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The 2017 ISO Annual Meeting was held at Hotel Vetro in Iowa City on October 8-9, 2017. Sunday's session featured lectures on a variety of interesting topics from the University of Iowa faculty. Monday's sessions featured Dr. **Eustaquio Araujo**. He discussed a variety of topics including the management of impactions, nonsurgical Class III treatment, 1 vs 2 phase treatment and treatment of hyperdivergent cases.

The Iowa Dental Board continues to consider rule revisions to Chapter 26, Specialty Advertising and Chapter 28, Designation of Specialty. This issue is continuing to cause great concern among the orthodontists and other dental specialists in the state.

Sean Murphy is the legal counsel for the AAO and has been very helpful in helping communicate our opinions and concerns to the Board. Recently, he has forwarded to the Iowa Board the recent amendments that Louisiana has made to its specialty laws. These amendments state, in pertinent part, "The board finds that terms implying that a dentist is a specialist in some field of dentistry are terms of art indicating that the dentist has completed an accredited post-doctoral educational program in that field of at least two years. Therefore, a licensed dentist seeking specialty recognition must have successfully completed a post-doctoral program in a specialty area of dentistry consisting of at least two full-time years and which is accredited by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education." Louisiana's recent amendments can hopefully provide some additional guidance.

The next Iowa Dental Board meeting is in January where this topic will be revisited. There is still uncertainty as to what the outcome will be but our representation will advocate for what is best for our specialty and for the protection of our patients.

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