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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ORAL MYOLOGY— A CHALLENGE WITH RESPONSIBILITY

The International Association of Oral Myology, as a Professional Association, through its members has a tremendous responsibility and even greater challenge.

During the past 60 years much material has been written about and people have been treated for Oral Myo-Facial Imbalance problems. What was lacking was the professional, scientific, and educational backing of an organization to help gather and disseminate this information, direct research, and elevate the standards of Oral Myology education and treatment.

The information giving, is needed both intraprofessionally and interprofessionally in order for advancements in research, treatment, and diagnosis ever to happen.

The above mentioned are tremendous challenges and are just that; when on paper. But when oriented by progressive professionals, will become the instruments of measure for this subject area, and as such are meaningful to everyone.

The International Association of Oral Myology can give this subject area guidelines for treatment, research, and certification; everything that has been needed and complained about in the prior art. Without this much needed group, many people may get into the arena and create bad images and impressions of a subject area that has had a great deal of attention in many fields; thus leading some prolific writers to negate all of the work done by this Association and its members.

The International Association of Oral Myology has grown from 11 to about 250 members. In numbers we are small as compared to the ADA or ASHA, but it is felt better to grow with quality than to have many members and let it have no meaning other than having another certificate on the wall or another entry on a vitae.

This association is only as powerful and competent as the membership dictates. Each member of the International Association of Oral Myology has a challenge with a great deal of responsibility. It will be through their endeavors, (clinically and research) that will make the aforementioned challenges a reality.

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