



Short history report of the Greek Orthodontic Society

Five years ago, the Greek Orthodontic Society (GOS) celebrated its 40th anniversary. Founded in 1963, it is one of the oldest dental scientific societies in Greece.

The GOS has significantly contributed to the development and progress of orthodontics in Greece and has effectively influenced the Health Authorities of the Hellenic Republic in its 1988 decision to recognize the specialty of orthodontics in the country.

Today, the GOS has 407 members. According to the organization's bylaws, which were revised in 1996, 2001, and 2004 all active members possess the title of orthodontic specialist awarded by the Hellenic Ministry of Health. Associate members are colleagues whose recognition is pending following the completion of a three-year postgraduate education, and there are also postgraduate student members.

The organization also contributes significantly to the continuing education of its members by regularly organizing congresses, symposia, courses and other scientific activities.

The GOS was actively involved in the foundation of the WFO, is a founding member of the European Federation of Orthodontics (FEO), and was also an active member of the Organizing Committee for the 6th International Orthodontic Congress (IOC). During the 6th IOC the GOS held a one-day symposium where orthodontists of Greek nationality or origin presented their lectures.

The GOS publishes biannually the scientific journal "Hellenic Orthodontic Review" in both Greek and English and includes original articles on matters related to Orthodontics, interviews of leading researchers and clinicians, book reviews, abstracts, news on products and recent advances in Orthodontics, and letters to the Editor. All articles since 2003 are available in free full-text in the website (www.gortho.gr/hor).

Professor Athanasios E. Athanasiou, WFO President, Chairman, Department of Orthodontics, School of Dentistry, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, has been lately announced Honorary President of the Greek Orthodontic Society.