For the third time, the Malaysian Dental Association will welcome dental professionals from the APAC region to the annual Asia Pacific Dental Congress (APDC). Held on behalf of the Asia Pacific Dental Federation (APDF) and Asian Pacific Regional Organisation (APRO), a branch of the FDI World Dental Association, the six-day event is aimed at updating dental professionals from all over the region on the latest developments in dental methods and technologies.

The scientific programme, with over 100 speakers, will offer presentations in a wide range of specialties, including implantology, endodontics and aesthetic dentistry. According to the organisers, keynote presentations will be held on virtual implant planning, caries management and endodontic microsurgery, among other topics. In addition, the congress will offer a number of hands-on courses and workshops that will provide attendees with opportunities to gain continuing education points. A workshop on the treatment of C-shaped root-canal systems has also been added to the congress programme.

At the trade exhibition, to be officially opened on 10 May, more than 115 dealers and manufacturers will be presenting what the international dental industry currently has to offer, including new materials and products intended to improve treatment outcomes and workflow in dental practices. Specialist equipment will also be on display, the organisers said.

According to industry reports, dental markets in the region are expected to grow exponentially in the upcoming years, particularly in the dental implant segment, which is expected to reach almost US$1 billion by 2016. Malaysia itself boasts a stable medical and dental device market that was estimated to be worth US$600 million last year. The Southeast Asian country currently has slightly more than 4,200 dentists, the majority of which work in the private sector. According to 2011 statistics from the Ministry of Health, the country has 51 registered dental clinics.

“Malaysia has hosted past APDCs and each was extremely well attended and very successful,” commented Dr Oliver Hennedige, APDF/APRO secretary-general. “The 35th edition has all the ingredients for an outstanding event.”

The APDF hosts its general congress in different locations each year. The past two meetings were held in Indonesia and Taiwan. The 2013 congress in Kuala Lumpur will take place from 7 to 12 May. According to the organisers, those interested in attending who have not yet registered can still do so at the congress.
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