The British Orthodontic Society (BOS) has won the bid to host the eighth meeting of the World Federation of Orthodontists in the UK in 2015. The news is a major coup for the BOS as well as for London, which is likely to welcome around 10,000 orthodontists from around the world for the event. The international meeting takes place every five years and the next one is in Sydney in 2010. The choice of venue for 2015 was made during the annual meeting of the American Association of Orthodontists that took place in Seattle this past May.

British orthodontist Allan Thom, who is on the World Federation of Orthodontists Executive Committee representing Europe, said, “Whilst the BOS can be justly proud of winning the 2015 International Orthodontic Conference it should be recognised that three other countries offered credible, well constructed, competitive bids. The BOS thanks Barcelona, Toronto and Mexico City for making the selection a truly competitive and close run contest and welcomes them all to active participation in 2015.”

He also paid tribute to Jonathan Sandler, who is the UK member of the Council of the World Federation and having led the bid for BOS, is now Chairman of the Conference. Jonathan said, “I am absolutely thrilled that we have won although I appreciate the enormity of the task ahead. With the help and co-operation of my able and willing team in the UK and friends around the world I hope to make this event a fantastic success.”

The World Federation consists of 105 organisations from 100 countries, as well as 6,500 individual orthodontists who have become Fellows.