Welcome to the 32nd APDC

More than 1,000 dental professionals to gather at Asia Pacific Dental Congress in Sri Lanka

Dental professionals from all over South East Asia are expected to gather in Colombo for the 32nd Asia Pacific Dental Congress (APDC). The event, which is here for the second time, will feature a comprehensive five-day scientific programme and a trade exhibition showcasing the latest offerings from the industry.

According to the organiser, the 32nd APDC will see exhibits representing every segment of the dental market from over 50 companies and local dealers. Amongst others, manufacturers from India, Singapore, Hong Kong and China will showcase their portfolio alongside international participations from Germany, Canada, Japan, Brazil and Sweden.

Including representatives from the industry, the show is expected to gather 1,000 dental professionals in the capital of Sri Lanka.

The congress programme, which is titled Clinical Excellence in Dentistry through Knowledge, Evidence and Technology provides a list of renowned speakers from South East Asia as well as other parts of the world, such as Germany, Switzerland, Australia and the UK. It will start off on 12 May with a number of workshops focusing on implantology, ceramics and bleaching. Other highlights include sessions on orthodontics by specialist Björn Ludwig from Germany and minimal invasive dentistry by Dr Sushil Koirala, Nepal.

Visitors will also be able to participate at a APDC golf tournament, where even though they may not be the eventual winner, they still have a chance to win the “furthest drive” and “closest to the pin” competition. The 129-year old Royal Colombo Golf Club, where the competition will be held, is considered as Sri Lanka’s finest golf club. The fee of US$135 will include green fees, club and shoe hire, refreshments, caddies, transport as well as an APDC golf cap.

The organiser has also announced to provide tours to famous sights and landmarks of Sri Lanka.

The 32nd Asia Pacific Dental Congress will be held at the Sirimavo Bandaranaike Memorial Exhibition Centre in Colombo, 12–16 April 2010. www.apdc2010.com
The 32nd APDC—A congress of highest calibre

Welcome message by Dr Jeffrey Tsang, President APDF/APRO

The 32nd Asia Pacific Dental Congress in Colombo, Sri Lanka, is the second time for the Sri Lanka Dental Association (SLDA) to host the APDC. I was present at the previous Congress and must admit that I enjoyed it very much. On behalf of APDC (APRO), I would like to extend my congratulations to the SLDA. I am confident that another congress of highest calibre is forthcoming.

The Asia Pacific Dental Federation (APDF) has grown into a federation that comprises 26 countries. The key objective of the organisation is to raise public awareness of oral health care and the prevention and treatment of oral diseases. The APDF will present quality and diverse symposia, lectures, presentations and hands-on workshops for all members of the dental profession. I strongly believe that participants will find the programmes stimulating and enlightening. In addition, the trade exhibition will provide an ideal platform to showcase advanced technology and innovation.

Colombo is a unique mix of land and water and features a scenic countryside. The excellent hospitality by Sri Lankan people is renowned.

I would like to thank the 32nd Local Organizing Committee for all the hard work and dedication for organizing this congress. I look forward to seeing you in Colombo.

A unique scientific and cultural experience

Welcome message by Dr M. Farhim Jameel, President of the Sri Lanka Dental Association

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Dental Association (SLDA) and the Local Organising Committee, I am pleased to invite you to the 32nd Asia Pacific Dental Congress (APDC) scheduled to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 12–16 May 2010. More than 1,000 participants are expected and we would like you to join us in this unique scientific and cultural experience.

The 32nd APDC Congress will be a great opportunity for dental professionals from around the world to share the most up-to-date information and scientific advances. More than 20 invited specialists from a wide range of disciplines will participate in the scientific programmes, and their presentations will provide delegates with information on the latest developments in dentistry.

In addition to the outstanding scientific programme, visitors will be able to enjoy the rich culture of Sri Lanka which is also called the Pearl of the Indian Ocean.

From the golden beaches to the ancient cities of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa, from the rock fortress of Sigiriya named the 8th Wonder of the World to the cool climate of the hill station Nuwara Eliya surrounded by lush green tea estates, Sri Lanka will indeed take your breath away.

Colombo, which is also known as the “Garden City”, has also a large variety of restaurants and shopping areas. The month of May is a wonderful time to visit, and we encourage you to extend your trip and discover the beauty of the island.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has arranged for lectures, symposia, seminars and workshops that will be conducted by world-renowned experts in the field. Their knowledge and techniques will surely have a direct impact on daily practice of the participants.

Sri Lanka has already been the host of several international conferences including the APDC in 1997, the South Asian Dental Congress in 1994 and the Commonwealth Dental Congress in 2006. Therefore, the LOC has gained the knowledge and the skills in organizing a rewarding and satisfying conference. In addition to updating their skills in dentistry, participants will also have the opportunity to engage in leisure activities such as golfing or visiting wildlife parks. They can also relax on the many beautiful beaches that the island has to offer.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Colombo!