Participants will learn:

- Management of the patient with oral precancer & cancer.

This course offers a description of the evaluation and treatment of patients with precancerous conditions and early cancer of the oral cavity. Presentations about the latest developments and treatment concepts will be given by Dr. James L. Gutmann, Chief of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and Dr. Guangbin Gamba-Bini, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Milan, Italy. Dr. Gamba-Bini is an expert in cone beam computed tomography (CBCT), which is a valuable tool for diagnostic and treatment planning.

Overall, up to 750 dental professionals attended the three-day event, of which every fourth attendee came from abroad. Hands-on workshops on the use of NiTi files and microscopes were well attended, according to the organizers, and topics related to working length determination, biomechanical canal preparation, and pulp regeneration enjoyed widespread attention. Presentations about the latest developments and treatment concepts were given by Dr. James L. Gutmann, Chief of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and Dr. Guangbin Gamba-Bini, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Milan, Italy. Dr. Gamba-Bini is an expert in cone beam computed tomography (CBCT), which is a valuable tool for diagnostic and treatment planning.

“Most of these techniques are already available and used in clinical practice throughout the Asia Pacific region,” commented APEC’s president Dr. Luke Sung, Kyo Kim, who is also Chairman of the Department of Conservative Dentistry at the Kyungpook National University’s School of Dentistry in Daegu.

“Therefore, endodontists practicing in the most developed marketing hubs have all the state-of-the-art equipment, including MTA-like materials, NiTi rotary instruments, operating microscopes, heat-controlled gutta-percha filling devices and electronic apex locators, at their disposal. Specialists in Korea in particular are very much up to date with the latest developments in the field and therefore scholars and students from all over the world come here to learn about or share information and research.”

Since APEC was founded in 1985, 13 national endodontic societies have become members of the confederation, including professional bodies in Australia, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, India and the Philippines. Iran, Jordan and the US are current members from outside the region. APEC’s scientific congress takes place every two years, with smaller meetings or events held at larger international endodontic congresses in the intervening period. According to Kim, the next general meeting will take place in Jordan in early 2015.