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

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:

1. Prof. Dr. Lakshman Samaranayake (Johnson & Johnson)  
   Topic: Managing Biofilms for Optimal Oral & Systemic Health

2. Dr Professor Roger Ellwood (Colgate)  
   Topic: New approaches to detection, monitoring and treatment of early carious lesions

3. Dr Leslie Ang (Dentsply/Servicom/Carl Zeiss)  
   Topic: Endodontic Retreatment: Master the Science and Excel in Clinical Techniques

4. Dr Daniel Fang (3M)  
   Topic: To veneer or not to veneer?

5. Dr Gianluca Gambarini  
   Topic: An introduction to New NiTi Files (TF Files) & Forward movement on rotary

6. Dr Geoffrey Speiser  
   Topic: Practical application of a breath clinic in a dental practice

A concurrent oral presentation and poster presentation was held with winners walking away with prizes. Sunday ended with a 60 minute Q&A session with the Oral Health Division of the Ministry of Health (MOH). This was a first of its kind and was very well received by the attendees. Led by Datin Dr Norain herself and her team of representatives from the MOH, questions and doubts from the dental fraternity were dealt with ranging from autoclave and compressor licensing to toilet doors and illegal dentistry.

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.

Many thanks to the sponsors, members of the dental trade, volunteers from the Dental colleges and others who have contributed in one way or another to the event. And kudos to the organising committee led by Dr V. Nedunchelian.

Dr Darren Yap  
Malaysia

Datin Dr Norain Abu Talib once again graced the occasion with her presence during the opening ceremony by declaring open the convention 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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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. ICCDE/AMDI University 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 550 (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

1st Asia Pacific Dental Congress
Date: 7–11 May 2009
Location: Hong Kong
Contact: info@apdc2009.org

10th Turkish Dental Association Dental Congress
Date: 25–27 June 2009
Location: Istanbul, Turkey
Contact: info@tuda.org; Prof Murat Aktay, President of Turkish Dental Association, bitig@tudorganisi.com

Pharmacy College Conference
Date: 10–12 October 2009
Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Contact: info@sdsam.org

Syrian American Canadian Conference
Date: 14–16 October 2009
Location: Damascus, Syria
Contact: Syrian Dental Association

Bahrain Dental Society Conference
Date: 30 October 2009
Location: Bahrain
Contact: info@sdsam.org; Prof Murad Al-Akary, President of Bahrain Dental Society, bilgi@tdbkonferansi.com

6th Gulf Conference
Date: 11 November 2009
Location: Saudi Arabia
Contact: info@sdsam.org

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Digital Dentistry, the challenges and benefits

Currently, information technology (IT) is an important factor in every aspect of life which does not exclude dentistry. With the technology, dentists have better diagnosing tools and more accurate treatment planning and techniques with less hassle and unnecessary procedures. All these will lead to better and more efficient service and care for the patients.

IT can be used in most of expertise in the dental office, from the front office (patient’s record management) to the lab-work, orthodontics, maxillo-facial surgery, the finance office (on e-payment, etc). The Advanced Medical and Dental Institute of the Universiti Sains Malaysia proudly supports the use of modern and latest technology in providing state-of-the-art service towards patients care. This seminar is a joint seminar with ICCDE/APDF, ensuring that its member countries can benefit also from this technology.