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The International Association for Paleodontology (IAPO) was founded in Zagreb in 2007 by a group of researchers from Europe, Russia and India interested in ancient teeth. The vision of the first members was to connect scientists and researchers interested in ancient human and animal teeth, to find new possibilities for cooperation, to promote paleontological and bioarchaeological research and finally to make new friendships. Today the IAPO has more than 400 members from 57 countries, and over 200 institutions. Soon after its establishment, the official website of the IAPO (www.paleodontology.com) was registered. The website has more than 50,000 visits yearly from all parts of the globe. In 2007 IAPO started to publish the Bulletin of the International Association for Paleodontology - an interdisciplinary open access online journal inviting and welcoming contributions from anthropology, bioarchaeology, paleodontology and related fields. According to different journal databases, this was the only journal in the world focused primarily on ancient teeth and the mouth. Today we have a high-quality, indexed, peer-reviewed journal, with a wide audience. The reviewing process was significantly improved at the end of 2011 when the journal started to use the Open journal system – a professional journal management and publishing system. IAPO members are very active on a scientific and professional level and the IAPO has supported numerous projects, books and papers. This includes the 1st Congress of the International Association for Paleodontology in Zagreb, organized in August 2014 as a joint meeting with 16th International Symposium on Dental Morphology in cooperation with School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb. This meeting will provide an exciting scientific and social program and will be a great platform for the exchange of ideas and the foundation of future interdisciplinary collaborations.

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