What’s Happening Around the Globe?

FDI and UAE Authorities Hosts Iraqi Dentists

To see your dream come true, or the thoughts in your head become a tangible reality is an indescribable feeling and an overwhelming emotion. This is how we felt here in Alexandria, Egypt when we held the AOIA's international implantology congress. The Alexandria oral implantology association started holding its biannual congress since 1997, each and every time we had a message to cross the barriers and solve the problem of implantation. Iraq was one day. Dr. Khaled Ghandour and Dr. J. Ayad Muhammad Issaiai whereby he gave 6 hours lectures on Tuesday the 4th of April 2008 at Hilton Green Plaza with a registration number exceeding 1500 attendants. The opening ceremony reviewed the history of the AOIA and its previous successful events including different courses and the numerous ICOI fellowships given annually and above all the implant school, which the association had established and aims at giving a hand to all practitioners willing to learn implantology.

The congress had a privileged to have a bunch of distinguished keynote speakers from all over the world sharing their experience and presenting a series of fruitful lectures each of which elaborated and shed light on a certain aspect of our theme. The lectures were remarkable and characterized by being based upon highly scientific cores. Moreover, we ran different courses during the congress and post congress too. The enormous tradeshows gathered some of the most well known and important companies in the world of dental implants and dental supplies. Alongside the congress we held some social events. We arranged a gala dinner for all our guests whom I think enjoyed their time very much with the soft rhythm of our Arabian music.

On the last day, the AOIA had arranged a surprise party for all the organizers and some of our guests to celebrate our success. I can't tell you how magnificent it was, how we merged together. I saw tears of joy, heard the laughter, felt the love flooding from every corner; I remember a word which one of the speakers told me, he said that he had been to different events all over the world and that he had never felt that happy or sensed the warmth that he found here. Writing has always been my favorite way of speaking my mind and expressing what my heart feels, but when I was asked to write this report, I felt actually proud, I can't deny that I panicked first and felt that this is the most difficult mission I've ever been charged with because I had to talk about thoughts bigger than anything I had experienced before, feelings stronger than anything that I had felt in my life.

Prof. El-Attar President AOIA

Iraqi Dental Association brought 92 Iraqi dentists from Iraq and the FDI and UAE authorities for the first time facilitated these courses to us and free of charge to our dentists. This idea started when Iraqi Dental Association met the colleagues from the FDI and the UAE in the FDI annual congress in Dubai in October 2007. We emphasized on improving the scientific standard of our dentists.

The implantology course was participated by 90 dentists and conducted by Dr. Ayad Muhammad Issaiai whereby he gave 6 hours lectures on Tuesday the 4th of March. On Wednesday the 5th clinical hands-on part of the course began with the emphasis of giving the whole picture of implantology which is the first time such a type of courses tackles. The vice ambassador of the Iraqi embassy in Abu Dhabi attended the conference in order to see the organization of the courses.

On Thursday, 25 Iraqi dentists attended the surgical course organized for one day. Dr. Khaled Ghandra and Dr. J. Ervens from Germany addressed the surgical aspect in dentistry for the general dentists. Certificates of attendance were supplied to all the participants from the American Academy of Continuous Education and the FDI.

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