

Teaching and Education 2025

The 19th European Orthodontic Teachers' Forum (EOTF) was held on the 3rd of June 2025 at the Venue ICE **Krakow Congress Centre**, Krakow, Poland.

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The 100 available places for the program have been sold out weeks in advance. The meeting was opened by Professor Andreu Puigdollers representing the NEBEOP Board and Professor Peter Stoustrup.

The theme of the EOTF was: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – AN INTRODUCTION FOR THE ORTHODONTIC EDUCATOR, and was developed by Professor Ruben Pauwels, Aarhus University. His lecture begun with a brief Introduction to AI, continue with the Dental applications of AI, and looking forward he talked about Challenges for implementation, and Training, Ethics, and Communication.

Since 2006 at the EOS Congress in Vienna, the EOTF is an open forum for the education of orthodontics in Europe. The topics are usually pedagogic themes which aim is to help to improve the quality of postgraduate education in orthodontics.

The 18th General Assembly of the NEBEOP was also held on the 3rd of June 2025 at the Venue S4.10. ICE Krakow Congress Centre, Krakow, Poland.

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The Minutes of the NEBEOP meeting *Monday* 10th June, 2024 were approved.

There were 30 attendees out of 36 full members and 7 out of 13 provisional members. The Board informed about the status of full and provisional members. From September 1st, 2025, there are 37 full members and 13 provisional members. It was reminded to all members to read the bylaws.

The NEBEOP website, thanks to EFOSA, continue their task because of their value to the education of all postgraduate programs. EFOSA is prepared to donate 10k EUR to NEBEOP through the Patronage Project. NEBEOP is wondering if EOS would also be willing to agree in supporting NEBEOP with 10k yearly. Recurrent support would allow us to plan ahead and opens many more options compare to anecdotal donations.

NEBEOP has been organizing and producing 10 webinars per year for postgraduate students for the last 5 years (50 webinars at the end of 2025), and is preparing the webminars for the 6th round.

Now, NEBEOP task-force has begun to update the current Erasmus Guidelines, including very important topics that were missing. Also, we are developing an Online

Learning Platform to offer theoretical learning to postgraduate students through comprehensive learning modules including assessment, based on the Erasmus Guidelines. This platform will help homogenize teaching through different orthodontic programs, help teachers in often understaffed departments and serve as a forum for communication for the postgraduate NEBEOP community.

The Board looks forward to real incorporation of the site into the EOS website to be part of it. It would give much more value to the site and to the EOS Company and would constitute a very important signal to all postgraduate students.