in one or more nominations.

The outcome was as follows for the regions with **One** Regional Director:

Africa,

Mohamed E. Parker (South Africa)

Middle East,

Silvina Friedlander- Barenboim (Israel)

Central America

No nominations

Australasia.

No nominations

For the regions with **Two** Regional Directors:

Asia,

Tomohiro Okano (Japan)

Makoto Tsuchimochi (Japan)

Europe,

Reinhilde Jacobs (Belgium)

Tore A. Larheim (Norway)

Krystyna Thun-Szretter (Poland)

North America,

William C. Scarfe (USA)

Thomas Schiff (USA)

Jie Yang (USA)

South America.

Claudio Costa (Brazil)

Andres Briner (Chile)

The new Regional Directors will consult the membership in each country within their region requesting the members in that country to appoint or elect a National Representative for that country. It is the national representative's task to promote IADMFR and seek to increase the membership of IADMFR in their own country.

Report from the Editor, Dentomaxillofacial Radiology



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thought the members of the International Association of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology would be interested in some statistics about their journal, *Dentomaxillofacial Radiology*.

In 2004, there were 155 manuscripts submitted to the Editor from 29 different countries. Although a few of the submissions were book reviews or letters to the editor, the majority were full-length papers, either research or case reports. The largest number of papers came from Turkey (34, 22%), Japan (27, 17%) and Brazil (19, 12%). When the countries are divided into regions of the world, the largest number of papers submitted were from Europe (42, 27%), followed by Central Asia (39, 25%), East Asia (33, 21%), South America (19, 12%), North America (16, 10%), and other countries (6, 4%).

There were 78 manuscripts published in DMFR in 2004. Since some of these papers had been submitted in previous years, particularly for the early issues of 2004, the countries of origin do not match those from the 2004 submissions. Twenty-two individual countries were represented in the published articles, with the largest numbers from Japan (12, 15%), Brazil (10, 13%), and the United States of America (9, 12%). The European countries as a group provided the largest number of published papers, 30 (39%).

For an interesting comparison, in 2004 *Oral Surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology Oral Radiology and Endodontology* (note the slight change in name) published 36 manuscripts in the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology section, from 15 countries. The largest number of papers came from East Asia (16, 44%), followed by Europe (10, 28%), and North America (6, 17%). Data on number of submissions is not available.

I think we should be quite proud of our journal. Not only does it provide a forum for our members from all over the world to publish their research, but it provides a valuable source of information to the dental and medical communities. IADMFR members are doing important work that needs to be shared with the rest of the world.

As Editor of the journal, I would like to encourage members of IADMFR to submit their manuscripts to DMFR. Please follow the guidelines for authors that are available on the IADMFR web site, which list the requirements for manuscript preparation. One of the biggest problems we see is with errors in references, in both content and format. In addition, it would be very helpful for anyone who does not have fluency in written English to consult a native speaker who can verify that the manuscript can be easily understood.

At this time we are continuing manuscript submission by e-mail, although we are exploring other electronic manuscript submission methods. If and when we change systems, we will inform the membership via the IADMFR web site.

In closing, I would like to put forth my perennial request for additional manuscript referees. It is not possible to have a peer-reviewed publication without the dedicated service of many people who give their time to review manuscripts. The more people who are available and willing to help, the less work it is for everyone and the more easily we can continue to have a high quality journal.

Thank you for entrusting your journal to me. I consider it an honor to be able to serve IADMFR as your editor.

Sharon Brooks

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## Report from Thailand



The 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Radiology were held in Bangkok, Thailand during December 15-17, 2004. This congress is the first international congress of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Radiology in Thailand. Faculty of Dentistry, Naresuan University; The Dental Association of Thailand; and Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University hosted this congress. Twelve invited speakers of special lecture were Professor H Fuchihata, Professor T Sasaki, Professor I Kashima, Professor K Tanimoto, Professor CS Park, Professor XC Ma, Professor SL Lian, Professor LM Lin, Professor KS Nagesh, Dr. HB Iskandar; and Dr. A. Janhom. Professor C. J. Nortje, President of the 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology from South Africa was also one of the guest speakers. Twenty-eight oral presentations were given in the scientific program together with forty-two poster presentations. Both oral and poster presentations were included in the different research areas of oral and maxillofacial radiology field. The participants including their accompanying persons were from 8 countries or areas of Asian exclude Thailand. Others from outside Asian country were from South Africa, USA and Sweden. Total number of all participants and accompanying persons were one hundred and sixty. The 5<sup>th</sup> ACOMFR received a very great honor from Professor Y Fujiki, Professor Emeritus, not only participating with us at this congress, but also kindly accepted the invitation as a chairperson for the opening ceremony of the poster presentation session.

Since December 29, 2004, after the tsunami disaster, our dentists have participated in the identification of Tsunami Disaster Victims under Thai Dental Council management and may be continued to the end of May, 2005. Fortunately, none of the 5<sup>th</sup> ACOMFR participants was effect. All kindness thoughtful messages from many friends on this matter are appreciated.

This report is my last one as a regional director of Asian Region (Thailand) for 9 years from 1997

to 2005.

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Pictures from 5<sup>th</sup> ACOMFR, December 15-17, 2004, Bangkok, Thailand



Professor Fujiki opened poster presentation



Professor Fujiki and Professor Nortje



Dr. Bhakdinaronk, President, with organizing Committees



Organizing and Executive Committees with participants after General Assembly meeting

## Report from Hong Kong



Having just return from the 5th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillo-facial Radiology in Bangkok on 15-17 December, 2004, I look forwards to the coming 15th International Congress of DMFR in Cape Town. The Asian Congress in Bangkok was a huge success. The Congress chairman, Dr Anonknart Bhakdinaronk, did a great job in organizing this event. Our President, Professor C. Nortje was one of the guests of honour. My thanks went to Dr A. Bhakdinaronk.

On the local scene in Hong Kong, after running a postgraduate diploma programme in oral radiology for 5 years, I am putting together a proposal to establish oral and maxillofacial radiology as a specialty under the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine which is local authority for medical and dental specialties. This will include setting up a two-year master programme and a training pathway to become a specialist in our field.

Dr Thomas Li

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## Regional Report from Japan



The joint conference of the 40th Kyushu (west Japan) and 47th Kansai (middle Japan) districts of the Japanese Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (JSOMR) chaired by Professor Takashi Nakamura (Nagasaki University, School of Dentistry) was held on November 20, 2004 in Nagasaki. Twenty-one scientific oral presentations and two special lectures were presented. The special lectures included “Imaging diagnosis with contrast-enhanced MRA for vascular and neoplastic lesions in the head and neck region” by Minoru Morikawa (Nagasaki University) and “The role of radiology in oral cancer treatment” by Masatsugu Shimizu (Honorary Professor, Oita Medical College). A workshop on ultrasonography, sponsored by JSOMR, was held the day following the joint meeting at Nagasaki University Medical and Dental Hospital. The workshop involved lectures on the application of ultrasound to three areas of clinical practice (visualization of salivary glands, neck lymph nodes, and the temporomandibular joint). The lectures were titled “Imaging of salivary glands and interpretation of results” by Associate Professor Kouichi Yonezu (Nagasaki University, School of Dentistry), “Imaging of neck lymph nodes and interpretation of results” by Professor Kenji Yuasa (Fukuoka Dental College), and “Imaging of the temporomandibular joint and interpretation of results” by Professor Takafumi Hayashi (Niigata University, School of Dentistry). The enrollment limit for the workshop was set initially at 20 participants; however, 27 dentists ultimately attended.

The 198th meeting of the Kanto (east Japan) district of JSOMR, chaired by Professor Isamu Kashima, was held at Kanagawa Dental College on December 11, 2004, and involved seven oral presentations.

The 199th meeting of the Kanto district of JSOMR, chaired by Professor Tsukasa Sano (Tokyo Dental College), was held at Tokyo Dental College Suidobashi Hospital on March 5, 2005, and

involved five oral presentations, a film-reading session, and a special lecture titled “Oral radiologic interpretation: A historical perspective” by Professor Michael Pharoah (University of Toronto School of Dentistry). Simultaneously, a meeting and symposium titled “Development of problem-based learning (PBL) on dental education in Japan” and organized by the educational committee of JSOMR was held. This event involved one special lecture titled “PBL on medical education” by Professor Toshimasa Yoshioka (Tokyo Women's Medical College), and four symposia moderated by Professor Tomohiro Okano (Showa University, School of Dentistry).

The 46th Congress of JSOMR will be held in Niigata on May 12 through 14, 2005, chaired by Professor Makoto Tsuchimochi of Nihon Dental College in Niigata. Planned events include a scientific poster presentation, special lecture by Professor No-Hee Park (University of California at Los Angeles), educational lecture by Professor Harumi Sakahara (Hamamatsu Medical College), the Hanamura Nobuyuki Memorial Lecture by Yoshinori Arai (Matsumoto Dental College), and five different symposia.

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Oral and MaxilloFacial Radiology in Thailand

## **Regional Report from Korea**



36th General Assembly and Scientific Meeting, Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology was held at Seoul National University in Seoul on Apr. 3, 2004. Professor Soon-Chul Choi of Seoul National University chaired the Meeting. There was 8 scientific oral presentation and General Assembly. A special lecture was given. Special lecture was “Clinical Application of 3D-CT for Dentistry” by Prof. Yoshinori Arai from Matsumoto Dental University, Japan.

2004 Fall Scientific Meeting, Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology was held at Gyeongju TEMF HOTEL on Oct 9 2004. Professor Soon-Chul Choi of Seoul National University chaired the Meeting. There were 7 scientific oral presentations. 2 special lectures were given. Special lecture were “Radiation dose in intra-oral radiography” by Prof Byeong-Do Lee from Wonkwang University and “Oxidizing free radicals and antioxidants” by Prof Byong-Cheol Kang from Chonnam National University.

2004 Winter Seminar, KAOMFR was held at Kyunghee University Dental Hospital on Dec 4, 2004 with a special lecture “Principle and clinical application of Dental CT” by Toru Nakamura (Technical Director, Asahi Roentgen Ind. Co., Ltd.).

Approximately 40 members of Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology attended the 5th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Radiology in Bangkok, Thailand.

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## Report from the Nordic countries

There is a heavy snow-storm outside my window and it is nice to be in a warm and friendly radiology department. A new specialist in oral radiology was graduated last week on February 23. His name is Bengt de Verdier and he got his training in Gothenburg. I wish to congratulate him for his achievement and welcome to the club of oral radiologists.

In Sweden there are new discussions on the number and content of the different specialities in dentistry. This analysis is more or less permanent and the need for oral radiology must again be emphasized. So, I really hope that oral radiology comes out strong from this analysis. What I see from my colleagues in general dental practice is that they have difficulties to handle the new digital technique. The companies are selling many types of equipment today, but the education on how to take and interpret the images are not so interesting for the companies. Oral radiologists have a great task to educate dentists in digital radiography.

In Malmö we are preparing the so-called Röntgenveckan in September 20 to 23, 2005. This gives an opportunity to meet medical radiologist in a combined meeting for all fields of radiology in Sweden. The Malmö University hospital has a new so-called Diagnostic Centre and we have opened a section of oral radiology in this centre. The equipment is outstanding and I hope the centre will open new research areas.

I hope we meet in Cape Town. I will end my period in the Board for IADMFR. Tore Larheim is suggested as a new board member and I suggest you vote for him.

Best regards

Arne Petersson

### **Greetings from the U.S.A.**

We are now on the final lap, racing off to the next scientific meeting of the IADMFR in Cape Town, South Africa. Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world situated at the tip of Africa, along the foot of Table Mountain and along a beautiful coastline. The scientific committee has gone out of their way to make the social events a great success.

What could be better than observing the sun set over Table Mountain on one side and watch the sea on the other side with a great glass of wine in your hand and surrounded by new and old friends made at this meeting?

We know that all those whom attend are going to have a memorable meeting and a great time. Why not indulge yourself in Africa?

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the American Academy took place in Denver, Colorado from November 3 – 7, 2004. The three hour Continuing Education program was on Digital Detectors for Medical X-ray Imaging. The Cline Fixott, Snr Memorial Lecture was given by M. Pharoah on Oral Radiologic Interpretation – A Historical Perspective.

The Scientific Sessions consisted of 17 oral abstracts and nine posters. The special interest groups continue to be very popular. At this meeting however, the attendees were not divided into small groups as the topics were of interest to all. The topics discussed were Diagnostic Ultrasound in Maxillofacial Diagnosis; Increasing role of Cone Beam CT in Maxillofacial Radiology and Implementing Digital Imaging in the dental school setting.

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Session will take place from Nov 16 -20, 2005 at the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina. The Canadian Academy will be meeting with the American Academy at this meeting so this will be a good meeting to attend. The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, date

and hotel to be announced, 2006, Kansas City, Missouri

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The elected officials of the American Academy for the following year are as follows

President: Kenneth Abramovitch

President-Elect: James Geist

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Treasurer: William Scarfe

Councillor, Educational Affairs: Charles Hildebolt

Councillor, Communications: Madhu Nair

Councillor, Academy Affairs: Gail Williamson

Councillor, Public Policy & Scientific Affairs: Stuart White

Executive Director: Michael Shrout

Hope to see you ALL in Cape Town in May this year.

Neill Serman, North American Director

## Message from China



The bid from Chinese Society of Oral Radiology for the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology was accepted in 2003 in Brazil during the 14<sup>th</sup> ICDMFR. Organizing committee was set up in China and preparation of the congress has started since then. At the invitation of Professor Xuchen Ma, President of Chinese Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, General Secretary of IADMFR, Dr. Sanderink, visited Beijing on November 20-25, 2003, and met with Professor Zhenkang Zhang, the President of Chinese Stomatological Association, Professor Guangyan Yu, Dean of Peking University School of Stomatology. Dr. Sanderink took a tour to the candidate venues for the 16<sup>th</sup> ICDMFR in the city and discussed about the preparation and organization of the congress with Professor Xuchen Ma and the officials from Convention Center of Chinese Society of Science and Technology.

Four issues of IADMFR Newsletter have been published in Beijing, which provided world-wide important information related to oral radiology to our Chinese colleagues as well as IADMFR members. A website is in construction now for promotion of Beijing congress, which would allow online registration and submission of abstracts. Discussion and preparation of sponsorship, invited speakers, exhibition, social and tour program is under way. Everything is on schedule for hosting a unique and high-standard conference in 2007.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Beijing.

Dr. Zuyan Zhang

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Standing Vice Chairman, Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

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## **10<sup>th</sup> European Congress of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology, 2006, Leuven**

### **Chairperson's welcome and invitation**

It is a great pleasure for me to introduce the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven as the host for the 10<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Dentomaxillofacial Radiology.

Leuven is a most attractive congress location. It is centrally located in Belgium and Europe. Brussels and its airport are located at 20 km. Paris, London and Cologne are at only about three hours by train. Other historical Belgian cities (Brussels, Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent) can be easily reached and may provide an extra dimension to the event.

The Katholieke Universiteit Leuven can reflect on a glorious past and still owes much of its historical character to the numerous university buildings spread throughout the town. The Katholieke Universiteit Leuven is also moving ahead, yearly attracting many thousands of students and researchers from all over the world. The research output of the University has increased considerably over the last years, and meets high standards in all academic disciplines. The Oral Imaging Centre is one of these research activity poles.

Leuven is an historical yet lively town. Leuven offers modern congress facilities, various pleasant hotels, and a warm atmosphere. Typical Belgian beers as well as "top cuisine" are waiting for your company in the innumerable cafés and restaurants.

You will find the latest information on the congress on our website:

[www.10ecdmfr.be](http://www.10ecdmfr.be)

Please feel free to send us your details, so we will be able to keep you updated. While waiting, you can already schedule the date in your agenda,

See you in Leuven!

Reinhilde Jacobs

Congress chairperson