

Appendix IV

OSI SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018/19

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: Ronan Perry took over as President from Stephen Murray in November 2018. Stephen continued his work with the OSI Council as past president. Ciara Scott became President Elect, Timothy McSwiney council representative of the consultant group and Christine Smith council representative for private practice practitioners.

The OSI welcomed in the last 12 months 4 new orthodontists, 3 student orthodontists, 4 orthodontic therapists and 2 orthodontic laboratory technicians.

At present, there are 204 members of the OSI, an increase of approximately 0.1% on the 202 members last year.

The overall membership is made up of the following:

157 orthodontists

37 orthodontic therapists

10 Orthodontic laboratory technicians

The 157 orthodontists are made up of the following:

Full members in Private Practice: 114 (*last year: 107*)

Full members exclusively in the HSE: 21 (*last year: 23*)

International members: 11 (*last year: 7*)

Special membership / life membership: 1 (*last year: 1*)

Student Membership: 10 (*last year: 14*)

Orthodontic therapists continued to demonstrate a keen interest in becoming members of the OSI since introduction of this auxiliary membership category. The vast majority of orthodontic therapist registered with the Dental Council (Ireland) are OSI members now. The orthodontic therapists' group's main focus is education relevant to their specific 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 was held as part of the OSI 2018 Autumn Meeting and received some high interest and very positive, which the high number of course participants demonstrated. Because of the very positive response it was decided to continue to support an educational programme aimed at orthodontic laboratory technicians.

During the year, at several teleconferences, many issues were discussed and dealt with at the council ranging from preparation of future OSI meetings, the 2025 European Orthodontic Society (EOS) Congress (President Dr Finn Geoghegan), development of the OSI rebranding strategy or the implementation of the social media strategy, 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 Ronan and Paul for all their hard work for the OSI.

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