

Appendix IV

OSI SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018

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.

The OSI welcomed in the last 12 months 9 new orthodontists, 4 student orthodontists, 16 orthodontic therapists and 9 orthodontic laboratory technicians.

At present, there are 202 members of the OSI, an increase of approximately 14% on the 177 members last year.

The overall membership is made up of the following:

- 156 orthodontists
- 37 orthodontic therapists
- 9 Orthodontic laboratory technicians

The 156 orthodontists are made up of the following:

- Full members in Private Practice: 113 (*last year: 107*)
- Full members exclusively in the HSE: 24 (*last year: 23*)
- International members: 9 (*last year: 7*)
- Special membership / life membership: 1 (*last year: 1*)
- Student Membership: 9 (*last year: 14*)

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

Orthodontic laboratory technicians have been actively encouraged to join and establish their group within the auxiliary membership category during the last 12 months. The first educational programme specifically aimed at orthodontic laboratory technicians as part of the OSI 2018 Autumn Meeting received a some very positive and high interest, which the high numbers of pre-course registration demonstrate.

During the year, at several teleconferences, many issues were discussed and dealt with at the council ranging from preparation of future conferences, planning of an OSI Council strategy meeting or the establishment of a new graduate research award, 'The Seamus Keating Award', just to name a few.

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 and Paul for all their hard work for the OSI.

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