The 3rd CAD/CAM & Computerized Dentistry International Conference, 2008 proved for the third time that this is an assembly for excellent network. A place where dental professionals – dentists, dental technicians, dental assistants and dental industry can work together, exchange knowledge and ideas and update with the newest technology in dentistry.

The conference now is the largest annual international event focusing entirely on Computerized Dentistry. Each year CAD/CAM & Computerized Dentistry International Conference gets bigger, and includes participation from more countries. This year the conference attracted more than 450 participants and visitors from 21 countries, 250% of whom were conference first-timers.

Dr. Ali Bin Shakar, Director General of Ministry of Health and Dr. Ali Al Numairy, the Head of Emirates Medical Association, greeted the delegates and saluted their presence. With the outstanding success we enjoyed in the previous years our conference is emerging to be the biggest CAD/CAM specialized event in the whole of the Middle East and probably beyond.

The plenary presentations with internationally-renowned speakers from Germany, South Africa, France, Lichtenstein, Lebanon, and UAE focused on topics in CAD/CAM in Aesthetic and Prosthetic Dentistry, Computerized Implantology, Computerized Scanning and Imaging, CAD/CAM Dental Laboratories, CAD/CAM Materials, Computerized Management and Planning and Computerized Orthodontics.

Each the organizers try to put together a program that is attractive both to those new to the field, and those who have wide experience in the area. Discussion time stimulated debates and wide participation from the audience.

"Participants were happy to acquire the latest knowledge and techniques in computerized dentistry and general dentistry which are very crucial in the rapid growing dynamic field of dentistry" (Participant)

"The topics were very informative and the lecturers were able to present it in a very nice approach." (Participant)

Workshops with Ivoclar Vivadent and Nobel Biocare were packed full and covered current topics and trends in the areas.

"The workshop was very well executed. It gave us more knowledge to do better quality crowns and bridges." (Participant)

The scientific program of the conference was accredited, monitored and evaluated by HA-AD.

SIRONA, the Gold sponsor of the conference surprised the delegates with Live-demonstration in the special designed area.

"Meet the sponsors" time gave the opportunities to the delegates to network with the industry, to see the latest technologies and equipments. Many tanks to the sponsors – Sirona, Kavo, Nobel Biocare, 3M ESPE, Ivoclar Vivadent, VITA, Westland, Fish, MPC which has built extremely important bridges in our dental team – dental professionals and dental industry. In spite of the growing size, they tried hard to maintain the family atmosphere at each conference and to keep the “Teamwork for excellent dentistry".

What they say:

- “This whole success goes back to the excellent organizer. I will be more than happy to join next year.” Nobel Biocare, Imad Kalfy
- “Many thanks also to your ambitious team for all the administrative support received from your side and for making this congress to a regularly success full institution in Middle East.” VITA, Eduard Roess-Kramer
- “…it was one of the best meetings I attended.” Smile magazine
- The conference was indeed consistently improving from the first CAD/CAM Conference.
- The event was very well organized and practically worth attending.
- The workshop was very well executed. It gave us more knowledge to do better quality crowns and bridges.
- Speakers were good in communicating with the participants especially with the help of the pictures and other visual aids they presented.
- The event was a high level scientific program with excellent execution.