Planmeca extends university network with €70 million agreement

By Dental Tribune International

Helsinki & Kuopio, Finland/Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: Dental equipment manufacturer Planmeca has begun its launch of the new AnyOne system and the Xpeed surface treatment in the Middle East. Two students from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry performing clinical training with Planmeca equipment. The school has been partnering with the Finnish company since 2009. (DTI/Photo courtesy of University of Maryland, USA)

two months, where they will be available for use in the upcoming academic year, the Finnish company said.

Dr Aisha Sultan elected as Vice-President of the APDF

By Emirates Dental Society

Dr Aisha Sultan Alsuwaidi, President of the Dental Society of the Emirates Medical Association (EMA) rocked the recent Asia Pacific Dental Federation Executive Council Election held in Taipei, Taiwan last June 2012 winning the Vice-President post for the Middle East Region. The contest was fiercely battled by candidates from all over the Asia Pacific region, but Dr. Aisha emerged victorious and secured one of the five Vice-Presidential positions that were at stake. The election results reflect the admiration and respect that Dr Aisha enjoys within the APDF as a representative of the Emirates Dental Society. 

MegaGen launches new product in the Middle East

By Dental Tribune Middle East & Africa

UBAI, UAE: MegaGen, a South Korean based company, is one of the fastest growing dental implant companies in the global market. With a focus on finding minimal-invasive solutions for clinicians & patients, MegaGen is already known around the world for its Rescue Short & Super Wide system - offering impressive clinical results and proven long term success. The newer AnyRidge system offers a uniquely effective solution to clinicians in compromised or weak bone situations, with unsurpassed initial stability. The introduction of the new AnyOne system and the Xpeed surface treatment to MegaGen’s impressive range of products, MegaGen offers a solution for every clinical case. Megagen has been present in most of the world’s leading implant markets for several years. The AnyRidge international study group has been running in Europe, the United States & Asia since 2009 and we are happy to announce also in the Middle East since earlier this year. On the 12th of September, Megagen hosted introductory seminars for all clinicians who were able to attend at such short notice. An introduction to the company was followed by a clinical overview of the features & benefits of the systems with crucial insight into the importance of implant systems in achieving initial stability. Techniques for ridge split & shorter implant placement were discussed. Megagen is planning many international clinical studies including UAE & other Middle Eastern clinicians and is organizing courses & lectures to help understand the advanced product concepts.
Dental Tribune Middle East & Africa Edition kick off!

By Dental Tribune International

LAGOS, Nigeria: Last month, the Lagos State Government revealed that it is planning to congregate about 300,000 students from about 300 local schools in Lagos, identifying the Ministry of Education to brush their teeth for one minute, said Dr Bakare Lawal, the project’s head.

In addition, Adesina stressed that the project is aimed not only at breaking the world record, but also at providing vital health information. “The world record tooth brushing challenge is an opportunity for oral health to be brought to the forefront for Lagos State and Nigeria,” said Dr Lola Aghaje, chair of the state chapter of the Nigerian Dental Association.

The current record is 177,003 people brushing their teeth simultaneously at 380 locations across India in an attempt organised by Colgate-Palmolive in association with the Indian Dental Association on 9 October 2007.

By Dental Tribune Middle East & Africa

EBRAI UAE: On the 27th of August 2012, Mediclinic International Ltd, announced and completed its agreement to buy all the stock it does not own in Emirates Healthcare Holdings Limited(EHHL) of the Vakrey Group from the Vakrey Group and General Electric.

The Varkey group, owner of GEMS Education’s network of schools, has commented on this decision to sell as being in line with their goals to refocus more of their attention towards education. In a recent press release, Varkey Group senior director C.N. Radhakrishnan affirms that this goals. “The decision by Varkey Group to exit its healthcare interest is only due to the Group’s strategic intent of continuing to focus and grow its education business at a faster pace globally. Vakrey Group has a wealth of experience in dental and the management and staff of Emirates Healthcare continued success in the region.”

In an earlier statement, Mediclinic International CEO Danie Meintjes was quoted as saying, “This transaction is the logical next step as we continue to invest in attractive growth and development opportunities across our operations in Southern Africa, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates. Emirates Healthcare has grown at exceptional rates since Mediclinic’s entry in 2006 and the opening of The City Hospital in 2008, Dubai’s largest private hospital. Based in Dubai, Emirates Healthcare is ideally positioned to benefit from the ongoing growth within the United Arab Emirates and surrounding regions.”

Following the stated goal of continuing to “invest in attractive growth and development”, Mediclinic, also operating the largest private hospital chain in Switzerland stated earlier this month that they would raise 5 billion rand through a rights issue to reinstate debt and fund expansion, and was also stated to be in advanced talks with Standard Chartered Bank regarding a debt funding and is currently selling its newly acquired stock to existing shareholders, with some of the rights offer proceeds to pay for expansion abroad.

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The The Dental Tribune Society Board visits Taiwan

By Dental Tribune Society

Taipei, Taiwan: A delegation of Emirates Dental Society and accompanied by Board Members Dr Nabeel Humood Alsabreha and Dr Ramesh Bulbule together with Secretary Mrs Bahayya Shamsuddin. The Congress was a great event for Dental Delegates from all over the Asia and Pacific Region to meet and exchange views on matters related to dental education, science and technology. The Congress was a success, both in its scientific and trade show component attracting a huge local and international audience. The 11th APDC is scheduled to be held in Kuala lumpur, Malaysia in the period from 7 – 12 May, 2013.

Mediclinic International Acquires Remaining Shares of Emirates Healthcare Holdings Limited

By Dental Tribune Middle East & Africa

DUBAI, UAE: On the 27th of August 2012, Mediclinic International Ltd flew to Taiwan last June to attend the 34th Asia Pacific Dental Congress (APDC) held in the city of Taipei. The delegation was headed by Dr Aisha Sultan Alsuwaidi President of the Dental Society and accompanied by Board Members Dr Nabeel Humood Alsabreha and Dr Ramesh Bulbule together with Secretary Mrs Bahayya Shamsuddin. The Congress was a great event for Dental Delegates from all over the Asia and Pacific Region to meet and exchange views on matters related to dental education, science and technology. The Congress was a success, both in its scientific and trade show component attracting a huge local and international audience. The 11th APDC is scheduled to be held in Kuala lumpur, Malaysia in the period from 7 – 12 May, 2013.

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