



AAO Council on Orthodontic Education
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Greetings to you all! I hope that you all are doing well and that you have had a wonderful 2023. Additionally, it was wonderful to see so many of you at the AAO Annual session in Chicago a few weeks ago. In this report, I have included some updates about the AAO Council on Education, as well as other information pertaining to dental/orthodontic education.

New GLAO Representative to the Council on Education (COE)

I am pleased to announce that **Dr. J. Martin Palomo** will be serving as the new GLAO Representative to the Council on Orthodontics. Dr. Palomo has a long and distinguished history with both orthodontic education and the GLAO. He recently concluded his term as the GLAO Representative to the Council on Scientific Affairs but brings his knowledge from that role, as well as his deep connections with other educators and AAO councils to this role. I am confident that he will enhance the connection between our numerous orthodontic programs and continue to advocate for the continued engagement our many orthodontic residents with the GLAO. If you have any questions about current or future COE activities or have any ideas that you would like to share with our new COE representative, please contact Dr. Palomo via email at jmp5@case.edu.

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Nomination Requests

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is currently seeking nominations for several service positions. CODA is seeking qualified individuals to serve on **Review Committee** and the **Appeal Board**. Interested individuals can learn more about both roles by visiting the CODA website (<https://coda.ada.org/accreditation/call-for-nominations>). CODA is the established body that sets the standards that guide all orthodontic education in the US. These roles would provide a unique opportunity to learn more about how the educational process occurs and also influence how it occurs in the future. The deadline for nominations is **June 1, 2023**, and once applications are completed, they can be submitted to hooperm@ada.org.

Additionally, CODA is also looking for individuals interested in serving as a site visitor. Site visitors are appointed for one-year terms, which are renewable for six years. In this role, you would be charged with visiting orthodontic residency programs and aid in ensuring that the program is meeting established CODA Standards. The criteria for serving as a site visitor can be reviewed using the following link (https://coda.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/coda/files/site_visitor_nomination_criteria.pdf?rev=3ad410ee5b334ee09cf474501017a857&hash=03A3DE486C7C537E015007FE9C809B9A) and the official nomination form can be obtained from the CODA website (<https://coda.ada.org/accreditation/call-for-nominations>). Site visitor nomination forms are due **December 1, 2023**, and should be submitted to Peggy Soeldner (soeldnerp@ada.org).

AAO Teaching Awards and Fellowships

The COE facilitated several AAO sponsored awards and fellowships again this year. The first is the Full-Time Faculty Teaching (FFT) Fellowship Program and the 2023 fellows selected include **Dr. Alice Goodwin, Dr. Mohammed Elnagar,** and **Dr. Heeyeon Suh**. The COE also reviewed applications for the AAO Craniofacial Anomalies & Special Care Training Award. The 2023 awardee is **Dr. Vena Ferrer**. The AAL/AAO sponsored Chairs and Academic Administrators Management Program (CAAMP) named two 2023 recipients and they include **Dr. Christine Hong** and **Anil Ardesbna**. Lastly, the AAL/AAO sponsored Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) also had four selected participants and include **Dr. Lorrie Ann Morford, Dr. Maria Doughan, Dr. Po-Jung Chen,** and **Dr. Maysaa Oubaidin**.

I would like to commend each of these outstanding educators for their commendable contributions to orthodontic education and the amazing potential they possess to influence our profession both now and in the future.

ADEA Call for Programs for the 2024 Annual Session and Exhibition Meeting

The American Dental Education Association is currently requesting submissions for programs, posters, and TechExpo presentations for the 2024 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition. The theme for the 2024 meeting is “**New Beginnings, Endless Opportunities**” and will be held in **New Orleans, LA** on **March 9-12**. The deadline for program submissions is June 1, 2023, and notifications of program acceptance will be shared electronically in late August 2023. The selected deadline for ADEA TechExpo sessions and poster presentations is September 4, 2023, and notification of session/poster acceptance will be disseminated in mid-November. For more information about program submissions, please visit the ADEA 2024 submission portal at <https://www.adea.org/2024/Submit/>.

Questions, Comments, or Concerns:

If you have any questions, concerns, accolades, or items related to orthodontic education that you would like to bring to the council’s notice, please feel free to contact me or new GLAO Rep to the COE Dr. Palomo via email. Our emails are jmp5@case.edu and keltstew@iu.edu.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity and I wish you all good health and prosperity in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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