The concept is unique, it is the first and we believe there will be a good demand for it.

Dubai, UAE: We interviewed Dr. Costa Nticolopoulos at the amazing booth of Southern Implants at the 6th Dental Facial Cosmetic International Conference at the Jumeirah Beach Hotel. Dr. Costa, you had a very good lecture today; could you comment on your experience in general and here at the conference?

Thank you very much for having me here. I’m an oral and maxillofacial surgeon qualified in South Africa in 1990, and I have been practicing in Greece for the last 15 years. Recently we have relocated to Dubai and we are very proud to have opened, last week the very first ‘SameDay Dental Implant Clinic’ in Dubai where patients can walk in, have an extraction, have an implant placed at the same time and have a tooth placed all in the same day: that’s why it’s called ‘SameDay Dental Implants’ (www.samedayme.com). And this type of treatment where a patient can have one or all of his teeth extracted, replaced with implants and have the teeth placed—fixed, screwed teeth—is only possible by using Southern Implants, which are unique in the sense that they offer angled implants, called Co-Axis implants which are placed in the available bone so we do not have to do painful bone grafts. Instead we use wide implants called the ‘MAX Implant’ which means that you can take out a molar tooth (a back tooth) and replace it at the same time, it’s the first FDA approved wide diameter immediate molar replacement implant. And what I showed at the lecture 2 hours ago was how we can achieve this same day concept by avoiding bone grafts, placing implants and teeth the same day and getting excellent results by using these Southern Implants.

Speaking to the delegates earlier it was indeed an impressive lecture with positive feedback. Have you familiarized yourself >> See FILLING, page 17

Dr. Aisha Sultan Alsuwaidi, the first female dentist in United Arab Emirates

Dubai, UAE: Dr. Aisha Sultan Alsuwaidi, Director of Dental Services in the Ministry of Health of Dubai and Northern Emirates, Chairwoman of the Dental Society of Emirates Medical Association, and Vice-President of the Asia-Pacific Dental Federation Middle East Region. Dr. Aisha is a remarkable key figure in the Dental Scene in the Middle East as she was the first female dentist in the United Arab Emirates, serves as a role model for many young dentists and enjoys great admiration and respect throughout the region.

Dr. Aisha, it is a great pleasure to interview you here at the remarkable new offices of the Emirates Medical Association (EMA) in Dubai. UAE. Please share with us a little bit about your extraordinary life as dentist, role model and a mother of five.

Welcome. My name is Dr. Aisha Sultan Alsuwaidi, currently working as the acting >> See FILLING, page 1

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A new year, a new beginning! Undoubtedly, 2013 will be a big year for the dental industry with the biggest International Conference & Exhibition taking place at IDS Cologne, 12-16 March in Germany. The world’s largest trade fair for the dental sector will welcome its 35th dental show with around 118,000 visitors who will gather information on new products and innovations from 1,954 exhibitors from 58 countries according to its own figures. Dental Tribune International welcomes all colleagues and partners to visit us at the DTI booth at IDS and learn the latest news in dentistry through our trade publishers around the world covering more than 90 countries.

The Middle East dental market is continuing to develop rapidly. In the region this was very difficult to follow and we were in need of a very efficient and impartial medium that we are aware of what is going on in the market. I believe that everyone should adapt to changes in their industry, technologically or otherwise.

As dentistry develops we notice more and more the involvement of Digital Dentistry, what are your thoughts on this new phenomenon?

It is very interesting. Dentists, as well as any medical professional should always be up-to-date in their work. As technology is significantly updating and becoming a common facet in our lives, it becomes even more imperative and almost mandatory that we are aware of what is coming in the market. DTMEA promises to continue bringing the latest news in dentistry to the entire Middle East through unique and innovative methods. We wish you pleasant and productive reading.

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Dr. Aisha Sultan Alsuwaidi
Director of Dental services in the Ministry of Health, Chairwomen of the Dental Society of Emirates Medical Association. Last year I was also elected as the Vice-President for the Middle East Region of the Asia-Pacific Dental Federation ahead of the APDC event which will be held on 17-19, June 2014 in Dubai. As a dentist, it all started when I left the UAE to complete my study in Cairo University, Egypt followed by Cardiff University, where I completed my specialty as a Periodontist. Soon after I returned to the UAE and began working in Al Baraha Hospital as Head of the Dental Department. Alongside my administration work, I practiced my specialty as a Periodontist and was soon elected to be the Chairwoman of the Dental Society – Emirites Medical Association. Two years ago I was appointed as Head of the Dental Services in the Ministry of Health, UAE. On a personal basis however, I am a mother of five children, two of whom are still studying in high school and three others have already completed their education: One being a businessman, the other a physician and the last, a lawyer.

How important is it to you, the choice of working for the government? Working for your country?

I love my country, I love Dubai, this is my home and I want to give back something to the people. When I was a young student, I knew exactly what I wanted to be, I put in my mind that I was going to be a dentist. From that time I planned and worked hard to develop within this medical field. Proudly, as everyone knows, I became the first female dentist in the UAE which brings a lot of responsibilities. I have marked out many goals which must be achieved in our country and which I hope to implement here. I have worked very hard in the government and as a volunteer in order to promote this field of dentistry to be recognized as an equal amongst other medical fields.

Compared when you first started out, how has dentistry developed through the years in UAE and the region?

It is a huge development, not just in terms of healthcare. No one could imagine this country would become the cultural and economic hub that it is now with the development not only being in healthcare, but in all aspects of life such as business, education and economy. Since the Union, 41 years ago, one can see a very significant movement forward in the development of the dental scene, particularly so during the last 10 years.

What are the driving factors behind this huge development over the last 10 years?

This generation is well educated and very well travelled, whereas in my generation hardly anyone could go to university far abroad. Some who had this unique opportunity to study abroad, it was merely restricted to the neighboring countries. With the development of new dental schools, conferences, courses and continual medical education, it is a pleasure to see the new generation be able to receive high quality education without having to leave the borders of the United Arab Emirates. Through the vast improvement of the internet, communication channels, media and advertising, dentists have a wider availability of content to study from and can stay up to date with the latest research & development as well as international cases written by famous clinicians. Do you personally attend conferences, courses and workshops? Are there any particular ones in the region or other GCC countries that you often visit?

Most countries within the GCC have their own Dental Association and this is already in addition to any dental society that their governments might have. Each holds their own set of courses, workshops and conferences. There are many events to choose from but we try to attend at least three or four just in the GCC in addition to any international events. I must say, it is extremely important to attend these conferences as the dental industry is updating at last every 6 months using new materials and methods which we should know about.

As dentistry evolves we notice more and more the involvement of Digital Dentistry. How important is the dental media, especially in the region?

It is very important. Until recently there were no publications from United Arab Emirates to welcome Dubai to cover the latest news in dentistry. DTMEA will be covering all major conferences and exhibitions taking place in the region and will be investigating various important figures in the field of dentistry to share their insight. The DTMEA January-February edition proudly introduces two new items through the latest research & development as well as international cases written by famous clinicians.

Would you like to share with the readers?

Dear readers, I would like to invite all dental professionals to attend the Asia-Pacific Dental Federation Conference in Dubai on 17-19th June which will continue to be one of the most important international events in dentistry. Since FDI Dubai years ago, APDC 2014 will be the most important event happening in the Middle East.

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French Dental and Aesthetic Center relocates within UAE

Abu Dhabi, UAE: Dental Tribune Middle East was present at the opening of the French Dental and Aesthetic Center in Abu Dhabi on 12 December 2013. The French Dental and Aesthetic Center has been in Abu Dhabi for 7 years and has recently relocated to a new renovated villa where the center is divided into two groups: Dentistry and Dermatology/Aesthetics.

The team works together with the philosophy to place a good treatment plan, follow the guidelines for every kind of treatment and choose professional dentists to paint the path forward. The clinic provides all types of dental treatment for rich and for the poor; although certain complicated treatments may become a little bit expensive, the main goal of the center is to enhance the quality. To ensure this top quality, the staff attends workshops, seminars, conferences and exhibitions regularly both national and international. Having just attended the 4th Dental Facial Cosmetic International Conference at the Jumeirah Beach Hotel in Dubai, UAE, and the ITI Conference in Abu Dhabi, UAE, the dentists at the clinic are fresh and up-to-date with the latest developments in dentistry. Some of the dentists are even national and international speakers who have numerous publications in several high-end international dental journals. The dental technicians and assistants also follow specialized trainings in the dental field to improve their professional development creating the ultimate dental team.

Speaking on the equipment available at the Dental Center, Dr. Moustafa Saad explains: “In fact all the systems we choose are well known with a high level of scientific evidence for all our specialties. All are well documented and approved in many European countries as well as ADA.”

The French Dental & Aesthetic Center is now open and welcomes all to its new villa in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Pierre Fauchard Academy Middle East

As you all know, PFA: (Pierre Fauchard Academy) Named in memory of Pierre FAUCHARD, a French dentist of the 18th Century called “father of modern dentistry”, is the worldwide Academy of Dental Surgery. The purpose is to bring the profession to the leading elements all over the world for the poor; although certain complicated treatments may become a little bit expensive, the main goal of the center is to enhance the quality. To ensure this top quality, the staff attends workshops, seminars, conferences and exhibitions regularly both national and international. Having just attended the 4th Dental Facial Cosmetic International Conference at the Jumeirah Beach Hotel in Dubai, UAE, and the ITI Conference in Abu Dhabi, UAE, the dentists at the clinic are fresh and up-to-date with the latest developments in dentistry. Some of the dentists are even national and international speakers who have numerous publications in several high-end international dental journals. The dental technicians and assistants also follow specialized trainings in the dental field to improve their professional development creating the ultimate dental team.

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