

21st Century Orthognathics – The New Frontier

The Orthodontic Society of Ireland invites our maxillofacial colleagues to Dublin for our Spring Meeting in 2018. It will run from April 12th to 14th, based in Dublin.

This will feature Simonas Grysbuaskas, highly regarded maxillofacial surgeon from Lithuania presenting extensively on various aspects of orthognathics, including:

1. The division of responsibilities and communication between surgeon and orthodontist
2. Treatment planning using conventional and digital techniques, 2D and 3D
3. Orientation, reference points and planes
4. Sagittal, Transverse and Vertical aspects
5. Class II patients
6. Class III patients
7. Open Bites
8. Asymmetries
9. Orthognathic surgery and Temporo-Mandibular Dysfunction
10. What to do when it goes wrong, and how to avoid typical mistakes in preparation

Simonas may be known to UK surgeons from his time in South Wales or his Membership at RCS Edinburgh. A delegation of 5 OMFS consultants recently saw him lecture at BSSO 2017 in the Netherlands and were impressed with his communication style (great English) and the quality of his work and honesty in discussing the challenges involved.

Simonas will talk on April 13th and 14th. Because of the single speaker, small group format of the OSI, this will be an exceptional opportunity to have access to the knowledge and experience of one of the world's top orthognathic surgeons, ask questions and discuss ideas and controversies.

In addition to our lecture programme, we will have an optional pre-conference course (Thursday, April 12th) featuring Joy Hickman and Emma Woolley, the consultant orthodontist and maxillofacial surgery team from North Wales. Having been run successfully in the UK and Netherlands for many years, this will be a small group, facilitated workshop style event where groups of delegates are given sets of patient records and asked to present a treatment plan. The emphasis here is on collaboration with people from different units and backgrounds, at different stages in their career, and encountering different ideas and procedures, protocols and priorities. Stephen personally has done this course twice and the divergence of treatment plans was astonishing. The subsequent debate and –supportive – critique is priceless.

With a mixed audience of orthodontists and OMF surgeons, this is likely to be of particular interest to trainees in both specialties, and will comply with verifiable CPD requirements for the Dental Councils in UK and Ireland. This will probably be the most significant orthognathic event in the British Isles in 2018, so start making your arrangements to be there – the venue is Radisson St Helen's, one of Dublin's great houses in Stilorgan, Dublin (there's easy access to the airport and motorways) and as usual there will be a wide range of trade stands and exhibitors and a dinner on the Friday night.