

*APOC : Then and Now***The 1st APOC**

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**— A Quantum Leap in Orthodontics in the
Asian Pacific Region —**

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It is a great honor and personal pleasure for me to have been asked by Dr. Gakuji Ito, President of Japan Orthodontic Society (JOS) and Dr. Kunimichi Soma, Editor of the Journal of JOS to write about the First Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference in the first English edition of the newly named Journal of JOS "Orthodontic Waves".

The Conference was held as a joint meeting with the 50th Annual Meeting of Japan Orthodontic Society in Osaka, Japan from September 25 through 27, 1991 and I was then honored to serve as Chairman of the Conference and the Meeting. The theme of the Conference was "Near Future of Orthodontics in Oral Health Science". The purpose was to provide an opportunity for the advance in orthodontics and treatment modalities in Japan to be recognized and appreciated internationally. I am very pleased to state that the Conference took place successfully with participants not only from the Asian Pacific region (including JOS members), but also from the United States, Europe, and Brazil.

The program of the Conference was composed of two plenary lectures by guest speakers, a commemorative lecture by the President, four symposia in which guest speakers participated, one assignment report, 29 oral and 36 poster presentations and one panel discussion for co-dental professionals. In addition to these contents, 103 oral and 103 poster presentations and 33 case presentations were included in the program for the 50th Annual Meeting of the JOS.

The two plenary lectures were delivered by Dr. Alexandre G. Petrovic of Strasbourg, France, on "New ways in orthodontic diagnosis and decision-making : Physiologic basis" and by Dr. William R. Proffit of University of North Carolina, U. S. A., on "The control of tooth eruption". A commemorative lecture was given by Dr. Tatsuo Fukuhara, then President of the JOS, on "Orthodontics in Japan-its locus and direction". Four symposia were conducted with the titles of "Long term results of treated cases", "Malocclusions and functional analysis", "Mechanisms of orthodontic tooth movement" and "Orthodontic treatment of malformations other than cleft lip and/or palate". Guest speakers from abroad for the symposia included Dr. Jon



Proposing a toast to the health and happiness of everyone attending the Conference (l-r)

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Årtun of University of Washington, U. S. A. ; Dr. José S. Dahan of Univ. Catholique de Louvain, Belgium ; Dr. Wind-Show Cheng of Taipei Medical and Dental School, Taipei ; Dr. Per Rygh of University of Bergen, Norway ; Dr. Fu Min-Kui of Beijing Medical University, People's Republic of China ; Dr. William H. Olin of University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, U. S. A. ; and Dr. Byung W. Sohn of Yonsei University, Korea. An assignment report was made by Dr. Gakuji Ito, current President of the JOS, on "Clinical states and therapeutics of temporomandibular disorders".

I believe that this initiative was well-received by the orthodontists in the Asian Pacific region. I was pleased to learn that the 2nd Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference was held in Korea a few years ago and the 3rd Conference is going to be held in Taipei in November of this year. These meetings clearly provide opportunities for making new friends, exchanging ideas and information and expanding horizons in orthodontics. Since orthodontics is a discipline that contributes to general health by treating malocclusion to allows healthy function of the masticatory apparatus, I think the importance of orthodontics should be further high-lighted for both oral and general health. It is, therefore, very important to archive reports of meetings in the form of papers in our Journal. The orthodontists attending the Conference are encouraged to submit quality papers to the Journal "Orthodontic Waves". The English edition of the Orthodontic Waves will be a suitable avenue to launch new principles and techniques for the advance of orthodontics for the 21st century from the Asian Pacific region to the entire world. This will, I hope, represent an important advance, i. e., a quantum leap in the orthodontics in the Asian Pacific region.