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TORONTO 2001 INSIDE THE NEW CENTURY

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The slogan chosen by the CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTICS was: "Toronto 2001, the new odyssey", and it really is. In this May, we had the opportunity to assist to this event which has a great importance in orthodontic themes inside a cosmopolitan city with a great social and cultural activity on the edge of the Ontario Lake.

This event had the capacity to join a lot of orthodontists and professors that are recognized all over the world, who showed the advances of their research, and their clinical experiences.

Two years ago we talked about the introduction of a new century, now that we can see the improvement of the technology we are sure that the new millennium is here. But we have a question that has not't been answered: until where will we go???. We are starting a new millennium with a lot of technology that is amazing, that give us the obligation to actualize our knowledge to be competitive in this global world.

This congress has a big scientific and technological content, and also permits the actualization in education, promotes teamwork, presents new techniques and shows the development of orthodontist devices. It also offers the opportunity to handle business and have social interaction among orthodontists from all the world.

The conferences still have a great level, for example in maxillar orthopedia, the improvement in the treatments of young adults give us a new dimension in our therapy, because this kind of treatments are considered as Dr. Pancherz says: "An alternative to orthognatic surgery."

There were a lot of clinic tables, clinic presentations, and also seminars offered to participants. This promotes interaction and access to first hand information from our colleagues that are developing new devices and techniques.

The commercial exposition joined the principal world enterprises, that showed the update technology, and available services for the orthodontic community.

One of the new services offered by the congress was the cyber cafe. This place was often concurred by a lot of people, that is what made me notice

about the importance of the use of the Internet (an example is the VJO). It would be great to have video conferences by the web in a short time. This would be a new kind of assisting to a congress without the necessity of transporting to other places. This would benefit everybody, doctors and patients.

Last but not least, I want to thank Toronto for being so kind during our visit in such a lovely place. ¡¡¡¡¡See you in Philadelphia 2002!!!!

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