

Minutes of the 13. EFOSA Meeting was held at 60. Boulevard Letour Manbourg, 75007 Paris, on Saturday 28 September 1985 at 9am.

Attendance

1. Prof. Ch. Bolender (France) who took the chair,
2. Drs. P. Bertzbach (Germany)
3. R.J. Bijlstra (Netherlands)
4. A. Ferrini (Italy)
5. C. Gyeel (Belguim)
6. N. Flood (Ireland)

An apology was received from Dr. C. Munck (Denmark). Drs. M. Faure (France) and P. Picchioni (Italy) attended as guest visitors. The minutes of the 1984 meeting were read and approved. With the accession of Spain and Portugal to the EEC due in the New Year, it was decided to invite orthodontic representatives from these countries and from Greece to attend our next EFOSA meeting. It is unlikely that either Portugal or Greece will be eligible to join EFOSA as members for some time, as they have not enough exclusive orthodontists to form an association. An additional problem is that all three countries graduate stomatologists.

1. REGULATIONS

These were read, debated and corrected. The finalised copy is enclosed. It was agreed that "Other business", "autres questions", were to be included in each agenda in future.

2. POLICY DOCUMENT

The tentative policy document prepared by the Secretary, Dr. N. Flood, and circulated to all delegates earlier in the year, was read and discussed. It was agreed and accepted by all those present, that this document was useful, and should be developed and enlarged on the basis of the draft submitted. The Belgian and Italian representatives have been requested to prepare submissions that they would like included, and to send these to the Secretary.

3. REPORTS FROM MEMBER DELEGATES

BELGIUM

An attempt was made to propose the creation of a specialists register, but the dissolution of Parliament thwarted any action.

ITALY

S.U.S.O., the Italian national association now has 450 members. The Government has been trying to limit the number of medical and dental specialists, including orthodontics.

GERMANY

A new President of the Orthodontic Association, Dr. Dummmler of Kiel, has been elected. A decrease of 15% in Social Insurance payments has been incurred last year. New restrictions are proposed on private fees. The two large Social Insurance Corporations are combining to try to limit or reduce fees further. The threat of unemployment adds to the difficulties.

IRELAND

The new Dentist Act creates a Council that may initiate a specialists register or establish classes of auxiliary dental workers.

NETHERLANDS

Both private and Social Insurance fees have been reduced.

FRANCE

No change in fees. Some general practitioners have been trying to push orthodontists out of the Welfare or refund system, which affords about a 50% refund to the patient.

4. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 1985-87

1. Prof Ch. Bolender (President)
2. J. Bailey (Vice-President)
3. N. Flood (Secretary)

were all re-elected.

It was agreed that the next annual general meeting should be at the end of September 1986.