Dr Darren Yap
Malaysia

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:

• Dr Leslie Ang: ‘Endodontic Retreatment’
• Dr Daniel Fang: ‘Veneers-How to’

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:

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 cavities
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. [ ]

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The Organiser
The organisers 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. MIDA (Malaysian Dental Association)
3. Advanced Medical and Dental Institute (AMDI) Universiti 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 dentist/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

News from the Middle East

Dr Munir Amro

1st International Congress for Yemen Dental Association

Sanna, Yemen, 26-28 November 2008

Under the patronage of the President of Yemen Republic, his Excellency Ali Abdallh Salih, the congress opened with the Deputy Minister of Health, Minister of Education and many presidents of national dental associations and societies from inside and outside the Middle East present. I as the Vice President and regional representative was invited for the federation as VIP guest to the 1st International Congress for Yemen Dental Association held in Sanna the capital city of Yemen from 26–28/11/2008.

I gave a speech at the Opening Ceremony of the congress and talked briefly about the Asia Pacific Dental Federation, the Asia Pacific Regional Organization APDF/APRO and ICCDE as well as the benefits of their membership. I was also talking about the workshop held in Chennai-India and other activities of the APDF and advised the audience to attend the 15th APDC to be held in Hong Kong from 7-11 May 2009.

At the end of my speech I invited the Yemen Dental Association and the other associations and societies to apply for a membership to the APDF/APRO. I also gave an opportunity to the Yemeni ministers, the president of the APDF/APRO and all Yemeni and Qatar applied for the membership to the APDF/APRO. Others have announced to apply later.

15th Oman Dental Society Congress & 2nd International Congress

17-18 December 2008

16th Alexandria International Dental Congress (AIDC2008)
Alexandria, Egypt, 25-11 October 2008

I was invited by the Egyptian Dental Association (EJD) to participate in the Alexandria International Dental Congress as a speaker. The Congress was held in the beautiful city of Alexandria in Egypt.

International Lebanese Dental Association Congress
16-18 October 2008 (Orlre des Dentistes du Liban)

The Lebanese Dental Association is one of the active members in the APDF/APRO with president Dr Karam, and our friend Dr Kalash the Vice President who represented his association in the 9th APDC in Bangkok invited me to represent the APDF/APRO at their International Congress which was held in Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. I was given the chance to speak about the federation and the upcoming 15th APDC Congress in Hong Kong at the closing ceremony.

Calendar 2009

• 31st Asia Pacific Dental Congress Date: 7-11 May 2009 Location: Hong Kong Contact: info@apdc2009.org
• 10th Turkish Dental Association Dental Congress Date: 23-27 June 2009 Location: Istanbul, Turkey Contact: info@ttda.org; Prof Murat Alkaya, President Turkish Dental Association, info@ttda.org
• Pharmacy College Conference Date: 16-12 October 2009 Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Contact: info@pharmacysaudi.org
• Syrian American Canadian Conference Date: 14-16 October 2009 Location: Damascus, Syria Contact: Syrian Dental Association Conference
• Bahrain Dental Society Conference Date: 30 October 2009 Location: Bahrain Contact: info@sdsam.org
• 9th Gulf Conference Date: 11 November 2009 Location: Saudi Arabia Contact: info@sdsam.org

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