Doha, Qatar: Dr. Mohammad Al-Darwish, President of Qatar Dental Society, thank for taking the time for this interview. Can you tell us about yourself and experience as a Dentist?

My name is Dr. Mohammad Al-Darwish, President of Qatar Dental Society, and Prosthodontics in Hamad Medical Corporation at Al-Wakra Hospital in Qatar. My experience as a Dentist began when I graduated with my bachelor degree in 1997 from Alexandria University. After this time, I joined Hamad Medical Corporation as a resident for two years before I went to Chicago, USA to continue my postgraduate studies in Prosthodontics in the University of Illinois - where I stayed for 5 years before moving back to Qatar in 2005. In December, 2007 we established the Qatar Dental Society, and organizing the first Qatar International Conference in 2009 with the second conference being in April 2012. We are now in the process of establishing a Qatar Dental Journal. Could you comment on the Dental Market in Qatar?

In Qatar we actually have 922 dentists, around 120 of whom are Qatari, and the rest being an international crowd. The majority of Qatari dentists have a specialty certificate, and in the private clinics most of the doctors are General Practitioners. We also have around 70-75 Dental Technicians, and though I know that this is still quite a way from the number that we should have, we are definitely working on it.

Could you comment on the Dental Market here in the Middle East?

I think it is very well developed, and that this is the right time to join the Middle Eastern Dental Market. Every day we hear about new dental schools and new dental clinics opening. At the moment, most of these Middle Eastern countries have a need for all of this – the market is very, very good.

How is the experience level of the Qatari Dentists in general?

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I would like to say thank you to DTMEA giving me a chance to speak about the Qatar Dental Society, and Qatar in general and you are all very welcome to visit us when you can.

Thank you Dr. Mohammad, we will be glad to.