The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) held its 2019 annual session on 3 to 7 May at the Los Angeles Convention Center in the US. Prominent speakers addressed traditional topics such as Class II and III treatment, biomechanics, anchorage/temporary anchorage devices and aesthetics.

The AAO meeting is a premier occasion for orthodontists to learn new skills and for orthodontic companies to introduce new products, and the 2019 session was no exception. In Los Angeles, many orthodontic companies used the event to launch new products, showcase innovative technology and offer thought leaders an opportunity to explain what products they use and why.

Ormco showcased an innovative product line-up. In addition to previewing its Spark Clear Aligner System, a new entry to the clear aligner category, the company introduced SmartArch, an archwire designed to enable clinicians to move into a finishing wire after just two wires. Among its new products was Symetri Clear, an advanced aesthetic ceramic bracket designed for refined strength, patient comfort and easy debonding without fracturing.

The company also presented Damon Q2, a passive self-ligating bracket with double the rotation control of its predecessor for optimal precision, predictability and efficiency. Sixty years of research and product innovation and more than 1,000 patents have enabled Ormco to meet the needs of dentists in more than 20 million cases in over 130 countries, the company said.

Waterpik launched what it described as the “world’s first flossing toothbrush”, the Sonic-Fusion. According to the company, this new product is clinically proven to be twice as effective as brushing with a manual brush and flossing.

Crest + Oral-B introduced new Crest Gum and Sensitivity, designed to kill plaque bacteria and occlude tubules at the gingival margin, where 80% of sensitivity starts. This product is proven to start working immediately to relieve sensitivity, the company said.

Launched within the past year, Invisalign First clear aligners are specifically designed for growing children requiring early interceptive treatment. Additional features include improved retention on short clinical crowns and
improved and expanded eruption compensation features, making it possible to treat patients in early to late mixed dentition.

Henry Schein Ortho offered a full roster of lectures. The presentations included “Attach-less aligners: Do they really work?” by Dr Dave Paquette, “The benefits of incorporating the Sagittal First philosophy with aligner therapy” by Dr John Kaku and “A new standard of care with attach-less aligners” by Dr Patti Panucci.

Highlights of the scientific programme included the 2019 Salzmann, Angle and Mershon lectures, as well as one special memorial lecture. Prof. Hugo De Clerck presented the Jacob A. Salzmann Lecture, titled “Miniplate skeletal anchorage: An update and new perspectives”. Prof. Peter Buschang gave the Edward H. Angle Lecture, titled “30 years of achievements—Our proudest moments”. Prof. Greg Huang presented the John Valentine Mershon Lecture, titled “Results from the National Dental PBRN Adult Anterior Openbite study”.

After the recent unexpected passing of Dr William Proffit, the 2019 annual session planning committee designated the lecture period during which he was to speak the William R. Proffit Memorial Lecture. Dr Kevin O’Brien of Manchester in the UK gave the lecture, titled “Standing on the shoulders of a giant: A retrospective on Bill Proffit”.

Other educational opportunities were numerous and varied. Half-day lectures covered newer and diverse topics, such as 3-D printing/in-house aligners, finishing, sleep apnoea, retention/lingual orthodontics and impacted canines/missing teeth. Two other half-day lectures focused on preadolescent treatment.

Academy Award-winning filmmaker Ron Howard, one of his generation’s most popular directors, served as the keynote speaker for the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Ceremony. Howard has created some of Hollywood’s most memorable films, from the critically acclaimed dramas A Beautiful Mind and Apollo 13 to the hit comedies Parenthood and Splash, and holiday favourite How the Grinch Stole Christmas. His work includes Cinderella Man, starring Oscar winner Russell Crowe, for which Howard earned an Oscar for best director.

No one has ever said that being an orthodontist is a dull profession, and with the whirlwind of activities available in Los Angeles, no one was able to say that about the 2019 AAO Annual Session either. No matter where one looked, there were lectures and workshops to attend, networking opportunities to participate in, and peers and friends to interact with.

The next AAO Annual Session will take place in Atlanta in the US from 1 to 4 May 2020.
Dear colleagues,

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 96th Congress of the European Orthodontic Society (EOS), which will take place from 10 to 14 June 2020 in Hamburg in Germany.

The keynote speakers will cover a wide range of contemporary orthodontics and dentofacial orthopaedics and their scientific basis, promising an exciting mix of subjects that will be of interest to practitioners, as well as the scientifically orientated orthodontic audience.

The main lectures will be followed by short presentations of new research data by attendees interested in participating as speakers. Therefore, a special invitation is addressed to the future practitioners of our discipline—orthodontic postgraduate students from programmes in Europe and worldwide—to submit and present their research and to make friendships for life in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The congress venue (Hamburg fairground) is centrally located and easy to reach. During our social programme, you will get to know this exciting city in all its aspects.

We are very pleased to be hosting the 96th EOS Congress and look forward to welcoming you to the city of Hamburg.

Prof. Bärbel Kahl-Nieke
EOS President 2020

Scientific topics and keynote speakers

**The role of orthodontics and dentofacial orthopaedics in oral health—A European update**
Thomas Beikler (Germany), Lorenzo Franchi (Italy), Thomas Kilt Pedersen (Denmark), Heike Korbmacher-Steiner (Germany), Daniele Manfredini (Italy) and Maja Ovsenik (Slovenia)

**All about bone in orthodontics**
Michael Amling (Germany) and Yijin Ren (Netherlands)

**Free topics**
Bernd Lapatki (Germany), Björn Ludwig (Germany), Lorenz Moser (Italy) and Ravindra Nanda (US)

**Sheldon Friel Memorial Lecture**
Susan Cunningham (UK)

**Pre-congress course**
Raffaele Spena (Italy): Fast lane orthodontics—Is it advisable?

**Postgraduate course**
Hans-Peter Bantleon (Austria): Straight teeth with a minimum of side effects and harm—An update of the Vienna concept

**Registration opens:**
2 September 2019
**Early bird registration deadline:**
1 April 2020
**Abstract submission deadline:**
1 December 2019
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International Events

German Society of Orthodontists – DGKFO
92nd Annual Meeting
4–7 September 2019
Nuremberg, Germany
https://2019.dgkfo-vorstand.de/

ADA FDI World Dental Congress
4–8 September 2019
San Francisco, US
www.world-dental-congress.org

British Orthodontic Conference 2019 – BOC
19–21 September 2019
Glasgow, Scotland
www.bos.org.uk/News-and-Events/Events/BOC-Glasgow-2019

Canadian Association of Orthodontists – CAO
71st Annual Conference
19–21 September 2019
Fredericton, Canada
https://cao-aco.org/orthodontics/events/cao-annual-conference/overview/

European Carriere Symposium
19–21 September 2019
Barcelona, Spain
www.carrieresymposium.com

Northeastern Society of Orthodontists – NESO
98th Annual Meeting
26–29 September 2019
Boston, US
www.neso.org/meetings-and-education/future-meetings/

Korean Association of Orthodontists – KAO
Annual Scientific Congress
2–4 October 2019
Seoul, Korea
www.kao2019.org

Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists – PCSO
83rd Annual Session
3–5 October 2019
Honolulu, US
www.pcsortho.org/pcs-o-rsmo-annual-session

Spanish Association for Aligner Orthodontics – SEDA
3rd Congress
4–6 October 2019
Madrid, Spain
http://sedas.es/en/

50th SIDO International Congress 2019
10–12 October 2019
Rome, Italy
http://eventi.sido.it

11th World Implant Orthodontic Conference – WIOC
23–26 October 2019
Bucharest, Romania
www.wioc2019.com

Swiss Orthodontic Society Annual Congress
31 October–2 November 2019
Interlaken, Switzerland
www.swissortho.ch

22es Journées de l’Orthodontie
7–10 November 2019
Paris, France
www.journees-orthodontie.org/

Southern Association of Orthodontists – SAO
Annual Meeting
14–16 November 2019
Orlando, US
www.saloortho.org

Spanish Society of Orthodontics – SEDO
27th Winter Meeting
15–16 November 2019
Madrid, Spain
www.sedo.es

Japanese Orthodontic Society – JOS
78th Annual Meeting
20–22 November 2019
Nagasaki, Japan
www.jos.gr.jp/en/

20th International Orthodontic Symposium – IOS
29–30 November 2019
Prague, Czech Republic
www.ios-prague.com

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AEEDC Dubai World Orthodontic Conference
3–4 February 2020
Dubai, UAE
https://aeedc.com/aeedc-dubai-world-orthodontic-conference/

American Association of Orthodontists – AAO
Winter Conference
7–9 February 2020
Austin, US
www.aaoinfo.org/meetings

European Aligner Society – EAS
3rd Congress
19–21 March 2020
Malta
www.eas-aligners.com

27th Australian Orthodontic Congress
19–23 March 2020
Cairns, Australia