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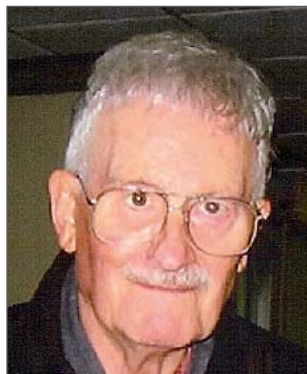
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Obituary: Fred Musaph

August 12, 1917 to November 25, 2007

On November 25, 2007 those of us who have long been members of the IADMFR lost a fellow campaigner for the advancement of dental maxillofacial radiology, and more importantly, a friend.



Fred Musaph was born on August 12, 1917 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He studied in Amsterdam, but he entered dental school at Tufts University, Boston, USA, graduating in 1951 with his DMD. He moved from Boston to Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada to work in the government children's dental program from 1951 to 1952, and also entered private practice there in 1952. It was in Lloydminster where Fred met Pat, whom he married in 1957, just down the road in Battleford, Saskatchewan. He and Pat remained in Lloydminster until 1958 then moved to Invermere, British Columbia, where Fred was in private practice. In 1962 Fred relocated to Vancouver, British Columbia, to join the Shaughnessy Hospital and worked in the dental department for seven years. Fred then taught at the University of British Columbia from 1969 to 1975. Ever the wanderer, Fred and Pat moved to Hyrylä, Finland, where Fred joined Palomex to work on their Orthopantomograph. In May 1982 Pat travelled ahead to Golden, British Columbia to oversee the construction of their retirement home. Fred joined her in August of that year.

Fred was known to many of us because of his interest in oral and maxillofacial radiology. He was a founding member of the Canadian Academy of Oral Radiology (now the Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology). It was fitting that it was in 1973, in Vancouver, that the Canadian Dental Association recognized radiology as a dental specialty. Fred was also

active in the IADMFR. It was at the second meeting, in Erlangen, that I met Fred, although we had corresponded. He and I, together with two other members, one from South Africa and one from The Netherlands "hung around together" at the meeting. Our conversations moved from English to Dutch to Afrikaans to German and back, without any of us missing a beat. It was truly an international association. Fred once confessed to me that whereas he spoke many languages, Finnish was the one that defeated even him. And I know that Fred tried. Apparently he was recently studying Mandarin. In the 1980s Fred was elected as a Director of the IADMFR, representing Canada. He took the job seriously and was as active in promoting the Association as he always was in everything he did.

His Worship, James Doyle, the Mayor of Golden, he told me that Fred was liked by all. I was not surprised. He was involved as a volunteer senior citizens councillor, and was always on the go, riding around on his power scooter. Fred never was much of a man to sit around and do nothing. Pat told me that he was always on the computer, keeping in touch with a wide circle of friends and colleagues, and because of this, he taught computer classes. He was also a member of the Historical Society. In our letter exchanges, when our son Jason was younger, Fred frequently sent interesting pictures - usually of animals, wild and domestic - that he thought Jason would like. We shall miss him. Fred died just two weeks to the day, shy of his 50th wedding anniversary.

Fred is survived by his wife, Pat, and five daughters, 8 grandchildren and 3 7/9 (according to Pat) great grandchildren; along with two sisters, a cousin, one niece and four nephews. He was predeceased by his son and brother.



Pat said, "Fred meant many things to many people; to us he meant everything."

Axel Ruprecht, Iowa, USA

Editorial

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of IADMFR members, I would like to express sincere condolences to the victims of the earthquake in China on 12 May, 2008. We also extend condolences to the victims of the Myanmar cyclone on 2-3 May, 2008.



I am very pleased to publish this newsletter for our IADMFR members. Time passes very quickly, as every former editor said, and for me too. In this issue I'm delighted to include a report on the activities planned for the 17th ICDMFR. It looks to be a very exciting ICDMFR in Amsterdam in 2009.

As for the 18th ICDMFR, we are contemplating what should be the main topic. For me as a Hiroshima resident, I feel the peace and the radiation is most relevant to Hiroshima, and the international friendship is most important.

For this newsletter we tried to cover as many regions as possible. I asked all the regional directors to report on their regional activities. We had a good response and I'm sure you will find the various regional reports very interesting reading. I hope I can include greetings from even more regions in the next issue.

I express my sincere thanks to all the contributors. Thank you very much.

Best wishes,

Keiji Tanimoto
Newsletter Editor of IADMFR
Hiroshima, Japan

From the President

Dear members of the IADMFR,

It is less than a year to go to the 17th ICDMFR, which will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in 2009. The organising committee is hard at work setting up a splendid congress following in the tradition of previous meetings in Amsterdam (the 3rd European Congress of DMFR, the five Symposia on Digital Radiology and several international courses).



The various sub-committees are preparing a nice mix of social activities and scientific presentations. There will be oral presentations and plenty of space for poster presentations. We have invited key-note speakers to present their opinion on current developments in our discipline. In addition to this, we anticipate a large representation of industry at the technical exhibition, which will allow you to experience the latest developments in dental and maxillofacial radiology.

The congress venue is the RAI Convention Centre which is a large congress and exhibition centre in Amsterdam, providing up-to-date facilities for presentations and communication.

Although Amsterdam is the largest city in the Netherlands, it is quite small compared to cities elsewhere in the world. Therefore, many hotels are within walking distance or just a short tram ride away from the venue, and the many entertainment opportunities in the city.

Stay updated on the 17th ICDMFR by visiting the website (www.iadmfr2009.org) regularly.

In the meantime, many other meetings and congresses of interest are taking place around the world. You may have been able to attend the VII Latin American Meeting of Dento-Maxilo-Facial Radiología in Caracas, Venezuela (April 2008) and the bi-annual meeting of the European Academy of DMFR in Budapest (June 2008). Later this year you can go to the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of OMR in Pittsburg (26 October – 1 November, 2008) and the 7th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in Nara, Japan (20-22 November, 2008). See www.iadmfr.org for more details.

Dento-maxillo-facial Radiology is an exciting area which is moving quickly at the moment. I hope to meet many of you at one of the meetings in the near future and certainly in Amsterdam in 2009. We are planning an excellent forum where you can learn about the latest developments, discuss important issues in DMFR, and last but not least, meet old friends and make new friends.

Paul F. van der Stelt
President IADMFR

From the chairman of 17th ICDMFR

Dear colleagues,

The organizing committee is working hard to finalize the plans for the scientific and social programme. The final programme will become available online in October 2008 on our congress website (www.iadmfr2009.org). As we are living nowadays in the digital era, we will exchange information in a digital format. We do not intend to send out printed second announcements. All information on the pre-congress, congress, social programs, hotel reservations and registration is available online.

The subject of the pre-congress course on Sunday 28th June 2009 will be ConebeamCT imaging where attention will be paid to the latest technological features, dose and dosimetry and of course clinical applications. We also expect interest in this course from implantologists, orthodontists and oral surgeons who often adopt new diagnostic tools more quickly than we do.

As already mentioned in the first announcement, the theme for the 17th ICDMFR will be "Imaging in Perspective". Currently we are experiencing numerous changes and developments in maxillofacial radiology. The theme of the conference will offer many opportunities to focus on various aspects of new imaging modalities, as well as, the role of maxillofacial radiologists in dentistry and medicine and on new teaching methods, which are especially helpful in our field, to mention just a few "perspectives".

For both the pre-congress and congress, speakers have been invited who are recognized internationally as specialists in their field. The names will be disclosed in October 2008 on the congress website.

The pre-congress and congress will take place in the RAI congress and exhibition centre. If needed, we will use two lecture halls during the congress. Both halls are adjacent to a beautiful area where the commercial exhibition, the poster exhibition, coffee and lunch breaks will be held. To make the poster sessions more attractive to presenters and visitors, the posters will only be on display for one or two days and next be replaced by new posters dealing with different subjects.

Our Social Program committee has developed wonderful ideas and found beautiful locations for the event. Except for the Welcome Reception which will be held in the congress centre itself, the other social events will be held elsewhere in and outside Amsterdam.

The support of sponsors and commercial exhibitors is a crucial factor in the success of a meeting. Their support helps us to keep the registration fees at a reasonable level. Potential sponsors and exhibitors have been addressed recently.

The Organizing committee received a grant from the Trust Fund of the IADMFR to support participants and contributions from underprivileged individuals. Details on this can also be found on the congress website from October 2008.

Finally I would like to remind all of you of the Research Award of the IADMFR which will also be awarded in Amsterdam in 2009. Please make junior researchers aware of this Award. Details on the conditions to participate can be found on the IADMFR web site.

We look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam in 2009.

Gerard C.H. Sanderink
Co-chairman Organizing Committee of the 17th ICDMFR

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Report from the Secretary General – March 2008



Greetings from Cape Town South Africa.

This is my first opportunity as Secretary General of the IADMFR to address the membership through the newsletter. I hope that I will be able to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors. First and foremost I would like to on behalf of the IADMFR extend our sincere gratitude to the immediate past Secretary General of the IADMFR Dr Gerard Sanderink and the administrative coordinator, Mrs. Yvonne Emmer for their services to the IADMFR and the sterling work they had done over the past 10 years to ensure the efficient functioning of the secretariat. We look forward in their continued support and advice.

Transfer of Secretariat to Cape Town

We have now successfully transferred the secretariat office from Amsterdam to Cape Town. The association has been officially registered with the South African Revenue Services as a non-profit organization. A new bank account has been opened with ABSA. The bank account details can be found on the IADMFR website.



New Administrative Coordinator

Our new administrative coordinator is Mrs. Jorina Botha. Please feel free to contact her.

Editor's Report

Thanks to all of the contributors, both authors and reviewers, *Dentomaxillofacial Radiology* continues to thrive. About one year ago we implemented use of the Editorial Manager system for manuscript submission and review. While a few people have experienced some computer difficulties with the system, I think most have found that it makes the whole process more efficient. I know that the time I spend as editor has been significantly reduced due to using the system.

In 2007 we went from six issues/year to eight issues/year, due to the increased number of submissions and the increased wait time from acceptance to publication. Even though we have decreased our acceptance rate for manuscripts, we still have more than an adequate supply of good quality papers to fill all the issues. We are trying to move away from case reports, although we will still accept some that show particularly significant lesions or unusual presentations, and more toward research papers. We will also publish occasional other types of papers that may be of interest to our readers.

In 2007 we also changed the cover of DMFR to make it look a little more contemporary, with new type style and a new image. While many members commented positively on the new cover design, some also criticized the occlusal image used as not being adequately representative of the scope of dentomaxillofacial radiology practice. For 2008 we have selected three new images, two cone-beam CT views in different planes and different reconstruction algorithms, plus an axial



MRI image. I would like to thank everyone who submitted an image for consideration for the cover and particularly the three people who submitted the "winning" images: Drs. Dale Miles (sagittal CBCT), Min-Suk Heo (MRI), and Allan Farman (coronal CBCT).

Over the next year I expect to make some changes in the International Editorial Board so that others may have an opportunity to participate. We will plan to have a Board meeting at the 2009 Congress in Amsterdam, but of course Board members (and all IADMFR members) are welcome to send in suggestions at any time for the improvement of the journal.

DMFR will also undergo a major transition in the next few years when I step down from the editorship and turn the journal over to someone else. When I was appointed editor by the Board of Directors, it was for a 6-year term, to end in 2009. At the Congress in Beijing last year I was asked if I would consider staying on for another two years. Assuming that the Board does not change its mind, I will remain editor until 2011, but then it will be time for someone else to take over because I will be fully retired from my university position by then.

I would be happy to talk with anyone who might like to serve as editor in the future, giving my perspective on the time and energy commitment required (a lot!), as well as the benefits and gratification of working with and for our organization. There are also opportunities to try out the editorship by acting as an associate editor for a while. The three current associated editors, Jackie Brown, Curtis Chen and Andre Mol have taken on the responsibility of handling some of the manuscripts submitted to the journal, selecting reviewers and making decisions.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on the journal.

Sharon Brooks
Editor, DMFR

Report from Europe

by Tore A. Larheim and Reinhilde Jacobs

One advantage of recent warm winters is that for large parts of Europe the winter months cannot freeze the science any longer. Thus, lots of things having been going on and prepared so that the spring and autumn seasons will be filled with various attractive meetings and interesting research activities.

The most important event that will take place this year is the 11th European Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology in Budapest, Hungary 25-28 June, chaired by Levente Pataký. His team has received more than 180 abstracts from almost 30 countries around the world. Invited speakers include, from Japan (Tomohiro Okano), USA (Allan G. Farman, Dale A.



Miles, Donald Tyndall, Thomas Schiff), and from Europe (Christina Lindh, Hans-Göran Gröndahl, Reinhilde Jacobs, Keith Horner).

We are convinced it will be a great congress in a great city, being one of

the most beautiful locations in the world.

Although initially inhabited fifty thousand years ago, Budapest has only had its present name since 1873. Before that Óbuda, Buda and Pest were separate towns. Presently, the metropolis has a population of two million and is bisected by the mighty flow of the Danube with hills and valleys on the Buda side and the flat, low-lying Pest on the other. The riverside panorama has been declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO. For further



information visit <http://www.asszisztencia.hu/eadmfr/>.

Two other important events will take place in the UK. Please note in your diary the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the British Society of Dental & Maxillofacial Radiology (BSDMFR) 25 - 26 September in the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, London.



This meeting is chaired by Jackie Brown (jackie.brown@kcl.ac.uk). Stay up to date with details of this meeting by visiting www.bsdmfr.org.uk.

The BSDMFR was founded in 1958. Thus, this will be a Golden Anniversary meeting not to be missed.

Invited speakers include Bob Langlais (USA), Sharon Brooks (USA), Reinhilde Jacobs (Belgium), Kostas Tsiklakis (Greece), Lennart Flygare (Sweden), Keith Horner (UK), Ian Francis (UK) and Mark McGurk (UK). The subjects covered will include cross sectional imaging, CBCT - including selection criteria, minimally invasive salivary gland techniques, and imaging of vascular abnormalities, TMJ, bone disorders, and facial pain patients.

The conference accommodations is located at the Rembrandt Hotel, just a short walk from the Natural History Museum. A list of other hotels in Kensington will be posted on the website shortly. There are a number of local

attractions in and around Kensington for delegates and their accompanying persons to enjoy. Adjacent to the Natural History Museum is the prestigious Science Museum and the splendid Victoria and Albert Museum. For those who like a spot of shopping, Harrods is tantalisingly close together with the other up-market shops on Kensington High Street. Just a stone throw away is Kensington Palace, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace and Chelsea where, if you have the stamina, there is more shopping, eating places and some famous pubs.

Another important event to be noted is the PEF-IADR meeting in London, 10- 12 September. PEF stands for Pan European Federation merging different European divisions, to ensure a critical mass of researchers to ensure focused and appropriately themed sessions and build successful European networks. Visit www.pefiadr2008.com for more information.

Regarding research collaboration, there is an ongoing European project, denoted SEDENTEXCT: Safety and Efficacy of a New and Emerging Dental X-ray Modality. In 2007, the European Commission released its first calls under its new Seventh Framework Programme of the European Atomic



The SEDENTEXCT group at their kick off meeting in Leuven, January 21-22, 2008

Energy Community (Euratom) for nuclear research and training activities (<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/euratom>). Within this was a specific opening for a research proposal relating to "Safety and Efficacy of Medical Uses of Radiation".

A consortium of European Academy members recognised that this was a timely opportunity for a proposal to address the issues surrounding CBCT. Colleagues at the University of Manchester (UK) acting as Coordinator and, in strictly alphabetical order, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), the "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Cluj-Napoca (Romania), Leeds Test Objects Ltd. (UK), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), Malmö University (Sweden) and Vilnius University (Lithuania) developed a project proposal during late 2006/early 2007. The proposal was highly rated by the referees and, after the usual negotiation phase, the contract with the European Commission was signed as 2007 drew to a close. The project duration is 42 months (start date 1st January 2007) and the EC contribution is €2.45 million.

The aim of the project is the acquisition of key information necessary for sound and scientifically based clinical use of CBCT. In order that safety and efficacy are assured and enhanced in the 'real world', the parallel aim is to use the information to develop evidence-based guidelines dealing with justification, optimisation and referral criteria and to provide a means of dissemination and training for users of CBCT. Among its anticipated output will be a marketable QA Test object. Further details are available on the project website (currently in embryonic form) at www.sedentext.eu.



You are invited to add this to your favourites and watch its development in the years ahead.

*Tore A. Larheim and Reinhilde Jacobs
Regional Directors*

Report from Africa

By Claudia Noffke



Greetings from our large continent.

Communication is one of the major problems in Africa, therefore little information can be provided on the status of DMFR in countries other than South Africa. From here it is cheaper to fly to London than to many of our neighbours and there is therefore a tendency to associate with colleagues in Europe and America rather than on our own continent.

We hope that bilateral agreements between African governments will contribute towards air transport on our continent becoming more effective and cheaper. Opening up links between institutions in Africa will aid me in achieving my goal of introducing more Radiologists to our society.

Unfortunately we have lost one Radiologist and my unit is now functioning with insufficient staff to meet our academic and service commitments. The husband of Dr. Chabikuli was accepted at a Nigerian health institute and I



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Dr Chabikuli (left) and Dr Noffke (right).

hope that she will keep me informed on the status of DMFR in West Africa.

In the meantime, my bureaucratic battle to acquire more digital radiographic and 3-D equipment for my division is still on. I hope to re-introduce studies in maxillofacial radiology at Masters Degree level as soon as my unit is equipped with state-of-the-art machines. As the South African society of DMFR we intend in the near future to arrange a road show to promote Maxillofacial Radiology in South Africa. Prof. ME Parker is presently negotiating sponsorship to invite an international speaker.

Best regards,

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Report from North America

by Jie Yang and William C. Scarfe

IADMFR North American Directors

This report is submitted as a review of the important professional activities and developments related to dento-maxillofacial radiology (DMFR) in North America since our last Report.



Dr. Laurie Carter (Virginia Commonwealth Univ.) current president of the AAOMR (2007-2008)

The Executive committee of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR) consists of Dr. Laurie Carter (President)(Fig. 1), Dr. James Geist (Immediate past President), Dr. Michael K. ShROUT (Executive Director) and Drs. Christos Angelopoulos, Madhu K. Nair, Charles F. Hildebolt and Don Tyndall (Councilors). Dr. Allan G. Farman was elected to the office of President-elect (2007-09) and will assume the position of President for a 2 year period in November 2009 at the Annual Session to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Scarfe continues to serve as

Treasurer and Dr. Farman as Editor of the Oral Radiology Section of Oral Surgery Oral Pathology Oral Medicine Oral Radiology and Endodontics (OOOOE), the official publication of the AAOMR. Most recently the editor has appointed two associate editors for image guided treatment (Drs. Charles Hildebolt and William C. Scarfe).

The advocacy role of the AAOMR at the political level has been actively advanced by the Executive and the American Board of OMR with recent conversations between Dr. Anthony Ziebert, the new Director of The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association (ADA). As a fledgling recognized specialty of the American

Dental Association (ADA) with less than 200 Board certified OMFRRs, participation in these activities increases the profile of the Academy, and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in general. Other national input from AAOMR has been to the The ADA Council on Scientific Affairs commenting on the recent updated report entitled "Dental Management of Patients Receiving Oral Bisphosphonate Therapy – Expert Panel Recommendations"

The AAOMR acknowledges the life and outstanding contributions of three AAOMR members who have recently passed away: Dr. Guy Poyton (Distinguished Life Member, Diplomate of Honor, ABOMR), Dr. Arnol Neely (Active Member and Diplomate, ABOMR). Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson (Active Life Member, Fellow and Past President of AAOMR and a Life Diplomate of the ABOMR).

The DICOM WG 22 (Dentistry) continues to be Co-Chaired by Dr. Allan G. Farman (University of Louisville) and John Goyette (Schick Technology, NY). This group has much common membership with American Dental Association Standards Committee on Dental Informatics WG 12.1 (Interoperability) for which the same Co-Chairs. For DICOM WG 22, the American Dental Association (Sharon Stanford) acts as Secretariat.

ADA WG. 12.1 has been the leading group in SCDI subcommittee 12, with most other WG 12 activities held in conjunction with this WG. WG 12.1 acts in conjunction with WG 12.4 for DICOM issues involving visible light and with WG 11.6 for DICOM and digital radiography issues related to Orthodontics.

The DICOM WG 22 generally meets four times each year with meetings in association with the ADA SCDI twice a year and at least two additional two-day meetings at the ADA HQ in Chicago. One or both WG 22 Co-Chairs also meet 2-3 times per year with the DICOM Standards Committee and/or DICOM WG 6 (DICOM Base Standard), the secretariat for which is

the National Electrical Manufacturers Association. Activities to extend the DICOM Standard through Supplements or Correction Packages are under the hat of DICOM WG 22. Activities to explain DICOM and interoperability via Technical Reports and educational displays are under the auspices of ADA SCDI WG 12.1.

Concerning the DICOM Standard per se, Supplement 113 (e-mail transport) and 116 (3D X-Ray) are now part of the standard and had inputs from DICOM WG 22 (Dentistry). Supplement 123 (Structured Display) is ready for final reading by DICOM WG 6 and is anticipated to be sent out for Public Review by the end of this month. This supplement was originally designed for transfer of full mouth X-ray formats, but now also includes use cases from ophthalmology, cardiology and radiographic teaching cases. WG 22 has been invited by DICOM WG 11 to be part of the DICOM implant standard. The originators of this draft supplement are from Orthopedics.

ADA SCDI WG 12.1 is approaching completion of TRs on DICOM for the larger dental practice/clinic/hospital and also on the use of DICOM e-mail transport in Dentistry. Final texts are anticipated for the SCDI in March 2008. Continued work is in process regarding TRs on cephalometric standardization (WG 12.1/11.6 conjoint activity), interstate image transfer (only 18 state Boards of dentistry are on record of accepting the reading of radiographs out of state), and an overview of interoperability concerns for digital imaging in dentistry. A new ADA TR proposal will be made for description of 3D X-Ray interoperability.

Educational efforts by WG 12.1 have involved interaction with ADA Annual Sessions. In 2007 we did not make a DICOM CD, but rather demonstrated DICOM interoperability directly using the DICOM CT standard in conjunction with live patient demonstrations with four cone beam CT systems during ADA Annual Session in San Francisco, CA. The acquired images were shown to be interoperable by importation into various software products working

with DICOM objects, the DICOM tags were displayed and image sets were exported via secure .ftp for a virtual and physical model production and for dental implant planning. Image fusion was also effected between 3D photographic and cone beam CT datasets. The outcomes of these activities were described in a January 2008 issue of "Inside Dentistry" and in the February 2008 editorial for "Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology and Endodontology." There will be a special issue of JADA in June 2008 concerning digital radiology and of course DICOM/ interoperability will be included. A specific WG 12.1/DICOM/interoperability booth is planned for ADA 2008 in San Antonio.

The 58th Annual Session of AAOMR was held at The Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, November 28-December 2, 2007. Dr. Christos Angelopoulos, Chair of the Annual Sessions committee, developed an outstanding program. "Special invitation" CE programs were presented by Dr. Hugh Curtin, MD of the Harvard Medical School, Chief of Radiology, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary on "Head and Neck Anatomy 101", Drs. Ahmed Gharib, MD and Dima Hammoud, MD from the National Institutes of Health, Clinical Research Center on "An Introduction to Molecular Imaging" And Professor Dirk Schulze, DMD, MD, PhD from the Head and Neck Diagnostic Section, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, University Freiburg, Germany on "C-arm based Imaging and Navigation in Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery. In addition a full day Workshop open to all dentists and professionals was presented on the Saturday entitled "An Evidence-Based Approach To Cone-Beam CT Use In Oral & Maxillofacial Radiological Diagnosis" (Fig. 2). This featured structured presentations from prominent clinicians on the clinical efficacy of CBCT imaging for various diagnostic purposes. The social program, as usual, was excellent and provided academic and social interchange in a collegial atmosphere (Fig. 2-5).



Fig 2. Dr. John Ludlow (left), presenter at the CE program at the (Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch Kinch (Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor) (right)



Fig 3. Attendees at the 57th Annual Session about to brave the Chicago cold in November. From left to right: Dr. Axel Ruprecht (Univ. of Iowa), Dr. Ernest W.N. Lam (Past Secretary/Treasurer, ABOMR, Univ. of Toronto), Dr. Brad Potter (Past Treasurer, AAOMR, Univ. Of Colorado), Dr. Debra Gander (Secretary/Treasurer, ABOMR, Denver, Colorado).



Fig 4. Senior members of the AAOMR at the 57th Annual Session. From left to right: Dr. Mike ShROUT (Executive Director, AAOMR, Medical College of Georgia), Dr. Don Tyndall (Councilor, AAOMR, Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Dr. Charles Hildebolt (Councilor, AAOMR, Washington Univ., St Louis, Missouri) and Dr. Alan Lurie (Univ. Of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine)



Fig 5. North American IADMFR representative, Dr. Jie Yang (Temple Univ. School of Dentistry) (far right) with Dr. James Geist (Immediate Past president, AAOMR, Univ. of Detroit Mercy) (center, back) and Dr. Thomas Razmus (West Virginia University) (left) The 59th Annual Session of AAOMR will be held at The Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 29 - November 2, 2008. The full program will be available online by August, 2008 – Annual Session and Registration details and information about the AAOMR in general can be obtained by accessing at <http://www.aaomr.org/index.php> (Secretary/Treasurer, ABOMR, Denver, Colorado).

Report from Japan

by Tomohiro Okano



This year the Japanese Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (JSOMR) hosts the 7th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Radiology (ACOMFR2008). The Congress will be held in the ancient city of Nara, Japan, November 20-22, 2008. Full details can be found on the Congress website, URL: <http://procom-i.co.jp/acomfr2008/>. For general information please contact Ms Kumiko Kato, Secretary (acomfr2008@senzoku.showa-u.ac.jp).

The important dates for ACOMFR2008 are as follows,

Abstract submission deadline:	September 1, 2008
Pre-registration deadline:	September 15, 2008
Hotel reservation deadline:	September 30, 2008

The 48th Annual Congress of JSOMR was held at Saitama city, just north of Tokyo, on May 10-12, 2007, under the auspices of Professor Yasuhiko Okumura, Meikai University, and the 49th Congress was held at Nagoya on May 16-18, 2008, under Professor Ei-ichiro Arijii, the Aichi-gakuin University. At Saitama, Professor Kunio Doi, University of Chicago, was invited as a guest speaker to present a lecture entitled "Computer aided diagnosis: the present and the future", and Professor Nobuhiko Saito, President of the Japan Medical Education Society, also gave a lecture to encourage the dental educators as a medical colleague.

In 2008, Dr. Nobukazu Fuwa, Minami-tohoku Hospital, gave a special lecture entitled "The recent advancement of radiation therapy of the head and neck".

The winners of the “Hanamura Memorial Lecture” were Prof. Eiji Nakayama, Kyushu University in 2007, and Prof. Hideyuki Majima, Kagoshima University in 2008, and both gave the lecture in each year.

At Nagoya the retired professors, including Professors Furumoto, Fujiki, Shimano, Fuchihata, Koseki, Kishi, Kanda and Shinoda, were invited to join the Congress and gathered to share lunch with the president of the Congress and executive director. They are all in good health.



Front row (from right to left): Drs. Kishi, Kanda, Furumoto, Fujiki, and Wada, middle row (from right to left); Drs. Shinoda, Fuchihata, Koseki, Shimano, Okano and Ariji.

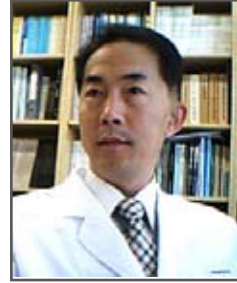
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Report from Korea

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The 39th General Assembly and Scientific Meeting, of the Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (KAOMR) was held at the Cancer Research Centre of Seoul National University on March 17, 2007.



1st Session Case Discussion (09 : 30 -10 : 40)

Moderator: Prof Eun-Kyung Kim

2nd Session Oral Presentation (11 : 00 -12 : 00)

Moderator: Prof. Byeong-Cheol Kang

3rd Session Oral Presentation (13 : 30 -15 : 00)

Moderator: Prof. Kwang-Jun Koh

Special Lecture (15 : 20 - 17 : 00)

Moderator: Prof. Jae-Duk Kim

Advanced imaging in Dentistry

Prof. Takashi Kaneda, (Nihon University School of Dentistry, Matsudo, Japan)

Special Lecture – continued

Moderator: Prof. Chang-Seo Park

Cone-Beam CT

Prof. Yong-Seok Choi (Kyung Hee University)

General Assembly (17 : 00 - 18 : 00).

The 2007 Fall Scientific Meeting of the KAOMR was held at Kangnung National University on October 6, 2007.

The 2007 Winter Seminar of the KAOMR was held at Kyung-Hee University on December 1, 2007.

Report from Thailand

By Apirum Janhom



As the national representative of Thailand to the IADMFR, I would like to update you about activities here in the last six months. In mid-December 2007, Dr. Wichitsak Cholitgul, the president of the Oral Diagnostic Sciences Society of Thailand organized a one-day scientific meeting in Bangkok. The theme of the lectures was an update in oral medicine and advice for preparing to take the Thai Board of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, which has four subspecialties: Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine and Occlusion. The participants also received a cloth "I am not a plastic bag" bag to do their shopping in an effort to reduce global warming by reducing the use of plastic bags.

In February, Dr. Apirum Janhom was a guest speaker on the topic of "Radiography before Implant Treatment" for the advanced course of Straumann Dental Implant System, held in Chiang Mai and organized by the representative of Straumann in Thailand. Also in late February, some of our IADMFR members participated in the 1st Forensic Odontology conference in Thailand, held in Chiang Mai by The Forensic Sciences Centre, Faculty of Dentistry of Chiang Mai University and The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Thailand. Dr. Suwadee Kositbowornchai, Dr. Onanong Silkosesak and Dr. Sangsom Prapayasatok were participants at that meeting. Dr. Apirum Janhom was one of the speakers sharing her experience working at the Disaster Victims Identification Centre at the morgue in Phuket after the 2004 Tsunami and some other identification cases in Chiang Mai.

March 31, 2008 was the 36th anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chiang Mai University. The school organized a meeting on various topics in dentistry. Dr. Keiji Tanimoto from Hiroshima, Japan, was one of the keynote speakers.

Dr. Tanimoto gave a lecture on "Swallowing in the Elderly". This was the first trip to Chiang Mai for him and his wife, Kayoko. They had a good time at the elephant camp in Mae Sa and at many other places in Chiang Mai with the members of the Oral Radiology department and with Dr. Kevin O Carroll as well. Another speaker for the 36th anniversary was Dr. Apirum Janhom.



Dr. Wichitsak and his daughter Pin joined the students' seminar in Hiroshima University, School of Dentistry

In April 2008, Dr. Wichitsak Cholitgul went to Hiroshima and participated in a student seminar at the dental school there. Even though English is not a native language for both nations, they could communicate each other. The students found this exchange experience in teaching and learning among our friends and colleagues very rewarding.

Sincerely,
Apirum Janhom

Keiji and Kayoko enjoyed the elephant show with Sangson and Kevin in Chiang Mai



Announcements

Dentomaxillofacial Radiology: Forthcoming Meetings

50th Annual Congress of Japanese Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (JSOMR)

May 28-30, 2009

Venue: Osaka International Convention Center (OICC GRAND CUBE OSAKA), Osaka, Japan

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7th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in conjunction with 13th Annual Meeting of Diagnostic Imaging for Oral and Maxillofacial Lesions (Diagnostic Imaging Section of JSOMR)

November 20-22, 2008

Venue: Nara-Prefectural New Public Hall "Big Roof", Nara, Japan

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17th International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology (ICD-MFR)

June 28 - July 2, 2009

Venue: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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59th Annual Session, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR)

October 26 - November 1, 2008

Venue: The Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

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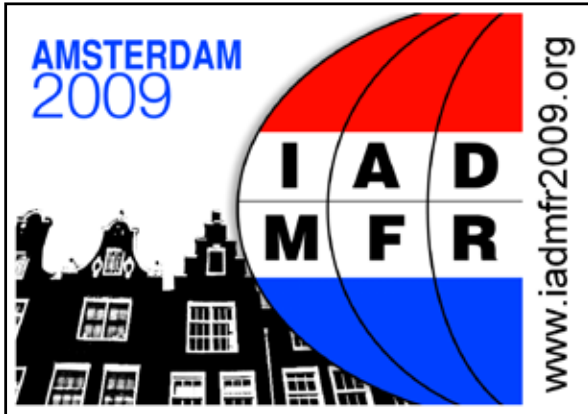
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