Second EAS Congress proves its worth

From an expected 400, the number of attendees at the second Congress of the European Aligner Society (EAS) rose to 550, confirming that, with a committed and passionate board, the meeting is, indeed, much needed by dental professionals. The programme included pre- and post-congress courses, in addition to the general session, as well as posters and short presentations. The Journal of Aligner Orthodontics, published by Quintessence, was launched as the official journal of the EAS at the event, which took place in Venice, Italy, at the Hilton Molino Stucky hotel from 16 to 19 February.

Under the theme of “Are you ready to become invisible?”, the three-day meeting covered current trends, directions, possibilities and techniques in aligner treatment. It opened on Friday with pre-congress courses and a short communication programme.

The EAS concept is to give dentists a platform for presenting their research and cases. This serves as an opportunity to discover new talent, but also as a wonderful way for all to be able to present their work, in line with one of the goals of the EAS: to offer a forum for showcasing the latest developments in and with aligner treatment.

In the main programme on Saturday and Sunday, international speakers presented on a range of topics. Their papers covered cases treated with different systems, the treatment of malocclusions, understanding tooth movement, an interdisciplinary approach to treatment, technical issues such as biomechanics, and digital smile design and the need for restorative dentistry to understand and incorporate orthodontics as well. Eleven posters were also presented during the congress.

During the plenary session on Sunday, Dr Gabriele Rossini received the best research award for his short paper titled “Clear aligner orthodontic optimization through finite element analysis”. During a full-day post-congress course on 19 February, Dr Christian Coachman gave lectures on the digital smile design revolution, with a live patient demonstration.

Aiming to be the main continuing professional development provider for allied professionals involved in aligner treatment delivery, the EAS holds educational events, including its biennial meeting. Before the next EAS Congress, to take place in 2020, the second EAS interim congress will meet next year in the spring. The locations of both events are yet to be announced.
Board members: Drs Alain Souchet, Clemens Fricke, Francesco Garino, Graham Gardner and Tommaso Castroflorio (Credit: Mauro Calvone).
International Events

11th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference – APOC
5–7 March 2018
Boracay, Philippines
www.apoc2018.org

26th Australian Orthodontic Congress
9–12 March 2018
Sydney, Australia
www.aso2018sydney.com.au

SIDO International Spring Meeting 2018
16–17 March 2018
Naples, Italy
http://eventi.sido.it/spring2018/

International Association for Orthodontics Annual Meeting
25–29 April 2018
Kauai, Hawaii, US
https://www.iaortho.org/2018-annual-meeting/

American Association of Orthodontists – AAO
Annual Session
4–8 May 2018
Washington DC, US
www.aaoinfo.org

2018 Latin American Carriere Symposium
30 May–1 June 2018
Cartagena, Colombia
www.carriersymposium.com

94th European Orthodontic Society Congress – EOS
17–21 June 2018
Edinburgh, Scotland
www.eos2018.com

2018 CAO 70th Annual Conference
6–8 September 2018
Vancouver, BC, Canada
https://cao-aco.org/orthodontics/events/cao-annual-conference/overview/

10th World Implant Orthodontic Conference 2018 – WIOC
6–8 September 2018
Bali, Indonesia
www.wioc2018.com

2018 European Carriere Symposium
20–22 September 2018
Paris, France
www.carriersymposium.com

British Orthodontic Conference 2018 – BOC
27–29 September 2018
London, UK

Southern Association of Orthodontists 2018 – SAO Annual Meeting
4–7 October 2018
New Orleans, US
www.saortho.org

Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists – PCSO
82nd Annual Session
11–14 October 2018
Monterey, US
www.pcsortho.org/Educational-opportunities/annual-session.aspx

49th SIDO International Congress 2018
11–13 October 2018
Florence, Italy
www.sido.it/img/media/131845_Congresso_flyer.pdf

77th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society – JOS
30 October–1 November 2018
Yokohama, Japan

NESO 97th Annual Meeting
2–3 November 2018
Uncasville, US
www.neso.org/meetings-and-education/future-meetings/

21er Journées de l’Orthodontie
9–12 November 2018
Paris, France
www.journees-orthodontie.org

35th BDO Annual Meeting
23–24 November 2018
Berlin, Germany
www.bdo-jahrestagung.de

5th Scientific Conference for Aligner Orthodontics
23–24 November 2018
Cologne, Germany
www.dgao.com

18th International Orthodontic Symposium – IOS
29 November–1 December 2018
Prague, Czech Republic
www.ice-prague.com