



International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists

For the international development of oral pathology and medicine

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**19th Biennial Congress
Council Meeting
Held at 9am on 23 June 2018
Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, Canada**

AGENDA

1. Present and apologies for absence

Apologies: M Aldred

Present: W Tilakaratne, E Odell, S Boy, K Hunter, M Lingen, K Adebisi, H Coleman, O Kim, M Soluk Tekessin, R Molina Bologna, G Bradley, H Ebhardt, H Hussaini,

2. Minutes of the Council Meeting held in India on 7 September 2016

Accepted as true version

3. Matters arising from the minutes which are not covered under items below

3.1 SOP Review 2018

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| 3.1.1 | Congress Planning | (circulated SOP Doc. 1) |
| 3.1.2 | CPC Planning | (circulated SOP Doc. 2) |
| 3.1.3 | Travel Grants | (circulated SOP Doc. 3) |
| 3.1.4 | Nominations Committee | (circulated SOP Doc. 4) |
| 3.1.5 | Past President | (circulated SOP Doc. 5) |
| 3.1.6 | President Elect | (Circulated SOP Doc. 6) |
| 3.1.7 | President's prize | (Circulated SOP Doc. 7) |
| 3.1.8 | IAOP Paper Prize | (Circulated SOP Doc. 8) |
| 3.1.9 | IAOP Poster Prize | (Circulated SOP Doc. 9) |

Council acknowledged that these documents are not always used as intended and that time frames as well as content order often needs to be adapted as per the Local Organising committee of the congress referred.

SOP Documents **1-6** and **8-9** will be sent to council as Word working documents. Council members, and especially executive committee, are requested to utilise these documents as active working documents over the next 2 years. All SOP documents will be revisited during the 2020 meeting in London with proposed additions or changes discussed.

SOP Document **7** (SOP for the IAOP President's Prize):

Certain additions were proposed by the 2018 judges (Dr W Tilakaratne, Dr M Aldred and Dr M Lingen) as adopted from NIH Grant applications with personal input by Dr Lingen.

These were: *Criteria for evaluation of applications for the President's Lecture prize:*

1. *Quality of the scholarly activity over quantity.*
2. *To favour work published in international and high-impact journals.*

3. *Exclusion of research not directly related to the applicant's primary research description provided as part of consideration for this award.*

4. *Applicant's role in the research: "are they driving the research" or are they collaborators?*

5. *Is the research observational ("look what I found") or is it mechanistic ("I wonder why or I hypothesize that")?*

While observational research can make important findings, mechanistic/ hypothesis driven research is given greater weight.

5. *Potential global impact of their research.*

The above additions were accepted by council and will be added to the permanent SOP for circulation as referred above.

3.2 IAOP Coat of Arms Logo

Discussions regarding the Logo which currently still only contains the old name (International Association of Oral Pathologists).

Previously several new Logos were proposed by Dr Tilakaratne (completely new look), Dr Soluk Tekessin (position of name) and Secretary (current crest with longer name) but the newly accepted name seemed too long on the logo and it was never changed.

Consensus decision at Council meeting to pursue the change. Previous mock-ups will be circulated and if all agree the official logo will change on all relevant documentation. The new Logo will therefore reflect the new name "International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists".

General agreement that the crest will not change to a new look. The new logo should only reflect the new name with same appearance. As soon as accepted, the new logo will go on all official IAOP Documentation including the website.

3.3 Honorary Life Membership (HLM)

Dr Tilakaratne enquired to the need of expanding the criteria for awarding HLM as stated in Bylaws, (2015):

3.08 Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on distinguished oral pathologists who have made profound and sustained contributions of international significance to the field of oral pathology and medicine. Nominations for the category of Honorary Life Member are to be made by the Nominations Committee to the Council and the Council shall determine whether such an honour shall be bestowed. Honorary Life Members will have full membership rights, but no annual dues will be payable.

Consensus decision by Council indicates that the current rules are clear enough and to remain.

3.4 Judges for IAOP Oral and Poster prizes

- Judges

Request from Secretary to appoint judges for all IAOP prizes in advance of the commence of the congress and not at council meeting. Local Organising committee requested names several weeks prior to meeting and IAOP only provided these post-council meeting. Council members are usually appointed for this anyway and as a result can easily be done earlier. Numbers of judges needed varies between congresses, depending in the number of applications but this can be accommodated on an individual basis.

- Adjudication sheets

Adjudication sheets developed in Istanbul (2012) will still be utilised for scoring of participants of these prizes. Council members who are judges at the current Vancouver meeting were requested to review these documents and propose changes for improvement. The documents will be reviewed and discussed at the next council meeting (2020) and revised at every meeting from thereon as needs may change.

- Applicants for prizes

Current eligibility criteria as stated on the IAOP website were briefly revisited:

Applicants must be members of the Association. Applicants must have submitted an abstract to the local organising committee by the relevant deadline for the Congress. It is a requirement that applicants attend the Congress to present their paper or poster. An applicant may not enter both the paper and poster prizes at the same Congress.

After certain concerns were raised at the Istanbul meeting (Minutes, India, 2016), the age and student/ trainee status of the applicant/ presenter were briefly considered as possible inclusions in the application criteria for these prizes.

Consensus decision from council remains: excellence of the research performed should remain the main criterion for inclusion and not age or student status of the applicant/ presenter. Nothing to be added to the existing criteria.

3.5 Website

Consensus from Council is that the IAOP website, created in 2013, needs to be renewed.

Problems relating to current host in Africa increase the need for change. Dr Hunter reminded that changes will be complex due to the member database (Secretary and Treasurer access only) and payment systems being closely integrated in the website. The payment system functions very well and should not be disturbed without careful consideration. The possibility of cloud-based website designers should maybe be considered should an overall upgrade of the website become reality soon. Renewal of website subscription is near and IAOP will remain with current webmaster and host until final decisions have been made.

Addition of educational material to the IAOP Members side of the database was discussed again. Dr Lingen proposes that the actual role/ purpose of the Association website be considered before decisions are made. Not all professional societies/ associations offer such a service on their website. Permission to upload congress material as well as limitations in manpower to upload and maintain these cases/ materials are two difficulties envisioned.

The possibility to appoint a young oral pathology trainee to drive the educational side of the website was proposed. Post graduate students/ trainees should be more equipped to identify the most recent and important educational material. It is usually students requesting such material anyway. There are currently several pathology education websites that offer cases and slide sets on display for students to study from. The secretary proposed addition of an additional button to the website on the member side of the website to list these existing educational sites. Students requesting educational material can then be referred to this page. Dr Soluk Tekkesin is currently an organiser on such an educational website (Pathfinder). She will circulate the information of this site to council members for evaluation and addition of cases should they want. The prerequisite is to have a university e-mail address for registration to the site as well as access to a slide scanner should one wish to send cases for upload. Dr Soluk Tekkesin to also send an invitation to all Council members regarding educational websites and act as IAOP Councillor to keep the list up to date on the website. Webmaster will be requested to measure activity on each of the chosen sites to determine which ones are most used, thereby decreasing the number of proposed sites to visit for educational material when requested.

3.6 Administrator / Assistant secretary

The possibility to appoint an administrator to assist with weekly administration on secretarial side was discussed. The secretary's office tends to be very busy during certain times of the year (pre- and immediately post-congress) as well as during certain processes (free student registrations/ Visa applications pre-congress) when this kind of assistance would be more applicable. This will be explored during the next office term and feedback provided at Council 2020. Secretary to propose someone. The possibility to pay such an individual from IAOP funds is supported by Council.

3.7 Journal affiliation of the IAOP

IAOP website still refers to affiliation with JOP. This should be removed from website. Dr Lingen states that OOOO has been publishing IAOP congress abstracts for a long time at no cost to the Association. The said journal is willing to promote IAOP. Dr Lingen will examine the possibility of content access for IAOP members as a possible member benefit. Feedback will be provided after discussions with Jane Riley (Elsevier for Dental). OOOO intend to publish a page on the Vancouver congress. Dr Hunter proposes that IAOP also enter discussions with Elsevier (Head and Neck Pathology).

3.8 Free student memberships

The implementation of free student membership registration was very successful. To be considered for this program, students had to provide certified proof of registration as a post-graduate student in Oral and Maxillofacial or Head and Neck Pathology at any University/ Academic Hospital within 7 days of receiving an automated notification that acknowledged registration on the website. All relevant documentation was supplied to the IAOP Secretary. The program was opened from January to 30 April 2017 (3 months). A separate student membership registration platform was created on the website. Secretary in association with the assistance of WH Consulting (webmaster) however evaluated all applications and performed the registrations manually. There was no extra cost to the IAOP for this. One hundred and one student members were eligible and registered. These members will be given the opportunity to become full members at the end of 2018 by renewing membership through payment of membership dues through the normal channels.

Discussions at council concluded that another program will not be considered again until after the next meeting in 2020. This decision will be based on the number of students who become paying IAOP members at the end of the student membership period. This will be discussed at council meeting 2020.

Council members further proposed that Secretary in future sends invitations to pathology program managers to propose specific students in contrast to open invitation to membership to apply. Eligibility will then already have been determined.

4. To report on any business conducted by Council

Nothing

5. Report of the Nominations Committee (Michael Aldred)

i. Nominations of Officers

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| President-Elect | Mark Lingen (USA) | - Accepted |
| Secretary | Sonja Boy (South Africa) | - Accepted |
| Treasurer | Harald Ebhardt (Germany) | - Accepted |
| Councillor for Africa | Nii Nartey (Ghana) <i>Siza Ngwenya (SA)</i> <i>Amir Afrogheh (SA)</i> | - Accepted |
| Councillor for Australasia | Haizal Hussaini (New Zealand) | - Accepted |
| Councillor for North America | Grace Bradley (Canada) | - Accepted |

ii. Nominations for Emeritus Membership

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| Paula Farthing (UK) | - Accepted |
| Jonathan Lawoyin (Nigeria) | - Accepted |
| Ismaeil Yazdi (Iran) | - Not Accepted. |
| Vinay Hazarey (India) | - Accepted |
| Mike Rohrer (USA) | - Accepted |
| Pereiro Prado | - Accepted |

Ismaeil Yazdi not a current or previous IAOP member.

iii. Nominations for Honorary Life Membership

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| Paul Speight (UK) | - Accepted |
| Saman Warnakulasuriya (UK) | - Accepted |
| John Wright (USA) | - Accepted |

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| Samir El-Mofty (USA) | - Accepted |
| Takashi Takata (Japan) | - Accepted |
| Onatulu Odukoya (Nigeria) | - Accepted |
| Jin Kim (South Korea) | - Accepted |

Council discussed the Nominations committee SOP inclusion: *“The guidelines for the nomination of Councillors state: A nomination for a candidate from the same country as the current Councillor will not normally be considered.”*

This followed the nominations of Dr Grace Bradley and Dr Susan Muller. Because Dr Mark Lingen and Dr Susan Muller is from the same country, it was decided not to have an election but continue to appoint Dr Grace Bradley.

Decision is to keep the sentence yet maybe more discrete in its application within smaller regional countries.

6. IAOP Awards and Prizes

i. Travel Awards

Fourteen applications received. Four were no longer trainees in oral pathology; one candidate previously received a travel award in 2012 and was not considered again.

The following nine candidates were successful:

1. André Myller Barbosa Silva (Brazil)
2. Sánchez Romero (Brazil)
3. Catalina García Duhalde (Chile)
4. Abdul Rahman/ Fairuz (Malaysia)
5. Jessica Lisette Maldonado Mendoza (Mexico)
6. Rabia Safdar (Pakistan)
7. Ibrahim Akeel (Saudi Arabia)
8. Pereira Prado (Uruguay)
9. Anupama Mukherjee (India)

Pereira Prado (Uruguay) did not take up prize and therefore only eight were awarded in the end.

ii. Paper Prize

Twenty-four applications received.

Winner: Dr Catherine Laliberte (Toronto)

Title: Determining the inflammatory response in oral squamous cell carcinoma by saliva analysis

Judges:

Dr H Coleman (Australasia)
 Dr K Adebisi (Africa)
 Dr R Bologna-Molina (Latin America)
 Dr O Kim (Asia)

iv. Poster Prize

Twenty-four applications received

Winner: Dr Dave Kanan (Toronto)

Title: Differential expression of PD1 and PDL1 in oral potentially malignant lesions and oral squamous cell carcinoma: a pilot study

Judges:

Dr G Bradley (North America)
Dr H Ebhardt (Germany)
Dr Hussaini (Australasia)
Dr Nartey (Africa)

v. **IAOP President's Lecture Prize**

Nine applications received

Winner: Dr KW Chang (Taiwan)

Title: "Defining the Role of miR-31 in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma"

Judges:

Dr W Tilakaratne (President, IAOP 2016-2018)
Dr M Lingen (previous winner, 2014)
Dr M Aldred (Immediate Past President, IAOP 2016-2018)

Secretary's report

i. **Elections to Council**

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| Treasurer | Harald Ebhardt (Germany) |
| Councillor for Africa | Nii Nartey (Ghana) |
| Councillor for Australasia | Haizal Hussaini (New Zealand) |
| Councillor for North America | Grace Bradley (Canada) |

ii. **IAOP website and database**

WH Consulting report (June 2018) for 2016-2018:

- a) Once off student registration on the website was offered for a limited period.
- b) Implementation of the auto delete of member registrations for those who do not process their payment within 48hrs or registering.
- c) Additional features added:
 - Retired button
 - Member registration date
 - Added regions
 - Forgotten password
 - Worldpay integration
- d) Intermittent problems with database exports was experienced as the hosting company has been making changes to the server and software without prior notification to WH Consulting. These have been resolved and the database is fully operational.
- e) There have been problems with the auto renew email that goes out to members in the beginning of January – however Dr Hunter has advised that he will prefer to do these manually as it appears that members respond to this (even though we do send from the same email address. WH Consulting would like the opportunity to resolve this, however do understand if IAOP wishes to keep this in-house).
- f) Clarification on the inclusion of the welcome letter is to be obtained, as it was agreed not to include it as part of the welcome email as many servers rejected it and the message ended up in the spam folder. So currently the member receives the email welcoming them and provides their login details but no official "letter" – unless we include the text into this email – this please needs clarification.
- g) Recommendation from WH Consulting:
 - The websites and database as it currently stands has been in operation since 2013 and needs a face lift to bring it up to date with a new look and feel.

- WH Consulting is looking at changing the hosting company due to the problems experienced with current host. Time to do this needs to be chosen wisely. Not close to the conference as 2-3 months after the conference is needed for registrations and upload of information and feedback. The second part of 2018 is considered to change service providers. WH Consulting will keep IAOP updated on this and downtime for such a change kept to a minimum.

iii. Free student member registrations

See 3.8 in minutes above.

iv. Member certificates

Certificates have been issued to certain members requesting but IAOP does not normally issue these. Council decision to provide certificates only if dated for the time paid by the member. Not to be utilised as an open-ended document.

v. Newsletters

Council decision to discontinue the Newsletters and to maintain healthy flow of information to membership. Information spreads fast and by the time Secretary sends out new information, members are often already aware of all content.

vi. President's Lecture prize SOP additions: Criteria for evaluation

See point 3 in minutes above.

vii. Other matters

Database Breakdown as on 31 May 2018 tabled:

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| Total number – Students | 97 |
| Total retired members | 66 |
| Total number – registered members | 391 |
| Total membership[count (end May 2018) | 554 |
| Registrations since last congress | 101 |

7. Treasurer's report

i. Financial accounts for year 2016

Circulated as Annexure E

Financial accounts for year 2016 were received and accepted. These have been tabled separately and reflect the healthy financial position of the IAOP. Fully itemised accounts available on request.

ii. Financial accounts for year 2017

Circulated as Annexure F

Financial accounts for year 2017 were received and accepted. These have been tabled separately and reflect the healthy financial position of the IAOP. Fully itemised accounts available on request.

iii. Current financial status

Circulated as Annexure G

IAOP continues in a healthy financial state. The current balance as of 19 June 2018 was as follows:

Current account £6824.29
 Deposit account £53085.80
 University of Sheffield account £6959.00
 PayPal £ 0.00
 Total £ 66869.09

iv. Accounts from the 2016 India meeting

Final accounts from the 2016 Chennai meeting were presented. After payment of the IAOP Presidents dinner from the IAOP share of the meeting surplus, the sum of £945.00 in cash was given to the treasurer.

v. Membership and subscriptions

Circulated as Annexure H

Active membership is 534 at 18 June 2018.

- 67 members are flagged as retired.

- 71 members expired at end 2017

vi. Subscriptions

Automated reminders for members

The automated reminder system implemented by our web developer is not working well. Thus, the reminders were sent manually by the Treasurer. On questioning very few members reported receiving the automated reminder. This needs to be explored further with the web designer.

Non-paying “members”

The membership list is regularly checked for those who have not paid for some time. Since the last congress, then whose membership expired at end of 2015 and 2016 have been removed, but only after multiple reminders.

Methods of payment:

- We engaged Worldpay to provide credit card payment facilities (with PayPal integration) in 2014/15. This has proven to be a qualified success, with very few payment failures and is now integrated with the website and database. This is, however, expensive (see accounts), but saves significantly in manual logging of payments and transfers of money. Other methods include PayPal
- As the Treasurer-ship is moving from Sheffield, the payment facility on TUoS online store will be withdrawn.
- Cash payments are accepted at the congresses, but discouraged.

Subscriptions for members with difficulty regarding payment

Justification will be needed in each individual case as IAOP fees are very low and reasonable. We have been accepting membership applications from Myanmar and Nepal without payment of fees since 2015.

Audit of accounts

The confirmation of audit of the 2015 accounts has been received from the accountant. The 2016 and 2017 accounts will be submitted for Audit after the congress and once approved by the AGM.

New treasurer

Dr Hunter demits as IAOP Treasurer after the AGM and this role is passed to Dr Harald Ebhardt. After discussion at Council, the new arrangements for the oversight of the IAOP finances will be as follows:

Banking:

Will continue with NatWest Bank. Dr Ebhardt will be added as a signatory and Dr Hunter will continue as a signatory and as deputy treasurer. Prof Speight will be removed as a signatory. Dr Ebhardt will also be registered for Online Banking. The registered address will continue as University of Sheffield as a UK address is still needed.

PayPal:

This will continue without change

Worldpay:

This will continue without change. Dr Hunter is the contact, but this may need to be changed later.

University of Sheffield online store and account:

The store will be closed and the account closed with the monies transferred to the current account (Dr Hunter to do)

8. Reports from Councillors

i. Africa

The 2nd IAOP Africa Regional Congress was held in Accra, Ghana from 2nd to 5th August 2017. The theme was 'Dental education-Challenges in oral diagnostic sciences in resource limited environments'. It was well attended with 143 registered delegates and 170 people at the opening ceremony. This is an improvement on the 1st regional congress which had 69 registered delegates. Good wishes from the IAOP President- Wanninayake M Tilakaratne was given to the delegates by me at the opening ceremony. The congress had delegates from Ghana, Cameroon, South Africa and Nigeria. Speakers at the congress included Emeritus Professor Newell Johnson from Australia, Professor Foluso Owotade from Nigeria, Professor Jos Hille from South Africa and Dr Francis Kwamin from Ghana. There were also scientific oral and poster presentations. South Africa was announced as the venue for the 3rd IAOP-Africa regional congress following an earlier commitment by Professor Sonja Boy to host it in 2019.

The General meeting of the association was convened on the third day of the congress during which reports were taken from the officers of the association. It was agreed that the current officers should continue to run the affairs of the association till 2019 when a new set of officers will be elected at the 3rd regional congress scheduled to hold in South Africa. The officers are:

1. President- Dr Kehinde Adebisi
2. Coordinator, East and Central Africa sub-region – Dr Elizabeth Dimba
3. Coordinator, West Africa sub-region- Professor Nii Out Nartey
4. Coordinator, Southern Africa sub-region- Professor Sonja Boy was Nominated by Professor Jos Hille to coordinate this region.
5. Coordinator, North Africa sub-region- to come from Egypt
6. Secretary- Dr Jumoke Effiom
7. Treasurer- Dr Bukola Adeyemi

Travel Grants

Two trainees who applied for the travel grants were given the award.

7th Scientific Conference & General Meeting of NAOMP

The 7th Scientific Conference & General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology/Medicine has been scheduled to hold on 23 May, 2018 at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria.

Kehinde Adebisi

IAOP Councillor for Africa

ii. Asia

The 8th Conference for ASOMP (Asian society of oral and maxillofacial pathology) was held in last August in Vijayawada, India. There were 3 keynote lectures, 2 faculty lectures and symposium with panel discussion. Also there was an ASOMP council meeting.

Talking about the ASOMP, it is a little uncomfortable to report the disharmony in Asian area. It is opened every two year. Actually ASOMP was organized by east countries (China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan). And it was continued to Japan, 2011. At 2013, there was scheduled to have a conference in India. But it was not held, instead, there was a

message for notifying the conference 1 month before the meeting in Jan. 2014. Due to short notice day, members in East Asia did not take part in that meeting. Disharmony or misunderstanding was started. Also there was other news that a New Asian committee was organized. And they say that committee is official meeting in IAOP. Originally Asian committee was organized only for the conference in issued country. In 2015, there was ASOMP meeting in Taiwan. All participants were from East Asia, not from others. And 2017 India ASOMP meeting, there was no East Asian participants as far as I know. And I heard that there would be a meeting for oral pathologist in East Asia. This disharmony is the main problem in Asia now.

Okjoon Kim
IAOP Councilor for Asia

iii. Australasia

There has been no official IAOP participation in regional pathology meetings that have taken place in Australia or New Zealand. At the RCPA Update pathology congress that was recently held in Sydney, the Faculty of Oral Pathology did not have a separate program this year but attendees joined the Anatomical Pathology stream. The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Division of the IAP was held in Sydney where Dr Jason Hornick was a keynote speaker. The next meeting is also scheduled to be held in Sydney from June 1-3, 2018 where Dr Lester Thompson will be one of the keynote speakers.

There are currently no trainees in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology undertaking the Royal Australasian College of Pathologists pathway to specialisation. The University of Otago in New Zealand is the only institution in the region with a number of trainees in Oral Pathology. The major issue in the region remains the bleak prospect of employment following graduation as an oral and maxillofacial pathologist. Young oral and maxillofacial pathologists are unable to find permanent employment within public or private pathology laboratories or in academia. This issue is of great concern for the future of the specialty in Australia.

In conjunction with the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, a two day course on Oral Pathology was presented to trainees in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. This was very successful and highlighted the need for formal continued oral pathology training during the course of their specialisation. Dr Gavidi an Oral Pathologist as well as a young Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon from Fiji also attended the meeting at the invitation of the College. The course will again be held in 2018.

Dr Hussaini, an Oral Pathologist at the University of Otago, has been elected as the new IAOP Councilor for Australasia. Hopefully with his background, the IAOP principles can be further enhanced and extended into Malaysia and the Asia Pacific region. Professor Richard Logan, an oral and maxillofacial pathologist and IAOP member, has been appointed the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Adelaide. These members are congratulated on their achievements.

Hedley Coleman
IAOP Councilor for Australasia

iv. Europe

The year 2017 was a busy year for the European region. Highlights include:

1. British Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (BSOMP) and The Scandinavian Fellowship of Oral Pathology & Oral Medicine (SFOPOM) associations made their annual meeting as a jointing meeting which was held Thursday 27th - Friday 28th April 2017 in Cardiff. The meeting was organized by Dr. Adam Jones, Dr. Camilla Kragelund and Prof. Paula Farthing. It was a great success with its scientific program and very impressive traditional Welsh congress dinner! The main topics were 'undergraduate and postgraduate training', update on changes in WHO Head and Neck Pathology (Prof. Eddy Odell, Prof. Paul Speight, Prof. Phil Sloan and Prof. Jesper Reibel) and lymphoreticular pathology in Head and Neck. All speakers were very experienced in their field. Also many well-established oral and poster presentations were presented during the congress.

2. The next annual meeting of BSOMP will be held in Sheffield in April 2018 and the next meeting of SFOPOM will be held in Bergen in August 2018.

3. Our region hosted an excellent Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Course which took place in Sheffield on 29-30 June 2017. The course was organised by The University of Sheffield, The School of Clinical Dentistry, Academic Unit of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. The experienced speakers were Prof. Paul Speight, Prof. Keith Hunter, Prof. Paulo Farthing, Dr. Ali Khurram and Dr. David Andrew. A two-day course involving interactive lectures, virtual microscopy slide seminars and case-based discussions aimed at general histopathologists with an interest in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology. The course included below subjects:

- Scope of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology
- Updates on the new WHO classification
- Odontogenic cysts and tumours
- Radiology and imaging
- Salivary gland pathology
- Head & neck cancer
- Diagnostic dilemmas and pitfalls
- Special techniques and molecular pathology

And Special lecture: Radiology for Pathologists

4. 'Controversies in the Management of Odontogenic Tumours' seminar was held in The Barbican, City of London in July 2017. The speakers were Prof. Pieter Sloomweg, Prof. Kristina Heikinheimo, Prof. Keith Hunter, Prof. Seiji Nakamura, Dr. Blandine Ruhin and Dr. J Haq.

5. 13th European Pathology Congress was held in Milan, Italy on August 2017. The main theme was "Emphasizing the Modernizations in Pathology".

6. 29th European Congress of Pathology will be held from 2 to 6 September 2017 at the Amsterdam RAI. The presidents of the congress explain the scientific program as 'The scientific programme will focus on the central role of pathology and its current clinical applications, translational research, near-future innovations and the longer perspectives of paradigm shifts (integrated 'omics' care). High throughput assays, bioinformatics and precision diagnostics will pervade the programme more than ever' (www.esp-congress.org)

7. Diagnostic Histopathology of Soft Tissue Tumors Course will be held in Italy, Treviso between 12-13th October 2017 and the course co-directors are Prof.

Christopher DM Fletcher and Prof. Angelo Paolo Dei Tos (<http://www.diagnostic-histopathologystt2017.com/>)

In European region, IAOP have 89 members (27 of them are retired) and 9 Student members.

Merva Soluk Tekkeşin
IAOP Councilor for Europe

v. Latin America and the Caribbean

In Latin America and the Caribbean there are specialization courses in pathology and oral medicine, are postgraduate courses with a duration of 2 to 3 years where specialists in the area of oral pathology and oral medicine are formed (either separately or together). These courses exist in the following countries:

Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Chile and Argentina. The countries that currently have the most academic activity are Brazil, Mexico and Chile. Below are examples of activities carried out in 2017-early 2018.

MEETINGS:

BRASIL:

1. XXIV Jornada Mineira de Estomatologia (JOME). 24-26 de mayo de 2017. Varginha, MG. Site del evento: <https://www.unifenas.br/jome/>
2. II Encontro de Estomatologia e Patologia Oral do Interior do Paraná. 9 y 10 de junio de 2017. Londrina, PR. Site del evento: <https://www.facebook.com/events/498025433654813>
3. 43° Congresso Brasileiro de Estomatologia e Patologia Oral (SOBEP). 12-14 de julio de 2017. Vitória, ES. Site del evento: <http://www.estomatologia.com.br/>
4. II International Symposium of Experimental Pathology e VII Simpósio de Patologia Experimental da UEL. 02 de agosto. Londrina, PR. Site del evento: <http://www.uel.br/eventos/simposiopato/>
5. II Simpósio Clube Benedicto Montenegro, Prevenção, Diagnostico e Tratamento de Câncer de Boca. 11 de agosto de 2017. Piracicaba, SP. Site del evento: <https://cbcsp.org.br/2o-simposio-clube-benedicto-montenegro-regional-piracicaba-cancer-de-boca-2/>
6. I seminário de odontologia Oncológica do ICESP. 30 de septiembre de 2017. São Paulo, Brasil. Site del evento: <https://www.eventbrite.com.br/e/1o-seminario-de-odontologia-do-icesp-tickets-3432988615>
7. Simpósio Odontologia Oncológica. I Semana Brasileira da Oncologia. Sábado, 28 de outubro de 2017. Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. Site del evento: http://semanaonco.com.br/programacao/index.php#atividade_21021
8. III Simpósio Internacional de Estomatologia e Patologia Cirúrgica dos Maxilares EPAC 2017. 20 y 21 de octubre de 2017. São Paulo, Brasil. Site del evento: <https://epac2017.wordpress.com/>
9. VII Reunião Brasileira de Patologia Oral Digital (RBPOD). 8-10 de noviembre de 2017. Belém, PA. Site del evento: <http://w2.fop.unicamp.br/laminas/congresso.php?Tipo=C&FiltroStatus=0&FiltroNome=&Filtro1=X&Ordem=1&Lingua=EN&IdCongresso=15&IdCaso=0&IdExaminador=0>

CHILE:

10. January 2017 XIX Taller Internacional de Patología Oral, Universidad de Chile.
11. March 2017 Reunión Mensual de la Sociedad de Patología Bucomáxilofacial de Chile, Dr. Sergio González , "Patología de piel Facial ”.
12. April 2017 Visita Profesor Ricardo Della Coletta, Facultad de Odontología, Universidad de Valparaíso, Conferencia “Prognostic markers in Oral Cancer”
13. May 2017 Curso Actualización en Patología Oral, Sociedad de Patología Bucomáxilofacial, filial Valparaíso.
14. July 2017 Reunión Mensual de la Sociedad de Patología Bucomáxilofacial de Chile , Conferencia “La Patología Molecular en el Diagnóstico y Tratamiento de lesiones orales, Dr. Ricardo Fernández-Ramires.

MEXICO:

15. October 2017 6° Congreso Internacional Academia Mexicana Patología y Medicina Bucal, Colegio A.C. Huatulco, Oax.
<http://ampmbcolegio.org.mx/congresoanual.htm>

2018:

- 44º CONGRESSO BRASILEIRO DE ESTOMATOLOGIA E PATOLOGIA ORAL. Rio do Janeiro 17-20 July 2018, XV Reunión de la Academia Iberoamericana de Patología y Medicina Bucal - XII Congresso Brasileiro de Câncer Bucal
<http://www.estomatologia.com.br/congresso-sobep2018>

Ronell Bologna Molina

IAOP Councilor for Latin America and the Caribbean

vi. North America

The 2017 year was a busy year. Highlights include:

1. The 2017 American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) meeting was held in May in New Port, Rhode Island. This was a well-attended meeting with 308 registered participants. The meeting had an outstanding collection of topics and lecturers including:

AAOMP Seminar

Ellen Eisenberg, DMD (Chair)
 Kitrina G. Cordell, DDS, MS
 Robert D. Kelsch, DMD
 Easwar Natarajan, BDS, DMSc
 Carla R. Penner, DDS
 Renee Reich, DDS

AAOMP Symposium – Panel Discussion

“Starting and Maintaining a Successful Career in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology”

Brent T. Accurso, DDS, MPH (Moderator)
 John E. Kacher, DDS
 Audrey Boros, MSc, DDS
 Sarah G. Fitzpatrick, DDS
 Donald M. Cohen, DMD, MS, MBA
 Paul D. Freedman, DDS

Douglas D. Damm, DDS

“Extra-nodal Lymphomas of the Head and Neck”

Judith Ferry, MD

“Newly Described Entities in Head and Neck Pathology”

Justin Bishop, MD

“Clinical Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Update”

Karen Baker, MS.Pharm.

“Whose Who in Head and Neck Pathology”

Lester Thompson, MD

2. The 2018 AAOMP meeting will be held jointly with the IAOP at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, BC, June 23-28. It has been 10 years since the last AAOMP/IAOP joint meeting in San Francisco and the AAOMP is very much looking forward to the renewal of this opportunity to be together. As of June 18, there were 446 registrants.

Educational sessions for this year include:

AAOMP Seminar

Moderator: Dr. Grace Bradley

Speakers: Drs. Martin Hyrcza, Iona Leong, Cristina McCord, Catherine Poh, Firoozeh Samim, Marco Magalhaes,

Dr. Brian Rubin

Soft tissue and bone sarcomas of the head and neck with emphasis on ancillary studies to include IHC and molecular

Tumor Microenvironment:

Drs. Tuula Salo, Dan Lambert, Toshinari Mikami, Gareth Thomas,

Dr. Bob Robinson

Challenging Cases in Head and Neck Pathology

Dr. Rossitza Lazova

Dermatologic Tumors for Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists

IAOP President's Prize Lecture

Dr. K W Chang

Defining the Role of miR-31 in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Dr. Thomas Underhill

Case studies Involving Head and Neck Radiology

Dr. Nishant Agrawal

Molecular alterations in head and neck cancer/salivary gland tumors/thyroid cancer with emphasis on diagnosis and treatment

Odontogenic Tumors: Molecular Pathology to Personalized Medicine

Drs. Kristiina Heikinheimo, Rob West, Mary MacDougall, Ricardo Gomez

3. The 2019 AAOMP meeting will be held at the Intercontinental, Miami, Florida, June 7-12.

Planning for this meeting is well underway with a number of speakers already confirmed:

AAOMP Seminar-Moderator: Indraneel Bhattacharyya

Amber D'Souza: HPV and Oro-pharyngeal and Oral Cancer
Bruce Weig: Head and Neck Pathology
Jeffry Medeiros: Hematopathology: Lymphoid lesions of the Head and Neck

More information as it becomes available can be reviewed at the following link:
<http://www.aaomp.org/annual-meeting/2019-annual-meeting/>

Mark Lingen
IAOP Councilor for North America

9. Reports from IAOP President

The subject of Oral Pathology is the bridging subject between basic sciences and clinical sciences in the field of Dentistry. Practice of Oral Pathology in terms of teaching and also the way of delivering diagnostic Oral Pathology services vary from country to country. Even up to date diagnostic services are not well established in many parts of the world. The International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists is the umbrella organization for the promotion of Oral pathology and Medicine across the globe. In addition, there are regional bodies such as Asian Society of Oral Pathology, African Society of Oral Pathology etc, and these societies have a significant role to play to uplift and popularize the subject in those countries where Oral Pathology services are either not popular or nonexistent. It is really encouraging to see well established national bodies in some countries such as USA, UK, Japan, Korea, India, Brazil and many more. They can play a major role in popularizing the specialty and I am happy that some of them have already taken initiatives in different ways. I am aware of the fact that some regional bodies help trainees to undergo various training programmes especially from countries where Oral Pathology training is not available. However, this activity does not take place on a regular basis. I would like to propose the regional bodies to formally start programmes to help trainees from less privileged countries in your region. We have been informed that the Asian Society is planning to launch this activity in the near future.

It is important to look at the challenges that are faced by the subject of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. One of the main problems that we need to address is the non-existence of the discipline in some countries. However, we understand the fact that Oral Pathology exists as an academic discipline in almost all dental schools irrespective of the region. It is a matter of getting things correct to move to next step of establishing diagnostic services. In some countries as we all are aware diagnostic services are as developed as any other area of pathology. Even in those countries Oral Pathology does not have a high demand by dental graduates when they select the future postgraduate pathway. We do not have enough information on this aspect although the past president Michael Aldred tried his best to collect information. Therefore, it is a timely need for us to come up with a plan to address this issue in order to make sure that this specialty continues as a sub specialty for Dental graduates. We have seen over the years that the time allocated for Oral Pathology and Medicine teaching becoming less in undergraduate curricula in most countries in different parts of the world. Therefore, it is the duty of the Oral Pathology fraternity to make sure that the balance is maintained in revising undergraduate curricula.

I want to take this opportunity to record that the last IAOP congress organized by Indian Association of Oral and maxillofacial Pathology was completed successfully with a record number of delegates. I would like to thank Dr K Ranganathan and the team for a job well done covering a wide area of Oral Pathology and Medicine. Another important thing which happened during and after IAOP in 2016 was the improvement of the membership. It was evident that more Oral Pathologists from Asia got the membership. In addition, the initiative of student membership became very popular and we had to stop that at one stage after registering a large number of student members. This initiative should continue from time to time in order to popularize the Association. It is extremely important for us to think of new initiatives to improve the benefits of the members by joining the IAOP, specially the academic benefits in terms of updating their knowledge by providing CME and CPD programmes by different methods similar to other professional Associations. We should start doing this through our website in an interactive way.

As the President, I am happy see our interaction with other related professional bodies and organizations are improving. We contributed with several lectures at the International Academy of Oral Oncology (IAOO) held in Bangalore, India in 2017. Further, a few members from IAOP took part in formulating reporting guidelines for oral cavity cancers, odontogenic tumours etc, by international collaboration of cancer reporting (ICCR). The IAOP became an official partner for this activity.

The smooth running of an Association having members around the world is not an easy task. Someone should spend time with dedication and commitment to achieve this. We are fortunate to have an energetic and ever reliable lady for this task who is giving her time and expertise very methodically over the years. That certainly contributed immensely for what we are today as an Association. My heartfelt thanks go to our great lady, secretary of the Association Sonja Boy for all her hard work towards the betterment of IAOP. Our Treasurer, Keith Hunter too deserves a big thank you for keeping accounts of the Association so accurately over the years. Let me thank our past president Michael Aldred for his commitment and dedication towards the improvement of the IAOP for many decades in different capacities. I would also like to thank all the members of the IAOP council for their contribution in many ways.

Now we are in Vancouver for the IAOP/AAOMP joint meeting and it is the 19th world congress on Oral Pathology and Medicine of the IAOP. I know for a fact the members of the AAOMP started working from the day they won the bid to host the conference in grand style. On behalf of the whole council of IAOP I would like to thank for a job very well done by the president and the organizing committee of AAOMP.

This has been a great honor and a privilege for me to serve you all as the president of the Association during last two years. I wish that the IAOP will go from strength to strength in the years to come. I wish all delegates a great experience in every aspect and to have a memorable conference in this beautiful city of Vancouver.

WM Tilakaratne
President/IAOP

10. Pre-congress report on the 19th Biennial Congress, Vancouver, Canada, 2018. **Annexure K**
Dr Lingen/IAOMP

11. Future congresses

- i. 20th Biennial Congress – 2020. Representatives of BSOMP to attend at 4pm.
- ii. 21st Biennial Congress – 2022 bids

- 16:00 - *Mexico*
Concerns over safety. Easy access. Not too expensive.
- 16:20 - *New Zealand*
Good safety. Far. Expensive. Difficult access.
- 16:40 - *Taiwan*
Good safety. Not too expensive. Easy access. Needs to promote oral pathology. Accepted by all as bid winners 2022.

12. Any other business

Dr Hunter is in possession of folders full of IAOP information, the Society archive of many years and would like to know what to do with it. Suggestion to get Dr Paul Speight to take a look followed by shredding of the old documents.

Dr Odell proposes the information be digitized for safe keeping. Archiving companies do this professionally. IAOP will have to pay for digitizing of the information once the important documents have been identified.

Sonja Boy
Secretary
IAOP