Déjà vu when I was approached to kick off the inaugural issue of the digital newsletter for Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS). Images of chasing people for articles, having to read and edit every one of them, sieving out high resolution pictures for print started pouring in; and that feeling of having to rush for publication deadline began to sink in.

Having been the Editor-In-Chief for the Singapore Dental Association publication for 4 years, I thought I was finally done with the role! But now I am back in the same seat, with a different publication of course. I hope I am able to contribute to APOS in building a platform for our member countries to know more about each other and get connected in the region.

I would like to thank the APOS EXCO, especially the President, Dr Bryce Lee, for their confidence in me to take up this role. And many thanks to Dr Richmond Loy for helping out with the layout of the newsletter at a nominal cost; agreeing without any hesitation at all.

I hope you enjoy this 1st issue of APOS newsletter to mark our camaraderie between the current 18-members Orthodontic community.

With this, I would like to appeal to all our APOS members to contribute to the 4-monthly newsletter of one APOS, one VOICE, one FAMILY as described by Dr Bryce Lee.

Yian San

Dr SEOW Yian San
Editor-In-Chief
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In 1991, over 25 years ago, a loose gathering of societies in the Asia Pacific Region attended the first Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference (APOCH) in Osaka, Japan. These like-minded orthodontists wanted a meeting of minds in the region.

We just celebrated our 10th APOCH on the lovely island of Bali, Indonesia in September 2016. We now have 18 member societies and each were represented in Bali to share orthodontic ideas, network and promote the strong bonds we have in the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS).

We, as a region, have done much for orthodontics. If you look, for example, at the 2016 December issue of the AJODO – an orthodontic journal with one of the highest impact factors – half the number of original articles and case reports come from the region. Many of our region’s top speakers are internationally renown and their lecture circuits have taken them to all corners of the world. The President of the World Implant Orthodontic Association (WIOA) comes from the region and as Dr Allan Thom, President of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO), has predicted, a future President of the WFO will also come from the region.

Do we rest on our laurels and say its time for someone to take over? Certainly not. We have much to do.

Firstly, we have to involve as many orthodontists in the region as possible. Those who are not part of our grouping need to be encouraged to join us. We can do much more in numbers. And to fellows within the APOS – involve yourselves in your national orthodontic society and the APOS. There is no better way to improve yourselves than networking and learning from such a group. I encourage you to join us for our biennial conference – the APOCH and read our Journal – the APOS Trends in Orthodontics; or better still, contribute to both.

Secondly, we know our region’s economies are diverse. Those who are more fortunate need to help those less well-off. Charity begins at home and the APOS will set up a foundation to aid in this. The executive committee has approved the setting up of a foundation and has appointed Dr Prashant Zaveri to be its chair. I have had the privilege of working with Prashant for the last 3 years, and have no doubt of his abilities and there is no person more suitable to undertake this daunting task.

Thirdly, we need to improve communication to fellows. Dr Nikhilesh Vaid – Editor in Chief of the APOS Journal has done a tremendous job in reaching out to all fellows through the internet and social media. This issue of the newsletter is the beginning of something less formal for fellows to keep in touch with the APOS. I thank Dr Yian San Seow for undertaking the role of Editor of the Newsletter.

I need to remind fellows that these projects are not the sole responsibility of just the 21 members of the executive committee or indeed that the foundation is Prashant’s problem or the newsletter Yian San’s job; WE ALL have to own these projects because we are all part of the APOS.

I’d like to congratulate Yian San and her team for doing a fantastic job with the inaugural issue of the APOS Newsletter. This was the vision of Dr Somchai Satravaha and Dr Loh Kai Woh many years ago. I’m so glad they will see the fruition of their initiative.
As I stated in the first paragraph the first APOC was in 1991, fast-forward 10 years later, the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society was formalized and born in 2001. In 2011, after another 10 years, we were an officially registered society with an operational financial account. I look forward to what we all can do over the next 10 years……

Dr Bryce Lee
President of Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society
(2016-2018)
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1-3 September 2016
Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre, Bali, Indonesia

The 10th APOC and 11th IAO Annual Meeting hit a new milestone in 2016 as it was the largest conference scale that IAO has ever hosted. The IAO was honoured to be able to host this event on the beautiful island of Bali. It was held on a world-class venue of Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre with world-class speakers coming from almost every corner of the world as well as from our own Asia Pacific region. The opening ceremony was held on the 1 September 2016 with Welcoming Address from Dr Krisnawati, Sp.Ort (K) as the President of IAO and Chairperson of the 10th APOC, followed by address from Dr Alan Thom as the President of the WFO and address from Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid as the President of APOS. Then the ceremony continued with the APOS Orator Lecture given by Prof Mithran Goonewardene (Australia) as well as the...
Presentation of APOS Honorary Fellows to Prof. Gakuji Ito (Japan), Prof. Hideo Mitani (Japan), Prof Somchai Satravaha (Thailand) and Dr Crissie Santayana (Phillipines).

On the scientific aspect, twenty five high calibre international speakers participated to share their expertise and vast knowledge, coming from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Mexico, Australia, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. In addition to that, another 37 speakers coming from the member societies of the APOS have also participated in this event, such as Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Korea, People’s Republic of China, India, Taiwan, Macau, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines. Our own 37 national speakers from Indonesia were also contributing to the meeting. The topics covered numerous interesting subjects, such as the future of orthodontics, multidisciplinary treatment, management of craniofacial deformities, development in technology, new treatment strategies, as well as community service.

The oral and poster scientific awards also attracted numerous amount of post-graduates nationally as well as from regional countries. It was with no surprise that the scale of the meeting was immense and unprecedented with around 900 participants from almost every continent as well as numerous local, regional and global dental industries were participating in the dental trade exhibition.

To foster and encourage clinician and academician to participate to the APOS Journal, there was also awards given to the best submitted articles in the APOS Journal to Dr Muralidhar Bhat for Best Original Research Article and to Prof Kee-Joon Lee for Best Clinical Article. “The purpose of conceptualizing awards for the journal was to encourage excellence amongst the authors submitting their work to the journal, and to raise the bar on published literature in the region,” as said by Dr. Nikilesh Vaid, President of APOS and Editor-in-chief of the Journal.

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-DR. NIKILESH VAID,
On the non-scientific aspect of the meeting, an exquisite Presidential Reception was held by the President of IAO, Dr Krisnawati, Sp.Ort (K), at the beautiful seaside Banyan Tree Resort. Presidents of the APOS member societies, President of the WFO (Dr Alan Thom), President of the AAO (Dr DeWayne McCamish) as well as all invited speakers were all invited to celebrate our friendship and networking. The reception started with a cocktail reception overlooking the beautiful sunset from the resort and followed with dinner. On the 2nd day, the most anticipated Gala Dinner Reception by the beach at the Taman Bhagawan was held. A welcome cocktail reception was held by the beach for all participants while enjoying the sunset view. At the same time, the LOC provided booths which consisted Indonesia’s traditional artwork where participants could enhance their knowledge on the tradition. The event then continued with dinner while enjoying performances from Indonesian orthodontic residents coming from 5 different institutions as well as professional singer. There was also some token of appreciation given to the each of the representation of the APOC members as a gesture of friendship. Dr Alan Thom, the President of WFO delivered a short message which he encouraged all orthodontist to take pride of our profession, foster friendship and networking especially in our uniquely diverse Asia Pacific region and also not to forget to share our knowledge as well as contribute and give back to our societies.

Great lectures! Warm hospitality! Great event! Nice venue! Good number on participants and exhibitions! Good organization! And there are many more positive feedbacks that the LOC had received from numerous speakers, participants and exhibitors. For those who attended the meeting, we are sure we all could feel the sense of “friendship”, “togetherness” and “family” on the atmosphere that has brought us together. Although, initially, many were sceptical and anxious of the progress of the meeting’s preparation, but at the end, the meeting surpassed
many expectations. This nonetheless could not have become a reality without the sense of “friendship”, “togetherness” and “family” that members of the APOS have and all your support were very much appreciated. It may be relevant, at this context, if we reflect our motto as stated by the previous President of APOS, Dr Nikhilesh Vaid as well as echoed by the current President, Dr Bryce Lee, that “One APOS, One Family, One Voice” that become the foundation of our association.

We all look forward to meeting all of you again at the 11th APOC in Boracay, Philippines. We would like to extend our best wishes to our friends in the Philippines for their preparation for the next meeting. We are all a “family” indeed.

The Indonesian Association of Orthodontists (IAO)
Jakarta, Indonesia
8th World Implant Orthodontic Congress

The "World Implant Orthodontic Association (WIOA) is an association dedicated to encouraging research and promoting excellence in Orthodontics through the integration of Mini-screw anchorage concepts. The brainchild of Dr Yeong Chel Park, this organization has now grown globally and has around 40 advisory board members, who are renowned names in the field. The WIOCs are held annually in conjugation with the meetings of national orthodontic associations globally. This year the 8th WIOA was held along with the 51st Indian Orthodontic Congress. The President of the WIOA is Professor Junji Sugawara and the President of the 8th WIOA was Dr Eric Liou. The Chairperson of the 8th WIOA at the Goa meeting was Dr N R Krishnaswamy from India.

The Advisory Board of the WIOA has an annual breakfast meeting at the WIOCs, to discuss policies of the WIOC. The 9th WIOC will be held in Kobe, Japan in 2017 and the 10th WIOC will be held in Bali, Indonesia in 2018.

Dr Nikhilesh R. Vaid
Dr. G. Chandra Sekhar, Professor and Head of Dept. of Orthodontics, Panineeya Dental College and hospital, HYDERABAD, India has taken over as President of Indian Orthodontic Society during 51st Indian Orthodontic Conference & 8th World Implant Orthodontic Conference held at Goa on 3-6th November, 2016. This conference was a huge success with more than 1500 delegates from all over the world and Dr. Surendra Shetye was the chairman and Dr. Nandini Kamat was the Organizing Secretary of this Conference. Dr. GC has taken over the reins of IOS from Immediate Past President, Dr. K. Gangadhar Prasad (President of IOS 2015-16) who successfully completed his term on 6th November, 2016. Dr. Shailesh Deshmukh has been elected as President Elect of IOS and he will take over from DR. GC in November 2017 at 52nd IOC, Jaipur.
MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF PHILIPPINE ORTHODONTISTS (APO)

Last November 30, 2016, the Association of Philippine Orthodontists inducted its new president, Dr. Martin Antonio V. Reyes. Dr. Martin has been in exclusive practice of orthodontics since 1999. He obtained his Masters of Science in Dentistry / Orthodontics from the University of the Philippines, where he currently serves as a Professorial Lecturer in the Graduate School. He just concluded his commitment in Shanghai, China as a visiting orthodontic consultant since 2003. He now divides his time between private practice in Metro Manila and teaching Biomechanics as a professor at the University of the Philippines Graduate Program in Orthodontics. Moreover, Dr. Martin is the Editor in Chief of the Philippine Journal of Orthodontics, a Fellow of the World Federation of Orthodontists and Academy Dental International. As new President of the APO, he promises a term dedicated to the uplifting of orthodontics in the Philippines as well as strengthening the ties with other orthodontic associations in the Asia Pacific Region. His board will do its utmost best in attracting more members to the Asia Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) and the WFO, through very interesting and timely lectures, well renowned speakers and uplifting the quality of Orthodontics in the Philippines.

Induction of APO Officers

Dr. Reyes, together with the new APO board, took their oath of office at the Joya Rockwell Condominium in Makati last November 30, 2016. The PDA President of the Philippine Dental Association Dr. Carlos Buendia administered the oath taking ceremony. 7 new members were also inducted into the association. This was a special celebration which featured the Lifetime Member recognition of 2 pioneers of Philippine Orthodontics: Dr. Ermelinda Galang and Dr. Marilyn Leung. In his first speech to the general membership, Dr. Martin re-emphasized the need to develop camaraderie and respect among its members. There will always be differences of opinions in the numerous topics and activities to be discussed, but it is of great significance to still treat each other with respect. The Induction ceremony was followed by the Philippine Board of Orthodontics Commencement exercises where new Diplomate Dr. Janet Pandan took her oath as well. Board of Dentistry Chair
Dr. Rainier Reyes administered the oath taking for the PBO new Diplomate. It was definitely a memorable day for the APO members which ended in a fun-filled Christmas party, with good food, great friends and the promise of an amazing year ahead under the new APO President Dr. Martin Reyes.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Barely a few minutes after the Induction Ceremony, Dr. Martin and the APO volunteers proceeded to its first official activity: the Annual APO Outreach Program. This year it was held at the Museo Pambata along Roxas Boulevard in Manila, benefitting the children of the Noordoff Craniofacial Foundation Philippines, Inc (NCFPI). These children all received their new smiles from Smile Train, which is the world's largest cleft charity. They have done 1.5 million surgeries worldwide since 1999. Their global aim is to provide comprehensive cleft care to patients in need, and by partnering with hospitals and organizations like Noordoff, they provide free cleft lip and palate surgeries, speech therapy, and orthodontic and dental service for the cleft patients. APO is one of these partner organizations of the NCFPI, providing free Orthodontic services, volunteers and materials for the children.

Together with representatives from the Noordoff Craniofacial Foundation, APO members and orthodontic residents from the University of the Philippines spent the rest of the day playing games, participating and enjoying the special programs prepared by the kids and their parents, and of course giving Christmas goodies to the cleft lip and palate patients and their families.
The day was memorable not only for the children who received numerous gifts from APO and the sponsors, but also for the APO volunteers and everyone else who were instrumental in making the occasion a success. It made us realize time and again that giving was much better than receiving, and to make a child smile with even the simplest of gifts was more than enough to make everybody feel the Christmas spirit. Truly, it was a day that everybody who participated in the program will never forget.
AOSC 2017

STORY: ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (SINGAPORE)

AOS Congress 2017 Witnessed Unprecedented Growth at its Latest Edition

2 March 2017

Singapore – The Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress saw unprecedented growth at its 2017 edition with a 23% increase in exhibitors and 37.5% increase in attendees.

A total of 938 attendees from every corner of the world came together at this specialized orthodontic conference and exhibition to acquire new knowledge, exchange ideas and foster closer ties with the ASEAN orthodontic community. A total of 10 eminent orthodontic experts headed by keynotes Richard McLaughlin, Jay Bowman, Ravi Nanda and Greg Huang reviewed the latest studies and shared their practice experience with delegates over the 3-day main conference. Limited attendance workshops on both pre- and post-congress days were sold out before the beginning of the congress in Singapore.

“AOSC 2017 ended on a high note for us. We’re honoured by the support we’ve received from both local and international attendees. We’ve seen a strong increase in local attendees as well as first time participation from countries such as Cambodia,
Myanmar, Croatia and Egypt. The exhibition was bursting at the seams with 83 brands represented by leading manufacturers and distributors,” said Dr. Mohan, Chairperson of the Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress 2017.

The exhibition held alongside the conference, saw 32 exhibitors participate. Both manufacturers and distributors showcased the latest products and services such as the DentaForm- a brand new 3D-Printer launched by Structo 3D at AOSC; CEREC Ortho Guided Scanning Software from exhibitors Dentsply Sirona, KaVo 3D eXam+ from exhibitors Kavo Kerr and much more. “It was our first time participating in AOSC and it was a great opportunity for us to get our brand out there to build awareness. We met new clients as well as existing customers at the event,” shared exhibitor Rebecca Luk, Dental Monitoring.

The exhibition also included a lunch presentation by exhibitor BioMers on the advantages of the clear aligner SimpliClear for the first time within the exhibition hall.

Aside from the conference and exhibition, AOSC also brought together bright minds in the field of orthodontic research for the Scientific Poster Competition. 36 posters submitters presented their research to an esteemed panel of judges. After much deliberation, the judges awarded Laurensia Limas from Universitas Indonesia the cash prize of SGD 600 for winning the competition. Meritorious awards were given to Jason Chua of the National Dental Center and Emre Kayalar of Anadolu University.

This edition saw the return of the highly successful networking programs. The Welcome Reception and Gardens by the Bay Run both hit maximum capacity months before the congress began. Delegates and exhibitors mingled and fostered new ties at Aura in Singapore’s newest gallery, the National Gallery of Singapore while taking in sweeping views of Singapore’s iconic skyline. Participants in the run gathered bright and early on the second day of the congress for a strong start with a 2km run along the waterfront of the Gardens by the Bay.
“With the overwhelming success of this edition, plans to expand for the next edition of AOSC are already in the works. We hope to further improve both educational content and bring together more orthodontic professionals in Singapore once again in February 2019,” said Dr. Geraldine Lee, President of the Association of Orthodontists (Singapore).

The Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress will return for its next edition in February 2019. For the latest updates on developments for AOSC 2019 please check www.aoscongress.com or follow us on Facebook.
INSPIRED AT THE AOSC 2017

With much excitement and commitment, the Office Bearers of the APOS met for their second Face to Face meeting last February 24, 2017 at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Center on the occasion of the Association of Orthodontists Conference (AOSC) 2017. Having been elected barely 5 months ago at the 10th APOC at Bali, Indonesia, it seemed very palpable that the OBs has missed each other and were more than excited to get to work primarily and secondarily to show their full support to the AOSC organizing team.

With APOS President Bryce Lee at the helm of the meeting, various issues and challenges were discussed and ironed out. Immediate Past President Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid provided the wisdom, experience and laughter as he guided us along the way. In spite of his very busy schedule, APOS Vice President Dr Zhou Yanheng (who arrived in the morning & flew back the same night just to attend the meeting) epitomized his sincere commitment and dedication in leadership. And when issues and discussions got heated up, we turned our heads & sought relief in the beautiful Assistant Treasurer & APOS Newsletter Editor in chief Dr Seow Yian San. Among the OBs, it was the treasurer Dr. Zakir Hossain who in his eagerness to see everyone, gifted us with the blue sweat shirt with the APOS inscription that we wore after the meeting (see photo).

The story of AOSC 2017 is indeed very inspiring. The AOS shared to me their experience. Three months before the Congress, they only had over a 100 registered delegates. After the Chinese New Year, registration started to come in with the help from APOS friends and from other regions. Registered delegates reached over 900 comprising of 180 locals & the rest, foreign delegates. No doubt, the AOS won the hearts of their many friends as they treated them with the warmest hospitality and sincere friendship. Utmost attention to every detail truly made each activity, whether scientific or social, such a memorable fun and great learning experience. Truly,
the APOS has grown closer over the years ...the slogan One APOS, One Voice truly has become!

Hats off to AOS President Dr. Geraldine Lee & to Congress Chair Dr. Mohan Senathirajah! Together with their dynamic AOSC 2017 organizing team, not a single detail was left unnoticed. The pre and post congress meetings, the critically selected scientific sessions, the fun-filled Garden by the bay run and the unforgettable social nights, truly made the AOSC a resounding success!

The Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO) has indeed been exposed to the makings of a great congress and, hence we are more than challenged & inspired to make the APOC 2018 in Boracay Philippines another memorable experience!

Dr Roberto B. Tan
Secretary General, APOS 2016–2018
Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your participation in the AOSC 2017. We are proud to announce that the AOSC event is growing into a very successful regional orthodontic meeting where over 50% of companies were first-time exhibitors at the 2017 edition.

So mark your calendar in February 2019 and be part of what promises to be an even more spectacular and vibrant conference and expand your network of colleagues and traders!

Best Regards,

Seow Yian San
Organizing Committee
Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress 2019
The APOS Office Bearers for the year 2016-2018 held its first organizational meeting last September 3, 2016 at the Uluwatu Rm. 1 Bali Nusa Dua Conference Center, Bali Indonesia to lay out the plans that will serve as the working framework for the next 2 years.

APOS President Bryce Lee set the tone of his leadership by facing up to the challenge of making the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society more relevant to the times. The concept of the APOS newsletter was conceived to be able to reach out to every society and association within the Asian Pacific region and to inform them of the various activities of the APOS.

Dr Seow Yian San has graciously accepted the challenge to be its founding Editor. We know that this is no easy task but we remain confident that this project will shine especially through the combined effort of all its affiliate member societies.

The APOS is also in close communication with the various Regional Orthodontic Organizations across the region, an initiative started by our Immediate Past President Nikhilesh Vaid. The APOS stands proud to have close ties with the WFO, the AAO, the ALADO and the FEO and we strive to further strengthen this strong bond.

APOS President Bryce Lee envisions more societies/associations in the Asian Pacific region to seek affiliation with the APOS. Currently we have 18-member affiliate societies but remain confident that others will comply with membership admission guidelines of the APOS Constitution and By Laws.
The Board remains challenged and committed to continue the different projects that the APOS has initiated and would like to commend the different subcommittee Chairpersons and their members for their work.

Dr. Prashant Zaveri: Chairman to study the Foundation (APFORE)

Dr. Mike Razza: Chairman to study APOS Board

The 10th APOC in Bali, Indonesia hosted by the IAO, was a resounding success. All eyes are now set on the next APOC on March 5-7, 2018 to be held at the world famous Boracay island in the Philippines. The Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO), together with its Congress Chair, Dr. Jose Rivera, is 100 percent committed to make this a truly educational and fun filled unforgettable event. One may be confused whether they attended a scientific congress or had a great vacation after the Boracay APOC event!

In conjunction with the 11th APOC, the second APOS Residents Forum with APOS Vice President Dr. Zhou Yanheng as Chair and APO President Martin Reyes as Vice-Chair will certainly attract many orthodontic residents from all over the Asian Pacific Region.

Looking at the projects we the APOS Board, are working on "Behind the Scenes" so to speak, yes indeed, the APOS will continue to remain relevant to the times! We march to the beat of camaraderie and joyful learning!
THE PHILIPPINES TO HOST APOC 2018!

By Dr. Jose Rivera

The Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO) is already busy preparing to host the 11th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Congress with the theme Culture of Smiles on March 5, 6 & 7, 2018 in the beautiful island of Boracay! This will be their very first international orthodontic congress in the Philippines and delegates from the 18 member countries of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) are expected to attend.

As early as March 2017, the President of the APOS, Dr. Bryce Lee together with the immediate past President Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid will be meeting with the APOC 2018 organizing committee headed by their Chairman Dr. Jose Manuel Rivera who will then be taking them to Boracay together with the APOS Secretary General and APOC 2018 Co-chair Dr. Roberto Tan for the ceremonial ocular inspection.

The APOS was founded in 2001 with the purpose of assisting Affiliated Societies/Associations to promote excellence in orthodontics through education and research in the Asian Pacific region. Moreover, the activities of the APOS are to disseminate scientific and artistic information relating to orthodontics particularly through its biennial congress, the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Congress (APOC) and the Journal of the Society (APOS Trends in Orthodontics).

The organizing committee of APOC 2018 promises to make this once in a lifetime event an affair to remember. They are flying in 17 renowned orthodontic speakers from all over the world to grace this event. They will also be having a resident’s forum where orthodontic students can actively participate in plus poster presentations and an extensive trade exhibit. Included in the congress fee are social events for all delegates such as a “fiesta themed” opening ceremony, a breathtaking beachside gala dinner / luau and an entertaining closing ceremony.

The theme for this congress is CULTURE OF SMILES. It reflects the diversity and unifying reason for the entire Asian-Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) and the warm hospitality of the Filipinos and the smiles from the different cultures which will be harnessed for this momentous occasion of the 11th APOC which will also coincide with the Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO) 11th Biennial National Orthodontic Congress: A PERFECT 11/11 INDEED!

As host country, the APO is excited to showcase to the foreign delegates from across the globe the warm Filipino hospitality and local talents. Not only will this be an opportunity for continued learning but also for some rest and relaxation with colleagues, friends and family amidst the beautiful setting of Boracay.

Orthodontic practitioners and students from all over the world are encouraged to attend the APOC in 2018 and to be a part of the biggest event in Philippine Orthodontic history!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

INDIAN ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY (IOS)

- **22–25th March 2017**: Bandhavgarh IOS Wild Life Safari @ Bandhavgarh, Jabalpur
- **July - September 2017**: PG Orientation program (Four) @ Indore, Cochin, Shirdi & Chandigarh
- **July - August 2017**: Overseas Mid Year Convention-2017 @ East Europe
- **Sep - October 2017**: TYPODONT Workshop (Three) @ Lucknow Hyderabad, Bangalore @ Delhi and Chennai
- **TBA**: Teachers Training Program @ New Delhi Jaipur
- **17–19th Nov 2017**: Orthodontic Week: 52nd IOC Lingual Conference

ORTHODONTIC AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDIC ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL (ODOAN)

- **16–17th May 2017**: 2nd South Asian International Orthodontic Congress and 7th Orthodontic and Dentofacial Orthopedic Association of Nepal (ODOAN) Conference @ Kathmandu Nepal

The Pre-congress will be held on 15th of May 2017 and post congress will be held on 18th of May 2017. Eminent speakers include Dr Rabindra Nanda (US), Dr. Loh Kai Woh (Singapore), Dr. Nikhil Vaid (India), Dr. Letizia Perillo (Italy), Dr. Micheal Woods(Australia), Dr. Tomio Ikegami (Japan), Dr Somchai Satravaha (Thailand), Dr. William Choy (Taiwan), Dr. Wenli Lai (China) and many more will be attending the congress. We are expecting over 200 orthodontists from all around the globe. More details can be found on our webpage www.southasiaortho.com.

MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (MAO)

- **22–24 April 2017**: 23rd Malaysian Association of Orthodontists International Scientific Conference and Trade Exhibition @ Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

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CALANDAR OF EVENTS 2017

ASSOCIATION OF PHILIPPINE ORTHODONTISTS (APO)

- April-May 2017  104th Convention of the Philippine Dental Association
  * Together with the local Pediatric Specialty Affiliate, APO will host a
    workshop type seminar on May 4, 2016
  * Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Balanag Lingual Orthodontics
- June 2017  APO General Scientific Meeting
- August 2017  Summer Regional Scientific Conference
  * Open to both APO & Non-APO Members
- October 2017  2nd Local Residents Forum @ University of the East
- December 2017  APO Outreach Program (TBD)

CHINESE ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY (COS)

- 17-21 September 2017  2017 China International Orthodontic Conference (2017 CICO) &
  16th Annual Meeting of Chinese Orthodontic Society
  @ National Exhibition & Convention Centre (Shanghai)

KOREAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (KAO)

- 28-30 October 2017  The 50th Annual Scientific Congress, Korean Association of
  Orthodontists
  @ Gwangju, Korea

BANGLADESH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY (BOS)

- 10-11 November 2017  3rd International & 5th National Orthodontic Conference of
  Bangladesh Orthodontic Society (BOS)

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ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (SINGAPORE) (AOS)

- February 2019  Association of Orthodontists (Singapore) Congress