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There was an annual meeting of the German Orthodontic Society on April 13th and 14th in Berlin with over three hundred colleagues attending. Dr. Young H. Kim introduced the MEAW treatment concept with the topic of 'Treatment of Class III malocclusions without surgery'. Many in the audience seemed to think that Class malocclusions could not be treated without surgery. They are, however, interested in the MEAW concept.



Dr. Kim delivering a lecture at The Berlin meeting.

This was the year that Chinese colleagues started the MEAW Study Group in Beijing. Under the leadership of Prof. Minkui Fu, The First Beijing International MEAW Conference was held on June 7th and 8th in Beijing with about 600 colleagues attending. Many from Colombia, Europe, Japan, Korea, The Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United States also attended. The meeting was magnificently coordinated with a fabulous banquet with many government dignitaries attending. All the presentations at the conference were done in superb quality with power point presentations.



Dignitaries at The Beijing meeting..



Dr. Sadao Sato presenting a lecture at the Beijing meeting.

There was a pre-conference two-day course presented by Dr. Kim with the hall filled to its capacity of 475 attendees. The population of China is one billion, three hundred million people. The number of attendees such as 600 or 475 is a very small number in comparison.. There was a third day of wire-bending session as well. For some reasons, they seemed to know how to bend MEAWs very well. There are six thousand patients at The Peking University Orthodontic Clinic and the MEAW therapy is used in most of them. Prof. Fu estimated that about 20,000 patients in China have MEAW mechanisms in their mouths. It is unbelievable.



Attendees at the wire-bending session.

On this occasion of the First International Conference, Dr. Ding Zhang, associate professor and the co-chairperson of the department of orthodontics at The University of Peking, published a very informative and educational book on the cephalometric differential diagnosis and the MEAW treatment concept. The book consisted of 225 pages of diagnostic illustrations and twenty-eight beautifully treated difficult cases.. The publication of this book was in part supported by a \$10,000 grant from The MEAW Foundation.

The post-conference tour in Beijing was so wonderful, but the tour in Xian where there are 7,000 sculptured warriors and in Guelin where there are hundreds of rocky hills resembling upside down ice-cream cones are the most beautiful natural scenes anyone could enjoy. If you haven't seen them, by all means plan to do so. You will never forget the natural beauty.



Magnificent scenery of Guelin.

On August 23rd and 24th, for the second year, Dr. Kim presented to a group of 33 colleagues a two-day course on the treatment of severe malocclusions using the MEAW therapy. This was held under the auspices of The Gnathos, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia. The Gnathos, Inc. is a continuing educational group in orthodontics under the direction of Dr. Gerald Samson. Now, many of the members are utilizing the MEAW therapy with the help of The Quality Control Lab's MEAW bending. Some of the members have reported great success with the treatment and they are thrilled about it. Should you be interested in having the Q.C. Lab bend the wires for you, please contact Jeff Paul at 1-800-537-1018.

On September 25th Dr. Kim visited Matsumoto Dental University in Nagano, Japan and gave a lecture and a seminar to the graduate students. The school is situated in beautiful surroundings resembling an arboretum, and the physical set-up is luxurious and spacious. How fortunate students are to study there.



Graduate students of the orthodontic department, Matsumoto Dental University with Dr. Saburo Kurihara, chairman and professor.

On September 26th and 27th, a pre-conference two-day course in Nagano, Japan on the cephalometric differential diagnosis and the MEAW treatment methods were presented by Drs. Kim and Sato. As usual, there were several attendees who attended the course for the 8th and 9th time. They said they learn more every year.

The Japan MEAW Kenkyukai held its 12th Annual Meeting in Nagano, Japan on September 28th and 29th with 70 members attending. At the meeting, the guest speaker, Dr. Takayuki Kuroda, honorary professor in orthodontics at The Tokyo Medical Dental University, presented an outstanding and informative lecture on 'The important point in differential diagnosis of surgical orthodontics'. Another outstanding lecture was delivered by Professor Shoji Kohno of Niigata University with the topic of 'A new concept in treatment of occlusion'. Other presentations by members were also stimulating and educational. Some of the cases they showed were unbelievably treated. One would wonder if such difficult malocclusions could be treated by other ordinary orthodontic methods. The 13th annual meeting will be held in Fukuoka, Japan

on October 23-26, 2003.

The 6th Biennial Meeting of the Korea MEAW Foundation was held on November 23rd in Seoul, Korea with over two hundred colleagues attending. This meeting celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Foundation. The speakers were Drs. Sato, Kurihara, and Ikegami from Japan, Drs. Jia and Zou from China, Dr. Kim from the USA, and Dr. T.W.Kim from Korea. To celebrate this occasion, over a dozen colleagues from Japan attended the meeting. As usual, the presentations were very informative and educational. Often, colleagues among us wonder "How do other orthodontists treat such difficult cases?".

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Korea MEAW Foundation, the invited foreign guests along with the committee members were treated with delicious Korean cuisine and entertained by classical ancient Korean music.

A two-year advanced orthodontic continuing education course for the Eighth Class in Korea was successfully completed with the usual number of forty students. As we progress into each class, they seem to perform and produce better results with their treatment. The Ninth Class will begin another two-year course in March of next year.

This year's recipient of The Kim Fund scholarship is Dr. Ding Bai of China who is studying at Kanagawa Dental College in Yokosuka, Japan. His interest in research is "A study on the stability of occlusion in patients with nocturnal bruxism". The recipient receives 50,000 Yen, about \$4,200. Any members who are interested in doing research, please contact Dr. Young H. Kim at

<youngkimdmd@earthlink.net> or Dr. Tomio Ikegami, president of The Japan MEAW Foundation at <dds@ga2.so-net.ne.jp>.

By popular demand, the 6th Biennial International meeting of the MEAW Foundation will be held on April 28, 29, and 30, 2003 at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii where we met in 1999. This meeting will be followed by the AAO meeting in Honolulu from May 2 through the 7th. For those who would like to present a paper at our meeting, please contact Dr. Kim via e-mail <youngkimdmd@earthlink.net>.

The current numbers of members are as follows

The MEAW Foundation (USA) -----132
The Japan MEAW Kenkyukai ----- 534
The Korea MEAW Foundation ----- 435
The China MEAW Study Group ----- 400
The Greece MEAW Study Group ----- 12
The Philippines MEAW Study Group --- 10
The Colombia MEAW Study Group ----- 5

The new members for The MEAW Foundation USA for this year are:

Dr. Andonis Pavlidis -----Greece .
Dr. David Ropjas Diaz -----Colombia
Dr. Gregory Hummon -----Michigan
Dr. Robert R. Lokar ----- Michigan
Dr. Julio Lozano ----- ---El Salvador
Dr. Jim Murray ----- Maine
Dr. Donald J. Neely -----New Hampshire
Dr. Edward Sommers-----New York

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in the near future.

It is time to send in the \$75.00 membership dues. The payment slip is enclosed for your convenience. For those who joined the membership this year, no payment is requested at this time.