

# Short communications from the scientific societies

#### Societies and meetings

This issue of the JAO includes the details of our affiliated societies and their forthcoming meetings, with a question and answer section. Please refer to society websites for the latest details.



### Sociedad Argentina de Ortodoncia con Alineadores (Argentine Society of Aligner Orthodontics – SAOA)

https://www.ortodoncia.org.ar/saoa-principiosfundacionales https://www.instagram.com/saoa.2020/

#### Forthcoming meetings

Due to the uncertainty generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have scheduled only the GEOA meetings (SAOA study group). We also continue with our 1-year course to obtain a degree in orthodontics with aligners, directed by Dr Gabriela La Valle and Dr Betina Iaracitano and team at the SAO.

#### Q&A

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It is true, in-office aligner orthodontics has become more and more popular. We believe that the software that is most commonly used in Argentina is OrthoAnalyzer (3Shape) and Nemotec. Some orthodontists use Blue Sky Plan.



### European Aligner Society (EAS)

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#### 3rd EAS Congress, 7-9 October 2021

The 3rd EAS Congress will take place from 7–9 October 2021, in Malta.

The EAS has curated an absorbing programme which progressively builds on the knowledge from its first two congresses (and meetings), and continues to explore the perpetual advances in technologies and techniques in aligner orthodontics. The Congress will draw together the latest innovations presented by an international line-up of expert speakers. The programme's curators have put together two and a half days of plenary lectures, peppered with break-out sessions and workshops, so that the learnings are delivered in a measured way, and everyone can dip in or delve deeper into the subjects that interest them most.

EAS looks forward to seeing you all in Malta in October 2021, as this may be one of the first large congresses allowed after a year of coronavirus closedown.

Further information is available at www.eas-aligners.com





# WHAT *an* INVISIBLE WORLD 3<sup>rd</sup> EAS CONGRESS October 7 - 9, 2021- MALTA

We all understand just how much Corona virus has threatened and upset our living and working lives since February 2020. EAS 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress had to be postponed three times to accommodate social distancing. BUT now we are setting up again and getting ready to go.

All our delegates, staff, accompanying persons, sponsors and exhibitors who have remained registered to 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress are still with us, with the option to cancel before July 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

There are those who have already opted out, who may want to re-register, and those who are not yet registered, who want to attend. FOR YOU, registration will re-open on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

Keep watching for updates and the EAS 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress website on www.eas-aligners.com

## **REGISTRATION OPENS ON**

JULY 2<sup>nd</sup> www.eas-aligners.com













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# Australasian Clear Aligner Society (ACAS)

#### https://acasociety.com

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#### Forthcoming meeting

ACAS2021 Clear Aligner Symposium: 11–12 February 2022, Melbourne, Australia. Pre-symposium workshop: 10 February 2022.

Thank you for your patience while we have been assessing the best option for ACAS2021. We have always said we are committed to only holding ACAS as a physical event at a time when it is safe to do so and that we can all be together. The health and safety of our members and sponsors has always been our main priority.

Due to current lockdowns and restrictions across the country, we have made the difficult decision to postpone ACAS201 until 10–12 February 2022. This date change was

not taken lightly, and was made after many committee meetings and lengthy conversations with all stakeholders. If we chose to proceed in December, without the attendance of our Sydney/NSW we would have been without our highly respected Sydney speakers, 30% of our members as well as NSW based sponsors. We felt the event would not be the same without our valued NSW speakers, sponsors and members, and this played a major part in making this hard decision.

The location remains at Crown, Melbourne, Australia. The event will be held in the same space as planned for August, so the floor plan and booth builds will remain the same.

We appreciate your support over the past 18 months, and continued support during this time!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us! We will keep in touch over the next few months and although disappointed we won't be seeing you in 2021, we cannot wait to have everyone join us face to face in February 2022.

Tickets purchased after 1 April 2021 will be fully refunded or credited for 2023 symposium if the 2021 symposium is unable to proceed due to COVID-19 or if you cannot attend due to a state border closure. Ticket+membership packages purchased after 1 April 2021 will be refunded minus membership fee or credited for 2023 symposium if the 2021 symposium is unable to proceed due to COVID-19 or if you cannot attend due to a state border closure.

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### Deutsche Gesellschaft für Aligner Orthodontie (German Association for Aligner Orthodontics – DGAO)

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#### Forthcoming meeting

The 7th Scientific Conference for Aligner Orthodontics will take place in Cologne, Germany, on 18–19 November 2022. Pre-Congress 17 November 2022. Further information will be available soon at https://www.dgao-virtual.com.

What we subsequently present to you can't be described any more appropriately. What stays: Treatment with aligners is still a relatively young orthodontic therapy, which's former opponents are more and more becoming its users, plus the system is yet developing rapidly. What is really new and applicable in your office can best be discovered at congresses by attending its lectures, but also by contact with its exhibitors. That remains, and probably will always remain. What is different is, what we invite you to: discover the "the latest and best" in Angle's words with us, but not at a "regular" congress. Because complete capitulation was never an option the board of the German Association for Aligner Orthodontics (DGAO) decided after an extensive e-mail correspondence and many lengthy telephone conferences to change the format of this convention entirely. Unlike in the past, we are entering a new territory with the 1st Virtual DGAO Congress. A new territory yes, but not a pitch of thin ice, because what other societies have achieved, we can do at least as well. But we need your help: your registration for this conference, which is not just another Zoom event, but an interactive virtual meeting, i.e., nothing digital can be any more analogue than this!

Speaking of support: We thank our very generous industry partners for their financial support: Align Technology, Ormco and Straumann. They are hot to make finally direct contact with you at this congress. There is so much that is different, but - nothing ventured, nothing gained (understanding, insight, experience).

Everything is the same – your/our congress on aligner orthodontics – different is only its format, and we promise that you will profit as you did in the past. But what will it be like in the future? The best answer is a quote by the Danish physicist Niels Bohr: Prediction is very difficult, especially when the future is concerned.



### La Société Française d'Orthodontie par Aligneurs (French Society for Aligner Orthodontics – SFOPA)

#### http://sfopa.org

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Forthcoming meeting

The 5th SFOPA congress at the Intercontinental Hotel in Lyon, France, has been postponed. The final dates will be available soon.





# Japan Academy of Aligner Orthodontics (JAAO)

http://aligner-orthodontic.com/

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#### Forthcoming meeting

The 8th Japan Academy of Aligner Orthodontics Annual Congress 2021: Breakthrough of Aligner Orthodontics, 5–6 December 2021.

More information available at: http://aligner-orthodontic. com/events/8th-jaao-anual



# Swiss Society for Aligner Orthodontics (SSAO)

www.aligner-ortho.ch/

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## Taiwan Association of Aligner Orthodontics (TAAO)

www.taao.com.tw

Forthcoming meetings

Save the date! The 7th Taiwan International Aligner Symposium will be held on 12–13 December 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan.

After careful consideration at the TAAO, we decided to postpone the international symposium, which was originally scheduled for 15–16 August 2021, to 12–13 December 2021. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change.

The topic "Be simple! Back to the Origin" seeks to enhance attendees' practical knowledge by sharing experiences to help them avoid and address the problems that may arise from each type of case, discussing what can and cannot be done when dealing with aligners.

Further information is available at: www.taao.com.tw

#### Q&A

In-office aligner orthodontics has become more and more popular. What software is most commonly used in your country?

At present, the commonly used tooth movement design software on the market are Clear Aligner Studio (3Shape), Ortho Analysis (Inteware), PlaniMax Orthodontic Planning (CHOICE).