As President of the Qatar Dental Society, how have you seen dentistry develop in Qatar during your current term as leader of the QDS?

When I started my term as the first president of Qatar Dental Society, the number of dentists in Qatar were 637. Now in 2014 we reached 1220 dentists. We organized the first, second and third Qatar International Dental Conference. Also, more than 12 small dental symposiums, workshops and seminars have been organized.

In 2009 you organized the First Qatar International Conference, in 2011 you organized the second. How important is it for the Qatar Dental Society to have your annual conference? What has improved since last conferences?

On December 15 - 14, 2009, we organized the 1st Qatar Dental International Conference. It was part of Qatar Health Medical Conference with 15 lectures and small exhibition area (6 booths). On 12 - 15 April, 2012, we organized the second Qatar Dental International Conference & the 8th Gulf Dental Association conference. The scientific program of that conference had 19 lectures and 2 workshops. The exhibition area consisted of about 19 booths. On 11 - 12 December, 2014, we organized the 3rd Qatar Dental International Conference. The conference has grown over the years and the scientific program included 26 lectures with 8 workshops. The exhibition area consisted 20 booths. More than 12 Deans of dental schools attended this conference. As I mentioned during the opening ceremony of this conference, the supreme council of health in Qatar decided that a dentist must have 40 CME each year to renew the license and 15 CME out of 40 must be local. At this point we are looking forward to make the conference annually.

Are there plans for a Dental University to open up in Qatar any time soon?

Yes, there is a plan to open a dental school in Qatar, and now we are in the preparatory stages of making this happen.

Are the number of dentists in Qatar increasing? There are a majority of dental clinics in Qatar have started to use CAD/CAM and dental laser in their clinics. Has Digital Dentistry had a strong influence in Qatar?

Yes, Digital Dentistry has a strong influence in Qatar. Majority of dentists in Qatar have started to use CAD/CAM and dental laser in their clinics. What advice do you have for the young generation of dentists in Qatar?

Work hard, continue your study with an advanced program and master degree, involve yourself in dental researches and do not forget to attend dental conferences and workshops to keep yourself updated with the new dental technology.

Is there anything else you would like to share with the readers?

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