



Editorial

Dear Colleagues:

The new issue of newsletter comes with golden Autumn of Beijing. Our grateful thanks are due to General Secretary, the President, Editor in chief and the regional directors for their contribution to publish the newsletter.

The fifth Chinese Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology was held in Yinchuan city, capital of the Hui Autonomous Region of Ningxia remotely stationed in the northwest of China, on Aug 27-31, 2004. Approximately a hundred participants coming from all parts of the country attended the congress. Seven invited speakers gave special lectures and sixty papers were presented on the congress, involving such subjects as trauma, tumors in oral maxillofacial region, temporomandibular disorders, salivary gland diseases, and implant radiology. The continuing education course was included during the congress. The scientific program was lightened by enjoyable social events. The guests were strongly impressed by the Western Xia Tombs, heralded by the Chinese as the "Pyramids of China".

I wish a success to Professor Anonknart Bhakdinaronk, the President of the fifth Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, which will be held next month in Thailand.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is presently early spring in South Africa and the month of October is usually known as the month when all the trees and flowers are in full bloom. Fortunately in and around Cape Town this special beauty is present all year.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your family to Cape Town in May/June 2005. The programme has been arranged to cover most of the aspects of maxillofacial Radiology and allied topics. During the main congress there will be the opportunity for you to present either orally or in poster format.

We have organized an excellent social programme to allow you to relax and enjoy the beauty of Cape Town and its surroundings. Accompanying persons are most welcome to join us in this land of beauty and splendor.

The timing of the congress has been specifically chosen to fall within the holiday period of many countries and also due the fact that the time of the congress (autumn) is classified as low season which makes airfare tickets as well as accommodation costs very reasonable. The weather during May/June of this year was unbelievable.

The Second announcement and a call for papers would probably by now have reached all of you. Please check all the details, for example you could save a good amount of money by making your reservation directly with which is the official carrier of the 15th ICDMFR.

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Website address of 15th ICDMFR: <http://www.iadmfrsa.org>



From the Secretary General

Call for nominations for the Board of Directors (2005-2007)

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the IADMFR I wish to call for nominations for the Board of Directors for the period 2005-2007. The new Board will be on duty from the General Assembly at the IADMFR Congress in Cape Town in 2005 until the GA at the Congress in Beijing in 2007.

There will be in total 12 Regional Directors.

One Regional Director from:

Africa,
Middle East,
Central America
Australasia.

Two Regional Directors from:

Asia,
Europe,
North America,
South America.

The Regional Directors will be elected for a period of two years and can be reelected to a maximum term of 8 years.

Nominees will need to be proposed and seconded by two members of IADMFR in their region.

Nominations, together with a brief CV of the nominee, should be sent by (e)mail no later than 1 February 2005 to:

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There will be a ballot of members on a regional basis if there is an excess of

nominations. This ballot will be conducted with a “Single Transferable Vote” system. The Single Transferable Vote is a system of proportional representation that allows voters to vote for individual candidates in order of preference. Voters rank the candidates in order of preference; first preference votes are the first to be looked at, and the votes are then transferred if necessary from candidates who have either been comfortably elected or who have done so badly that they are eliminated from the election.

The new Regional Directors shall 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 their task to promote IADMFR and seek to increase the membership of IADMFR in their own country.

**FINAL REPORT of the 14th International Congress of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology,
Florianópolis, BRASIL***

Introduction

The decision to submit our bid for the 14th International Congress of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology was taken in 1996 during the 9th Brazilian Meeting of Oral Radiology, promoted by the Brazilian Association of Oral Radiology, in Salvador—Brasil, held in conjunction with the 1st Latin American Meeting of the IADMFR. Our bid was presented and accepted in April 1997 in Louisville—USA, during the 11th ICDMFR.

The 14th International Congress of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology took place in Florianópolis—Brazil, in the period of 19–23 May 2003. It was the chance for an international Congress of the IADMFR to return to South America after its foundation in Chile in 1968.

Although assisted by a travel agency, the organizing committee of the Congress was responsible for all the planning and administration of the event. Monthly meetings of the committee started in September 2001. Approximately in August 2002, they became weekly meetings. The organizing committee was composed by the people listed below, who gave a lot of their time and effort to its realization. If the later commitment and dedication is not feasible, professional Congress Organizers should be hired for future congresses of the IADMFR.

President	Edemir Costa, President of IADMFR
Honorary President	Rector Rodolfo Joaquim Pinto da Luz
Chairman & Scientific Program	Murillo Abreu Jr., Vice-President of IADMFR
Advisor	Delmo Tavares
Treasurer	Augusto Miguel da Silva
Reception	Paulo Roberto Nicollazzi and João Rodrigues
Social Program	Ademir Hazan
Marketing	Rodrigo Otávio Melin Passoni
Logistic Support	Luiz Henrique Maykot Prates and Henrique Tavares
Executive Secretary	Gracy Liane Lamego
Auxiliary Secretary	Gisella Oliveira

Promotion of the Congress

The 14th ICDMFR was highly promoted in scientific meetings (both Radiology and General Dentistry) in Brazil, Scotland (venue of the 13th ICDMFR) and other countries during the two years prior to the event. An initial leaflet (First Announcement) was distributed to hundreds of potential delegates around the world in the beginning of 2002. It was followed by the Preliminary Program and Call for Papers (Second Announcement) in the middle of 2002. A website was also created to promote and give

information about the meeting. It was through this website that most of the registrations to the meeting and the entire submission of abstracts were carried out.

Support and Sponsorship

The 14th ICDMFR is indebted with 13 public or private organizations that gave immense support to the event and contributed to its success. Special thanks are to be given to the Brazilian Association of Oral Radiology (ABRO) for its continuous assistance and sponsorship to the meeting. Additionally, another 9 companies and 1 tourism board sponsored the Congress. The contribution of all supporters and sponsors has been acknowledged in the Final Program of the Congress.

Registrations

The 14th ICDMFR was attended by 797 people, distributed in the following registration categories: 130 IADMFR members, 230 ABRO members, 36 non-members, 228 graduate students, 111 undergraduate students and 91 accompanying persons. Additionally 84 exhibitors were also present. Twenty-eight countries were represented in the Congress, with the majority of delegates coming from within Latin America, especially from the host country. This large number of people was only made possible by the affordable registration rates practiced by the Congress. More expensive registration fees would have prevented a great number of people from attending it, especially because of the value of the Brazilian Real compared to other more valued currencies. Envisioning an even financial balance at the end of the Congress, our philosophy was to charge as little as possible so that an expressive number of people could benefit from the exchange of scientific knowledge and personal experiences offered by the meeting. This proved to be the right decision to be taken and we recommend this strategy to avoid the risk of emptying an international Congress of the IADMFR. The large number of students in the Congress mainly reflects the large number of dental schools and Radiology Graduate programs in Brasil, the extensive promotion of the meeting in those schools, the low registration rates for students and the gratifying interest in our field by the younger generations. From the delegates 292 participated in both pre-congress and congress, and furthermore 366 in the congress and 48 in the pre-congress only.

The Venue

Both the Pre-Congress Course and the Congress were held at a modern convention center downtown Florianopolis. A whole floor of the venue, with lecture rooms close to each other and around the Exhibition area, was used for all activities, which allowed delegates to be in close contact the whole time instead of using lecture rooms far apart from each other, which can disperse the audience. The (abundant) coffee breaks were also set up in this location. A restaurant and a snack bar located

on the same floor were open during the entire week.

Scientific Program

The Pre-Congress was held during the whole day on 19 May, with 4 lectures on "Current Issues in Maxillo-facial Radiology" . Three hundred and forty (340) people were registered for the Pre-Congress. It was very unlucky to lose one of the speakers at the last minute. However, the substitute speaker was highly spoken of during the whole Congress. Pre-Congress lectures were 1 hour and 45 minutes in length. Although apparently long, this duration was chosen because a) some of the selected topics required more extensive presentations and b) shorter presentations would have required additional speakers, which in turn would have increased the expenses of the Congress.

The Main Congress was held during three and a half days, from 20 to 23 May. Seven invited speakers of the highest quality presented superb Special Lectures of short duration (1 hour). Four invited speakers were responsible for the two Symposia of the Congress. Fifteen conferences of 50 minutes each were selected from the proposals submitted and presented during the Congress. The conference format was interesting because it allowed important topics not structured as scientific papers to be presented by very competent lecturers. Thirty-seven (37) oral presentations (scientific sessions) and 142 posters (total: 179 presentations selected from over 200 abstracts submitted) enlightened us with a rich scientific program, with a great variety of topics being presented. One larger lecture room, with capacity for 900 people, was set aside for the Special Lectures, Conferences and Symposia while a smaller room (with capacity for 440 people) was set aside for the Oral Sessions.

Pre-Congress lectures, Special Lectures, Symposia and Conferences all had simultaneous translation from English to Portuguese because of the large audience of Brazilians.

Posters were displayed during the whole period of the Congress, which gave plenty of opportunity for people to see them all. This is the best option when space is available. Posters sessions addressing different topics were scheduled. Posters of the same topic, however, were intentionally placed apart from each other to avoid overcrowding a small section of the room.

The Final Program Booklet included the Proceedings of the Congress and the contact information of all presenters of the Congress so that people could get in touch after the meeting. It also included the contact information of all exhibitors.

Social Program

The social program included a variety of functions. The Board of Directors and IADMFR Fellows' Reception was held at a Piano Bar at the top of a hill downtown Florianopolis facing our main postcard-the Hercilio Luz bridge. On the other days, the Board of Directors Dinner, a Happy hour with light refreshments and drinks after

the Pre-Congress and the Civic Reception for Board members at the House of Representatives, the Musical show after the opening ceremony, the Welcome Reception, the Beer Party with plenty of Samba, beer and “Paella”, the generous Banquet and the Farewell party complemented the social activities, with plenty of food and drinks. It should be stressed that the latter abundance of food and drinks was all included in the (already affordable) registration fees. Needless to say that all these functions gave us a good chance to relax and enjoy the company of old and new friends.

Tour Program

The tour program offered many tours within and outside the island, including a wonderful Sailing Tour around the North Bay, held on Wednesday - 21 May, where those who were on the yacht could realize that dolphins were hired to greet the participants of the 14th ICDMFR.

Exhibition/Commercial Area

Thirty companies, occupying 68 modern custom-built and very beautiful stands in an area of 1,080m², presented their products at the Commercial Exhibition. State-of-the-art equipment and numerous technical innovations were shown during the Congress. Three stands were provided free of charge to regional and national dental associations, the IADMFR and the 15th ICDMFR (to be held in South Africa in 2005).

Finances

There was a positive result of R\$31,030 (approximately US\$10,000 on 16 July 2004) which will be transferred to the IADMFR Trust fund. More detailed information on the finances can be found in the full report as available for members at the IADMFR web site.

On behalf of the whole organizing committee of the 14th ICDMFR, we put ourselves at disposal of future organizers of IADMFR International Congresses to help them in all possible ways.

Respectfully submitted,

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Murillo Abreu Jr.
Chairman-14th ICDMFR

*The full report can be found at the IADMFR web site.

SITE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 17th ICDMFR-2009

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As Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the IADMFR, I wish to inform those interested in holding the 2009 International Congress that it is time to start putting together your bids. The bid should demonstrate significant local support (letters from local government, your institution, the profession locally, the convention bureau, etc.) and a suitable infrastructure and meeting plan. Information should be supplied concerning the proposed venue, accommodation for delegates and transportation/access. Six copies of the bid should be forwarded to my attention. The Nominating Committee in turn will review these and next reports to the Board of Directors. The final decision is up to the General Assembly of the Association in Cape Town.

Anyone contemplating submission of a bid is more than welcome to contact me for further information. The deadline for bids is 1st March 2005.



Greetings From the Editor

In preparing this message for the Newsletter, I reviewed my last message to you from about 6 months ago. Some of the situations identified then are much better at this time, some have not changed enough.

On the good side, the manuscript submission rate continues to be strong, with 104 manuscripts received in the first 8.5 months of 2004. This is slightly ahead of the rate for 2003. A wide variety of topics are being addressed, indicating that there is some interesting research being performed by our colleagues around the world.

Because of the number of manuscripts, I repeat my earlier calls for additional people willing to review 1-3 manuscripts a year. I particularly need individuals who can handle some of the very technical papers that are submitted. Currently there are only a small number of potential reviewers who feel comfortable with this type of paper. During the past year I have asked authors who submitted papers to review other papers, even if they did not originally volunteer to do so. I have been very pleased with the results and will probably continue to do this to increase the number of referees.

We continue to handle manuscript submission and review by e-mail. In general, that works well, particularly with the submission process. My university has recently increased our e-mail storage capacity and I do not have any difficulties with even very large files. Unfortunately, it is not always as smooth on the reviewers' end. I have found that sometimes the attached files are rejected by some e-mail programs, particularly commercial ones that are not attached to a university. That can lead to some delays in the review process.

We have received some information about a commercial web-based journal management system that allows authors to upload manuscripts and reviewers to download files and upload their reports. This is a similar system to what Phillip Whitt was setting up when he worked with the previous editor Douglas Benn, other than it is a large

commercial company that works with many different journals. We will be exploring this further to decide whether it would be of benefit to Dentomaxillofacial Radiology. It is relatively expensive, but it may be worth it for our journal. There is one aspect of publishing the journal that has not improved as much as I had hoped. That is the timeliness of publication of the issues. The publisher, British Institute of Radiology (BIR), thought that we might be able to “catch up” with the publication schedule by the end of 2004, but I’m afraid that might not happen. At this point, I am not sure of the reason for the continued slowness, although it is not because of a lack of completed manuscripts. In fact, as of this writing, there are enough papers at BIR to take us completely through 2004 and start on 2005. There continue to be some personnel changes at BIR, which probably are affecting the processing of our journal. We will continue working with BIR to solve this problem so you receive your journal when it is due. If you have any concerns about the journal or your manuscript, please feel free to contact me at slbrooks@umich.edu. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Congress in Cape Town in May.

Sharon Brooks
Editor, DMFR

From the regions

(in alphabetical order of author' s name)



Report From Thailand

Next two months, The 5th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Radiology(5th ACOMFR) will be held at Sofitel Central Plaza Bangkok, Thailand as you know from the last issue of Newsletter. Not only our guest speakers are from Asian countries but also we have a great honor to have Professor Curly Nortje, the President of 15th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo Facial Radiology(15th ICDMFR) as one of our guest speaker at our congress.

The congress calendar is as follow:

The 5th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Radiology

CONGRESS CALENDAR

	December 15 (Wed)	December 16 (Thur)	December 17 (Fri)
8.30		Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk Open
9.00 -10.00	Registration Desk Open	Special Lecture 5 Special Lecture 6	Special Lecture 9 Special Lecture 10
10.00-11.00		Oral Presentation 3 OP3-01-05	Oral Presentation 5 OP5-01-05
10.30-10.45		Coffee Break	Coffee Break
11.00-12.00	10.00-11.30 Organizing Committee Meeting 11.30-13.00 Lunch (OC)	Oral Presentation 4 OP4-01-05	Oral Presentation 6 OP6-01-05
12.00-12.30			Special Lecture 11
12.30-13.00			Closing Remarks
13.00-13.30	Opening Ceremony	Special Lecture 7 Special Lecture 8	Farewell Party
13.30-14.00	Special Lecture 1	General Assembly Meeting	
14.00-14.30	Special Lecture 2	(Photo Time)	

14.30-14.45	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
14.45-15.45	Oral Presentation 1 OP1-01-05	Poster Presentation
15.45-16.45	Oral Presentation 2 OP2-01-05	
16.45-17.15	Special Lecture 3	
17.15-17.30	Special Lecture 4	
18.30-20.30	Welcome Party	Banquet (Thai Night)

Since the advanced modalities and technology approach to our dental radiology field in Thailand, two Hitashi CB MercuRay are used. The first one is at Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University as I mentioned in last issue of Newsletter, the second one is at National Metal and Material Technology Center (MTEC) which both of them are used in the diagnosis and research purposes. Digital imaging is used in some private dental clinic but are rarely used as diagnostic tool in Oral Radiology clinic of Faculty of Dentistry. However, several universities use direct digital imaging in endodontics treatment to reduce time consuming and for more convenience of the patient. Presently, Oral Radiology Clinic, Faculty of Dentistry, Naresuan University uses both direct and indirect digital imaging with patient treated in the dental clinic.

E-learning system for oral radiology using internet technology is in preparation for taking intraoral radiography which I am working now and plan to test with my dental students next semester in comparison with teaching as in the classroom. Quiz questions are made for testing the achievements of learning.

Finally, our local committees are very excited to welcome all of our guest speakers, members and accompanying persons. Looking forward to seeing and welcoming all of you in Bangkok, Thailand.

Anonknart Bhakdinaronk
President of the 5th ACOMFR



Notes from at large

The 10th annual Congress and Exposition on Computed Maxillofacial Imaging was held in conjunction with CARS 2004, ISCAS, CVI and CAD at the Hilton and Towers Hotel, Chicago, USA, June 23-26. Due to a larger abstract submission than usual, selection was tighter than ever. CMI scientific sessions were divided into “New concepts in computed maxillofacial imaging”, “Multi-dimensional craniomaxillofacial imaging concepts”, and “Multi-dimensional craniomaxillofacial imaging applications”. The Tutorial and Round Table Discussion focused on “Dimensions in computed maxillofacial imaging.” The Keynote speech was delivered by Herman Oosterwijk and concerned “Standardization of image exchange for dentistry using DICOM”. CMI also co-hosted (with CARS) a joint session concerning “Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise—IHE”.

Undoubtedly, cone-beam CT was at the forefront of the meeting this year with presentations and/or exhibits from or using ISI, J. Morita, NewTom and Materialise systems and software leading the way. Several substantial case series have now been developed, with more than 3000 cases per year being examined using CBCT at Nihon University Dental Hospital as an example now for several years in a row.

Next year’s CMI will be June 22-25, 2005 in Berlin, Germany. Details of CMI, and CARS in general, can be found on the web at www.cars-int.de

Other news from the USA is that Dentistry now has its very own DICOM Working Group-WG 22. The American Dental Association acts as the Secretariat to this group. The first item of business was to development, and approval following public comment, of DICOM Supplement 92 that

details the Media Application Profile for dental grayscale images. Supplement 92 is freely available at the NEMA website for FTP download:

ftp://medical.nema.org/medical/dicom/final/sup92_ft.pdf. In parallel ADA SCDI WG 12.1 has produced Technical Report TR 1023 that is presently making its way through the ADA SCDI ratification process. This TR provides DICOM use-case examples, and details ADA specifications where they are more demanding than the base DICOM Standards. Ongoing WG 22 activity includes emphasis on DICOM issues related to: (1)

Visible Light (VL) Objects; (2) Hanging Protocols; (3) Overlays; (4) Structured Reporting; (5) electronic image transmission using WADO; and 3-D applications including tomosynthesis and cone-beam CT.

Allan G. Farman,
Organizer, CMI,
Co-Chair DICOM WG 22



CMI 2004, Chicago: Drs Brooks, Farman and Calvacanti in the foreground.
Drs Bianchi and Molteni in discussion in the rear.



Panelists for the 2004 CMI round table discussion on dimensions
inmaxillofacial imaging included (left to right) Drs. Arai (Japan),
Calvacanti (Brazil), Hayakawa (Japan), Brooks (USA), and Sukovic (USA).



Regional Report from Japan

The 45th congress of Japanese Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (JSOMR) was held at Hiroshima on September 16 through 18, 2004. Professor Keiji Tanimoto of Hiroshima University School of dentistry chaired the Congress. There were 53 scientific oral presentations and 33 poster presentations. A special lecture (Shuzaburo Uemura Memorial Lecture) and two special reports were given. Special lecture was “The Temporomandibular joint in focus” by Dr. Annika Isberg from Umeå University, Sweden. Special reports were “Diagnosis of toothache” by Professor Takatsugu Sasano from University of Tohoku School of dentistry and “Science of caries diagnosis” by Kazunori Yoshiura from University of Kyushu School of dentistry. The JSOMR changed from a party to Non profit corporate organization (NPO) from June 2004. The foundation ceremony of NPO was held at this congress with invited guest from the Japanese Society of Oral Surgery, the Japanese Society of Oral Pathology, the Japanese Association for Dental Science and Japan Dental Machine Manufacturing Association.

The 9th annual congress for diagnostic imaging division was held at Nagoya on May 29 through 30 2004, the congress was chaired by Professor Eiichiro Arijii (University of Aichigakuin School of dentistry, Nagoya). This meeting featured the diagnostic imaging section of JSOMR. The main themes of this meeting were enjoyment of diagnostic imaging. There were three different subtitles those are diagnostic imaging of trauma, case reports and the pleasure of image reading. The meeting consisted of 11 scientific oral presentations, 4 different theme topic sessions of case reports, 3 different theme topic sessions of image reading, 5 different theme topic sessions of diagnostic imaging of trauma, one special lecture and one educational lecture. The special lecture was “treatment of trauma in oral and maxillofacial regions” by Professor Kazuo Shimogouri from University of Aichi Gakuin School of dentistry Department of Oral Surgery. The educational lecture was “an attempt to discover new things by studying the past through scrutiny of the old for diagnostic imaging” by Shigenobu Kanda the chairman of the board of directors for JSOMR.

The 196th meeting of Kanto (East Japan) district of JSOMR chaired by Associate Professor Kaoru Kobayashi was held at University of Tsurumi School of dentistry on March 27, 2004, at Kanagawa. The joint conference with the 197th Kanto and 24th Kita Nihon (North Japan) districts of JSOMR chaired by Associate Professor Masanori Shozushima (Iwate Medical University, school of dentistry) was held on June 26, 2004 at Iwate. The 39th Kyushu district JSOMR chaired by Professor Kenji Yuasa (Fukuoka Dental College) was held at Hibikinosato Asamoya Hotel in Oita from August 27 through 29, 2004.

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Report from the Nordic countries

The 9th European Congress of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology was held in Malmö, Sweden, June 17-19, 2004. Malmö university hosted the congress and almost 200 oral radiologists participated in the meeting. The main theme was “Radiography – A tool for quality development in oral health care”. Invited speakers lectured about “Evidence-based health care – a tool for improving clinicians practice” (Peter Aspelin, Karolinska Institute and Madeleine Rohlin, Malmö university). “Teaching for learning” was the lecture title of Lars-Owe Dahlgren from Linköping university. Further, Karl Obrant, Lund university and Christina Lindh, Malmö university lectured about “Bone tissue – biology, diagnostic methods and treatment”. Finally, Ann Wenzel, Aarhus university spoke about “Pros and cons with direct digital radiography in caries diagnosis”. Fifty-five oral presentations were given in the scientific sessions together with 49 poster presentations. It was an impressive presentation of different research areas within our field. Most European countries were represented and visitors also came from outside Europe from Australia, Brazil, Iran, Japan, South Africa, Thailand and USA.

During the congress the European Academy of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology was founded. The Academy has a founding membership of 205 members from 21 European countries. Eric Whaites (UK) was elected as president, vice president Kostas Tsiklakis (Greece), secretary Paul F van der Stelt (The Netherlands) and treasurer Laetitia Brocklebank (UK). Major committees were founded in the area of Specialisation, Education, Selection criteria and Radiation protection, Research and Scientific committee, Finance and finally Congress committee. Next meeting will be held in Leuven in Belgium in 2006 under the guidance of Reinhilde Jacobs. Congratulations and thanks to all involved in the process of founding the Academy.

The 16th Nordic Symposium in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology was preceding the European congress. The symposium attracted around 50 participants. The theme was “Quality development in education” and workshops were given with the perspective of continuous education and specialist training. The Nordic symposiums are always held in an open and stimulating atmosphere and I hope they will continue, in spite of all other meetings held in Europe and around the world.

In the beginning of September another congress is held in Gothenburg, Sweden – the so-called “Röntgenveckan”. This congress comprises all fields of radiology and one day is devoted to oral radiology in the programme.

It has been a very congress intensive period. The extremely rainy summer facilitated rest and cultural activities. Now I look forward to the IADMFR congress next year.

Best regards
Arne Petersson

Greetings from the USA.

We take this opportunity to wish the chairpeople and all their assistants the best of luck in their preparation for the next meeting in Cape Town, South Africa at the end of May next year. This is a tremendous undertaking and they need all our support. As an ex South African I can assure every one that they are in for a great treat in Cape Town.

The 55th Annual Scientific Session of the of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology [AAOMR] will take place from November 3rd through November 7th this year at the Warwick Hotel Denver Colorado. Bookings must be made for the hotel through the AAOMR. The AAOMR have arranged a rate of \$120.00 per night at the hotel and bookings can be made through www.aaomr.org

Located at the base of the Rocky Mountains, Denver is one of America's most beautiful cities.

It is important always to plan well in advance so I am supplying information of future meetings of the American Academy.

2005. 56th Annual Scientific Session takes place at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina from November 16 through the 20th.

2006. 57th. Annual Scientific Session will take place in Kansas City, Missouri. The date is yet to be decided.

Additional information for all the above meetings can be obtained from the Executive Director, Dr. Michael Shrout email NShrout@Mail.MCG.edu and Fax 706 721 - 6276

The old order changeth giving rise to the new. Jon Park the editor of the Newsletter for many years has retired and has resigned as the editor of the Newsletter of the Academy. Jon did a sterling job and must be thanked and complimented for his services to the Academy. The new editor of the Newsletter is William Moore. Should any one wish to send information to the Newsletter, his email address is MOOREW@uthscsa.edu

Dr. Israel Kaffe, Dean of the Dental School at Tel Aviv University in Israel is spending his sabbatical with Dr. Neill Serman at the Dental School at Columbia University in the City of New York. Dr. Kaffe is also Coordinator of the Department of Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine and Oral Radiology at the School. Dr. Kaffe has been the Middle East Director on the Board of Directors of the IADMFR for almost 20 years.

Canada will be entitled to a Director on the Board of Directors of the IADMFR as from the meeting in Cape Town next year. I have been informed that there is considerable interest in the position in Canada and two people have announced that they will be standing for the position.

The following information was supplied by Dr. Garnet Packota

Greetings from Canada

The Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (CAOMR) held its 32nd Annual General Meeting in Toronto on October 1 and 2, 2004. Activities included a scientific session, a case exchange and the business meeting.

The case exchange held at our Annual General Meeting is now known as the “Dr. Doug Stoneman Case Exchange” in memory of our mentor, Doug Stoneman, who passed away in 2003. Doug was the Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology graduate program at the University of Toronto for many years, and was a respected mentor to many people in our Academy, and in our specialty.

CAOMR members continue to be active in many areas in the dental community in Canada, including regular features in the Journal of the Canadian Dental Association, representation on various national dental organizations, and review and revision of legislative documents relating to oral radiology.

CAOMR is in the process of electing a Canadian representative to IADMFR. The name of this person was not available at the time of press, but this individual will be attending the 2005 Congress in Cape Town.

The date and venue of CAOMR's 2005 Annual General Meeting have not yet been determined. In September of 2006, the Academy will be participating in a multidisciplinary dental specialists meeting in Montréal. All specialty groups in Canada will be attending this meeting, the first of its kind to be held in our country.

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Neill Serman, American Director on the Board of Directors