The 16th FDI / MDA Scientific Convention & Trade Exhibition 2009

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2009 kicked off with MDA’s first event of the year and it was a cracker. A record turnout of approximately 550 participants (latecomers had to be turned away) with a large representation from both the private and government sectors contributed to its success.

Hotel Istana once again hosted the event with a trade exhibition of over 80 booths occupying the three halls. Participants thronged the exhibition in search of the latest products, bargains and freebies.

Two hands-on sessions initiated the convention on Friday, 16 January which were conducted by the following:

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   (Colgate)
   Topic: New approaches to 
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   treatment of early carious le-
   sions
3. Dr Leslie Ang (Dentsply/Ser-
   vicom/Carl Zeiss)
   Topic: Endodontic Retreat-
   ment: Master the Science and 
   Excel in Clinical Techniques
4. Dr Daniel Fang (SM)
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   neer?
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Dr Norain Abu Talib
once again graced the occasion with her presence during the opening ceremony on Saturday 17 January which was attended by various VIPs of the dental profession from all corners of the nation. The following were the speakers and their presentation topics:

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Lucky draw prizes were handed out at the end including a notebook computer, hand phones, a light cure unit, MP3 players, DVD player and much more.

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About the APDF/ICCDE and USM (Universiti Sains Malaysia) Joint Scientific Seminar

The Organiser
The organiser of the joint scientific seminars consists of several agencies from various background in the field of dentistry, namely:
1. APDF (Asia-Pacific Dental Federation-South East Asia Region)/ ICCDE (International College of Continuing Dental Education)
2. MDA (Malaysian Dental Association)
3. Advanced Medical and Dental Institute (AMDI) Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)
4. MAMPU
5. MSC (Multimedia Super Corridor Corporation, Malaysia)

Theme
Digital Dentistry, the challenges and the benefits: Exploring IT as a tool in dentistry

Time
15–16 August 2009

Venue
Penang (Vistana Hotel)

Invites
• Heads of delegates of APDF member countries (around 70)
• Dentists (government and private practices) from Malaysia and abroad
• Students (Dental school, dental nurse academy and others)

Participation Fee
• RM 520 (Local dentists/Members of the Malaysian Dental Association)
• RM 200 (Students)
• US$ 200 (Foreign dentists)

Program Highlights
Day 1
• Digital Dental Patient Management
• Digital Orthodontics
• Digital Endodontics
• Digital Maxillo-Facial Reconstruction
• Digital Radiography
• Digital Dental Education

Day 2
• Workshop/Hands-on Training 1
• Workshop/Hands-on Training 2
• ICCDE Convocation Ceremony

Calendar 2009
• 31st Asia Pacific Dental Congress
  Date: 7–11 May 2009
  Location: Hong Kong
• 16th Turkish Dental Association Dental Congress
  Date: 27–27 June 2009
  Location: Istanbul, Turkey
• Syrian American Canadian Dental Association Conference
  Date: 30 October 2009
  Location: Damascus, Syria
• Bahrain Dental Society Conference
  Date: 11 November 2009
  Location: Manama, Bahrain

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News from the Middle East

1st International Congress for Yemen Dental Association
Sanna, Yemen, 26–28 November 2008

Under the patronage of the President of Yemen Republic, his Excellency Ali Abidd Salih, the congress opened with the Governor of Yemen. Health, Minister of Education and many presidents of national dental associations and societies from inside and outside the Middle East present. It was the Vice President and regional representative as an invited for the federation as VIP guest to the 1st International Congress for Yemen Dental Association held in Sanna the capital city of Yemen from 26–28/11/2008.

I gave a speech at the Opening Ceremony of the congress and talked briefly about the Asia Pacific Dental Federation, the Asia Pacific Regional Organization APDF/APRO and ICCDE as well as the benefits of their membership. I was also talking about the workshop held in Chennai India and other activities of the APDF and advised the audience to attend the 33rd APDC to be held in Hong Kong from 7–11 May 2009. At the end of my speech I invited the Yemen Dental Association and the other associations and societies to apply for a membership to the APDF/APRO. After my speech the presidents of national dental associations and societies Yemen, Oman and Qatar applied for the membership to the APDF/APRO. Others have announced to apply later.

15th Oman Dental Society Congress & 2nd International Congress
17–18 December 2008

16th Alexandria International Dental Congress (AIDC2008)
Alexandria, Egypt, 25–1 October 2008

I was invited by the Egyptian Dental Association (EDA) to participate in the Alexandria International Dental Congress as a speaker. The Congress was held in the beautiful city of Alexandria in Egypt.

International Lebanese Dental Association Congress
16–18 October 2008
(Ordre des Dentistes du Liban)

The Lebanese Dental Association is one of the active members in the APDF/APRO with president Dr. Karam, and our friend Dr. Kelash the Vice President who represented his association in the 30th APDC in Bangkok invited me to represent the APDF/IST at the Closing Ceremony.