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Registration is now open for the ASOFRE Meeting being held in Brisbane on 3-4 March 2017. The event promises to offer excitement, engagement and education for all attendees. The theme Aesthetics and Evidence will continue the tradition of Foundation Meetings by providing current research based evidence relevant to the clinical practice of orthodontics.

The ASOFRE Committee is proud to announce Professor Henry Fields from Ohio, USA as the keynote speaker for the Meeting. In 1991, Prof Fields was appointed Dean at Ohio State University and served until 2001. Currently, he is Professor and Division Chair of Orthodontics. He has also been a significant part of the development of orthodontics in the USA and is a recognized expert in the field.

His current research interests centre on diagnostic systems and decisions, treatment outcomes, health literacy and cancer chemoprevention. Professor Fields’ lectures will cover growth modification, orthodontic-surgical treatments, smile aesthetics and camouflage.

The Brisbane program will also include presentations by other Australian and Overseas researchers and Foundation Award winners. Find out more about our invited speakers here.

Professor Fields will also be teaching students from all Australian and New Zealand orthodontic programs at the Students Meeting which is being held on the two days prior to the Foundation Meeting. FRE would like to thank our sponsors of the student meeting - 3M.

A social highlight of the program will be the Foundation Dinner at one of Brisbane’s heritage icons Customs House. At this event we will be celebrating 50 years of the Australian Orthodontic Journal. For more information and to register for this event head to http://www.themeetingpeople.com.au/asofre2017

Thank you to our major sponsors of the event - Henry Schein Halas and 3M.
Here’s a look at some of the highlights of 2016 for ASOFRE:

$1.25 million and counting…

Through the ASO | Henry Schein Halas Alliance Henry Schein Halas have donated well over a million dollars to support orthodontic research and education. Without this funding a number of the activities undertaken by the ASOFRE could not have been contemplated or completed. Purchasing dental supplies from Henry Schein Halas provides members 15% and 20% discounts and earns funding for the Foundation. Check out the savings and support the Foundation by considering purchasing dental supplies from Henry Schein Halas. You can find out more information here.

Continuing to support student research

In 2016 the ASOFRE donated $67,500 to Australian orthodontic programs to support student research, and approved $51,000 funding as Special Research Donations to support research by ASO members and academics. Click here for more information.

The two projects approved in 2016 for funding are:

• Differences in the oral microbiota of patients being treated with clear aligners and brackets: a randomized clinical trial. - Dr Sachin Agarwal and Paul Schneider, Orthodontic Department, University of Melbourne Dental School

• The impact of Temporary Anchor Devices on skeletal expansion of the Maxilla - Dr Mitran Goonewardene, Orthodontics Department, University of Western Australia.

The Foundation is proud to support these two projects and look forward to the researchers presenting their findings at an ASO Congress or Foundation meeting when complete. ASO members should be duly proud of our world class academics and researchers at Australian universities.

Congratulations to the 2016 Award winners

At the Melbourne Congress, the 2016 Foundation Awards were presented. These awards encourage and reward excellence and help support further orthodontic research and education.

P Raymond Begg Research Award - Dr Sanjivjan Kandasamy for his research ‘The effects of piezocision on root resorption associated with orthodontic force: a MicroCT pilot study’.

Milton Sims Award – Dr Eugene Twigge. Awarded to the most meritorious student in the two years preceding each Congress.

Student Poster Award – Dr Adam Leung best student poster.

Sam Bulkley – AB Orthodontics Traveling Fellowship – Dr Doreen Ng will travel in 2017 to the University of Florence to investigate ‘Public awareness level of sleep apnoea’ in Italy and other countries in Europe.

Access is also being maintained for the 5 Australian post graduate orthodontic programs to the UNC seminar videos. These online seminars provide a valuable resource for post graduate students to further their orthodontic studies.

Improved orthodontic education is an important aim of the Foundation as this will improve the standard of orthodontic treatment received by patients. Orthodontic education of dentists is also critical to inform them of contemporary orthodontic diagnosis and treatments and to explain to them the limitations of ‘short term orthodontics’ that has been recently promoted by some entrepreneurs.

This year, Orthodontic Education has been supported with the supply of the Profit | University of North Carolina teaching modules for a further 5 years. All nine dental schools have been supplied these comprehensive online modules to teach dental students sensible and evidence based orthodontics. A number of orthodontic heads of department have explained the use of these teaching modules is like having an extra staff member in the department. They have also expressed their approval of the benefit of all or most dental schools teaching the same course Australia wide.

As the year draws to a close, it’s a good opportunity to reflect on the work of the Foundation for Research and Education. A reminder that registrations are now open for the Foundation Meeting being held 3rd and 4th March in Brisbane. The ASOFRE Committee looks forward to seeing members there - you can register for the event by clicking here.
Head of Department Rotations

In addition, the ASOFRE [along with the NZAO] has made available funds for the Heads of Department of all Australian and NZ orthodontic programs to visit the other departments to lecture to their post graduate orthodontic students and to exchange valuable insights about how the other departments function. Here are some of the comments made this year about the program:

This is a short note of thanks on behalf of all the graduate students from UWA for the day we have just spent with Professor Maura Farella. It was a very fruitful day of learning for each one of us and we feel extremely fortunate to receive teaching from one of our regions leading orthodontists. We in Perth are well aware of the unique privilege that it is to have leaders of our profession come West to teach us. Further we realise that such days would not be possible without the ASO’es generous support. All of us look forward to being contributors future grad students.

Online Video Education

The 2014 recipient of the P Raymond Begg Research Award was Prof Michael Woods. At the 2015 Foundation Meeting in Hobart Prof Woods delivered a summary of his research and this lecture was subsequently recorded. This video recording is available on the ASOFRE website. This lecture and recording has been promoted to general dentists, via two issues of the ASO NSM’s Brighter Futures Newsletter. This Newsletter is distributed to all ADA members in Australia to help them improve their orthodontic diagnostic and treatment planning skills. You can view the video on the ASOFRE website here.

Donations and Grateful Patient Donation Program

The Foundation relies heavily on donations from members, corporates and grateful patients to continue to grow. The ongoing support and donations from Members are needed and always valued. Please go to the Donations Form located on the ASOFRE website to donate directly.

The Committee would like to thank all of our previous donors – you can find a list of previous donations here. A reminder that the Grateful Patient Donation Program is a very convenient way to treat friends or the family of referring dentists who feel uncomfortable not contributing financially for their treatment. Just as they feel uncomfortable not contributing we feel uncomfortable charging them a fee. Instead they can make a donation to the Foundation which both they and you can feel more comfortable about.

The amount they donate is credited to you on the Foundation Honor Roll. You can find a copy of the Grateful Patient Donation Form here.

The ASOFRE Committee is a very hard working and cohesive committee because of the high calibre, ethics and dedication of every team member. Thank you to them for all their effort and support. If you have any questions regarding the Foundation do not hesitate to contact one of the team.

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After lengthy discussions and modelling of the various alternatives that were reviewed a new arrangement has been agreed upon. Not only is the new arrangement more generous to a majority of our Members, it has also been simplified to make it easier to understand and calculate.

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