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We are looking forward to our Annual Congress in Valencia at the Palau de la Música, under the Presidency of José Canut. He has arranged an excellent programme with keynote speakers from all over the world. The Pre-congress Course is to be given by Drs Vincent Kokich and Frank Spear on 'Interdisciplinary treatment: the key to managing implants and dentofacial aesthetics'. There are two Post-congress Courses, one by Dr Robert Ricketts on 'Corrective and rehabilitative orthodontics: intermediate and late treatment' and the second by Dr Dominique Grobéty of Switzerland on 'Dentofacial orthopaedics: mastering the mandible'.

The Social Programme has also been carefully arranged, with many interesting venues and opportunities to enjoy the friendship of colleagues. We look forward to welcoming you in Valencia between the 9th and the 14th June 1997.

As you know, the Constitution of the Society has been changed and Members will vote by postal ballot for Officers for the Council. The ballot papers will be sent with the Secretary's Newsletter in the Spring and they must be returned to the office at least six weeks before the meeting in Valencia.

At the meeting in Valencia, the first examination of the European Board of Orthodontists will be held. The examiners will be Professor Herman Duterloo of the Netherlands, Dr Peter Grosse of Germany and Dr Olivier Mauchamp of France. Full details of the examination can be obtained from the EOS Office.

During the year we have been looking at the ways in which National Societies could be represented on the Council of the EOS, and recently a letter was sent to all National Societies asking them to indicate the ways in which they felt the EOS could assist in helping to enhance orthodontics in their own countries. In the meantime, discussions are going on with EFOSA on the ways in which the EOS can collaborate with them to enhance the speciality of orthodontics within Europe and to investigate ways in which EFOSA might be able to act as a

political wing for the National Orthodontic Societies. However, whilst no final recommendations have been made there is a will to come together and meetings are still being held to see how EFOSA can accommodate the needs of all the National Orthodontic Societies represented in the EOS. It is hoped that the Council will be able to bring recommendations to the business meeting in Valencia regarding representation of National Societies in the EOS.

On the research front, we have been notified by Professor Bill Shaw that he has been awarded a European Commission Grant for three years (1996–1999) to look at 'Standards of care for children with cleft lip and palate'. The project has four main objectives:

1. Completion of a register of professionals and teams involved in cleft care in each member country, with details of service organization, clinical protocols and special facilities for cleft research.
2. An exchange of views and agreement, as far as possible, on minimum records that cleft teams should maintain.
3. An exchange of views and agreement, as far as possible, on minimum standards of care that all European children should be entitled to.
4. Some initial efforts to compare outcomes (results) of cleft care between two or more centres.

Should anyone be interested either in participating in the work of the project or finding out more please contact Pauline Nelson, Eurocleft Project Administrator, Oral Health and Development, Floor 3, Coupland III, University Dental Hospital of Manchester, Manchester M15 6FH. Tel +44 161 275 6865, Fax +44 161 275 6636, E-mail Pauline.Nelson@man.ac.uk.

I look forward to seeing you at our Congress in Valencia.

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