

Appendix IV

OSI SECRETARY'S REPORT 2017

Since the last AGM it has been a busy year for the OSI and the Secretary's Report gives a brief outline of the activities from the membership secretary's prospective. The specific topics will be dealt with in more detail by the individuals responsible.

A new council was approved by the members at the last AGM and Stephen Murray took over as President from Sinead O'Hanrahan in November 2016. Sinead continued her work with the OSI Council as past president.

The OSI welcomed in the last 12 months 7 new orthodontists, 3 student orthodontists, 24 orthodontic therapists and 1 lab technician.

At present, there are 177 members of the OSI, an increase of approximately 25% on the 142 members last year.

The overall membership is made up of the following:

- 152 orthodontists
- 24 orthodontic therapists
- 1 Orthodontic lab technician

The 152 orthodontists are made up of the following:

- Full members in Private Practice: 107 (*last year: 100*)
- Full members exclusively in the HSE: 23 (*unchanged*)
- International members: 7 (*unchanged*)
- Special membership / life membership: 1 (*unchanged*)
- Student Membership: 14 (*last year: 11*)

Orthodontic therapists showed a keen interest in becoming members of the OSI since introduction of the auxiliary membership category and started to organise their group with a focus education relevant to their needs.

During the year, at several teleconferences, many issues were discussed and dealt with at the council ranging from preparation of future conferences, establishment of provincial branches or the development of a social media strategy, just to name a few.

Currently preparation in undergoing to update the members directory. The directory has not been updated since 2014. Members will be receiving an email in this regard in the coming weeks.

A lot of the ongoing secretarial work has been carried out by Aideen McCallum during the year. The OSI owes Aideen a huge debt of gratitude for her work.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the council and in particular Stephen for all his hard work for the OSI.

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Hon. Secretary
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