The emirate of Dubai will become the centre of the Asia Pacific dental community again this month, when the Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre opens its doors to professionals from Asia and the Middle East for the next edition of the Asia Pacific Dental Conference. Held in Dubai for the first time, the event is not only the largest get-together of dental players in the region but also the most prominent showcase of the latest in science, technology and products for dentistry.

The show is held for the 36th time this year. According to latest estimates, up to 50 dealers and manufacturers from the region and abroad have registered for the dental exhibition. Among innovations such as new and improved dental materials or equipment, a huge number of advanced digital solutions will be on display, that were developed help to improve the workflow and communication between dental practices and laboratories for the benefit of patients.

Current issues and methods in dentistry will be discussed at the scientific programme, which will see clinical presentations by more than 50 local and internationally renowned speakers. A number of specialised courses also took place again this year prior to the congress. In addition, a symposium on regenerative dentistry will be held this year with presentations focusing on topics such as stem cells or regenerative endodontics. Special events focusing on the use of botox in dentistry and implants will also be held.

“This is the first time since its inception in 1955 that the Asia Pacific Dental Federation is holding its annual congress in the Middle East, and Dubai is all geared up to make the event a memorable one,” said APDC 2014 Chairperson Dr Aisha Sultan Alsuwaidi. “Keynote speakers have been invited to share their knowledge and expertise in the various fields of dentistry. In addition to the scientific program, an international trade exhibition will showcase the latest trends and technologies in the dental sciences.”

The Asia Pacific Dental Conference is held from 17 to 19 February. It is organised by the Asia Pacific Dental Federation in partnership with the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Health, as well as the Emirates Medical Association and Emirates Dental Society. Last year’s edition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia attracted more than 3,000 dental professionals from the Asia Pacific region and abroad, according to figures of the APDF.
Scientific Schedule

Tuesday, 17 June

09:00–09:45 Challenges in Pediatric Dentistry, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Dina Debaybo

09:00–10:30 From Smile Design to Composite Veneer, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Bart Bérmans

10:00–11:00 Cone beam and Orthodontic treatment, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Neel K. Abu Hassan

11:00–11:45 Temporo-Mandibular Dysfunction and Occlusion, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Asbak Karan

11:00–12:00 Root Canal Irrigation Dynamics—at your fingertips, Maktoum A
Speaker: Prof. William L. J. Fuh

11:30–12:30 New Horizons in Implant Prosthodontics: Analogue vs. CAD/CAM-generated Superstructures, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Peter Uwe Gehrich

11:45–12:45 Introduction to Computerized Occlusal Analysis, Maltou B & C
Speaker: Dr Robert Kerstein

12:00–12:45 Computer Guided Implantology at your fingertips, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Philippe Tardieu

13:30–14:15 Comprehensive Esthetic Considerations for Implant Surgery, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Michael Chen

Medical Emergencies in Dental Office, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr James Rutkowski

13:30–15:30 Implant Esthetics: From Expectations to Reality, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Uwe Belzer

14:15–15:00 Periodontal Inflammation: from gingivitis to systemic diseases, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Roy Abou Fadel

Regenerative Endodontics, a State of the Art, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Zako Makliah

15:30–16:15 Bone tissue engineering, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Prof. Saso Ivanovski

Customer Service in the Dental Practice, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr William Cheung

16:15–17:00 Must a removable reconstruction be unrealistically?, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Prof. Sandro Palla

16:00–17:00 Simple Aesthetic Orthodontics for the General Dentist, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Tif Quaresi

17:30 Welcome Ceremony

Wednesday, 18 June

09:00–17:00 Regenerative Dentistry Symposium, Abu Dhabi B

09:00–09:45 The pulp therapy in primary teeth, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Mashood Komast

Soft tissue management around implants, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Zabiha Ansari

09:00–10:30 Dental Ergonomics: Evidence-based guidelines for equipment selection, adjustment and positioning, Maktoum D
Speaker: Bethany Valachi

Tiny Teeth: Baby’s First Dental Visit, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Abha Sacheti

09:45–10:30 Complications and Malpractice in minor oral surgery, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Ornamin Ali Towmors

11:00–11:45 Application of radiology in Forensic odontological investigations, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Prof. Phrahakaran Nandkumar

The Endodontic Glidepath: “The road to Niti Rotary Safety and efficiency”, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Rashid El Ebeid

11:00–12:30 Full-Mouth Adhesive Rehabilitation of Severely Eroded Dentitions: a novel Treatment Concept, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Uwe Belzer

11:45–12:30 Resorption of hard dental tissues, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Prasad Amartunga

11:45–12:45 Autism and Paediatric Dentistry, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Meeta Chandwani

13:30–14:15 Interdisciplinary Management of Complex Dental Problems, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Mithran Gnannawon

Conservative, conventional and unconventional esthetics, Maktoum A
Speaker: Assoc.Prof. Patrick S.K. Tang

13:30–14:30 New perspectives in sinus floor elevation techniques, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Christian Makary

14:15–15:00 Systemic diseases, oral mucosal lesions and the dental practitioner, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Abraham Thomas

14:15–15:15 Long term clinical results of ceramic abutments, Maktoum A
Speaker: Prof. Jung-Oh Han

14:30–15:30 Bruxism and Temporomandibular disorders: Is there a causal relationship?, Maktoum D
Speaker: Prof. Sandro Palla

15:30–16:20 Mini Dental Implants, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Todd Statkin

15:45–16:30 Digital Prosthodontics: The future is now, Maktoum A
Speaker: Prof. Shiv Shankar

16:00–17:00 Remineralization therapy in Contemporary Esthetic Dentistry, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Andrey Akulovich

16:30–17:15 Ridge Augmentation using autografts & recombinant technology, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr S.M. Balaji

16:30–17:30 Hard and soft tissue grafting, Maktoum A
Speaker: Terry Oto

Thursday, 19 June

09:00–10:00 Techniques To Restore Patients To Normal Contour, Comfort, Function, Esthetics and Health, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Hul Thum

Clinical impact of new materials and techniques on fixed restorative dentistry, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Arun Nayyar

09:00–10:00 Regenerative Strategies In Implant Dentistry: Peri-Implanitis And Current Trends, Maktoum D
Speaker: Stamatis Mavroudis

10:00–11:00 The Box Technique: Aesthetically Guided Bone Regeneration, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Andrea Menghi

11:00–11:45 The selection of biomaterials and surgical techniques in Periodontal plastic surgery, Maktoum A
Speaker: Prof. Guillo Rasparsi

11:00–12:30 Occlusion in Restorative Dentistry, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Shashik Nyer

11:30–12:30 Maintaining patients with dental implants: Strategies for sustainable success, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Nikos Makarios

11:45–12:45 Controversies in dental implantology, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Emad El Sebhieh

Speaker: Dr Asbak Karan

14:00–14:45 Ergonomics for dental personnel, Maktoum A
Speaker: Marie Jalkanne

Diversity of Dental Implant Therapies, Maktoum D
Speaker: Dr Naweed Al Dousari

14:15–15:00 How to tame a dragon, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Mohammed Mansour

14:45–15:30 Dental plaque associated with self-ligating brackets during orthodontic treatment, Maktoum A
Speaker: Dr Said Ali Al Asseri

15:15–17:15 No pain, less vision—or reality for dental patients? Local anaesthesia and pain pharmacotherapy in dentistry, Maktoum A
Speaker: Krzysztof Graczowski

15:30–16:15 My experiments and experiences with Inhabilation Sedation, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Dr Strumia Nuninetti

16:00–17:00 Horizontal and Vertical Grafting Techniques, Maktoum D
Speaker: Terry Oto

16:15–17:00 Porcelain Laminate Veneers: Prep & No Prep, Maktoum B & C
Speaker: Lamberto Vitali

17:30 Closing Ceremony
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