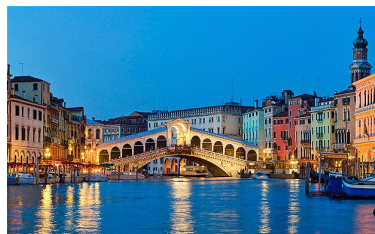


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## A Letter from the President



Dear EFOSA Friends,

Our specialty of orthodontics continues to face significant challenges. As professional specialists, it is our duty to ensure that our patients receive the

best treatment from properly trained and registered practitioners. One of the most important professional initiatives in recent years is the founding and progress of NEBEOP, The Network of Erasmus Based European Orthodontic Programmes. To date, NEBEOP has over 50 postgraduate programmes as active and provisional members. EFOSA continues to support the NEBEOP initiative as we believe that this is one positive way to raise the standards of orthodontic training across the continent.

Your council also feels that it is important to improve our network of contacts in dentistry throughout Europe. To that end, EFOSA has now become an affiliate member of the Platform for Better Health in Europe. This has brought us in contact with our sister society, the EFP,

which represents specialist periodontists in Europe. In addition, we are fostering our relationship with ADEE, the Association for Dental Education in Europe. It is hoped that these initiatives will allow EFOSA to contribute to improved specialist training as well as strengthening the recognition of speciality orthodontics.

This year the EOS Congress and our General Assembly meeting took place in the beautiful city of Venice. Our congratulations to Professor Antonio Miotti and his capable team along with President Ewa Czochrowska and the EOS Council who have done an excellent job in organizing a most successful meeting.

### Julian O'Neill, President EFOSA



## The President of the AAO in 46th EFOSA General Assembly Meeting



Morris N. Poole, DDS, is the 2015-16 president of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). A Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentists, Dr. Poole's many years of volunteer activities in organized orthodontics include service as a Trustee on the AAO Board of Trustees; past member and chair of the AAO Council on Orthodontic Healthcare; and member and past president of the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists, a constituent organization of the AAO. Dr. Poole has been in the private orthodontic practice since 1978.

We in EFOSA were delighted to welcome Morris, along with DeWayne McCamish, AAO President-elect, to our General Assembly Meeting in Venice. Morris gave a short presentation on Corporate orthodontics in the USA. We value our continuing strong relationship with the AAO.

## Meeting with the AAO in San Francisco

An AAO-EFOSA meeting took place on April 28, 2014 in San Francisco during the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Congress. Participants were: Dr Morris Poole, President AAO, DeWayne McCamish, President-elect AAO, Mr. Chris Vranas, AAO Executive Director, Julian O'Neill, EFOSA President, Bart VanDe Vannet EFOSA Vice-President and Christian Scherer EFOSA Treasurer. The main topics discussed related to common challenges to our respective organizations in Europe and the USA.

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The main legal acts of the EU come in three forms: regulations, directives and decisions. Legislative proposals require approval by both the European Parliament and the Council to become law and affect all member states.

The core of **European Union Economic and Social Policy** is summed up under the idea of the four freedoms - free movement of goods, capital, services and persons.

The Council Decision **78/686/EEC** of 25.07.1978 was the first legal act towards “the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of the formal qualifications of practitioners of dentistry, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services”. For the first time the principle of a 3 year full time education in

specialized dentistry was mentioned.

With Directive **2005/36/EC** which has replaced fifteen existing Directives the EU attempts to modernize the system for recognition of professional qualifications (including the dental and orthodontic profession), in order to facilitate the mobility of professionals. It encourages an automatic recognition of qualifications, and a simplification of the administrative procedures. Its article 35 is dedicated to “specialist dental training” and annex 5.3.3 to the specialty of orthodontics. The directive 2005/36/EC, which came into force in 2007, has been amended several times since then.

On 20.11.2013 the **2013/55/EU** amending directive was issued which introduces the **European Professional Card**. According to EU officials the professional card will be in a

form of an “electronic certificate” including all the professional qualifications of the holders and will facilitate even more their mobility among the European countries.

Finally, on Friday, October 25th, 2013, the European Union activated the Directive **2011/24/EU** on “Patients’ Rights in Cross-border Healthcare”. With this law, patients across the European Union have the right to go to any other EU country for treatment and be reimbursed.

For more information you can check the following address in the website of the European Commission:





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