

NEWS FROM SAUDI ARABIA

The year 2011 was a remarkable year for King Saud University College of Dentistry (KSUCD) under the leadership of the Dean Professor Khalid Al-Wazzan and his Vice Deans namely Dr Adel AlHadlaq (Academic Affairs), Dr. Samer AlJetaily (Administrative Affairs), Dr Hassan Halawany (Quality Assurance and Development) and Professor Solaiman AlHadlaq (Postgraduate Studies and Research). The College received academic accreditation from Association of Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) after a successful visit by an ADEE panel in May 2011. Dr Hassan Halawany, Vice Dean for Quality Assurance and Development, with his team and all faculty members worked very hard for this prestigious achievement. A 14-story dental hospital is currently under construction adjacent to present KSUCD building, the new premises will have the most modern dental/oral health care facilities for teaching and patients' care.

The 89th General Session & Exhibition of the International Association for Dental Research (IARD), 40th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and 35th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research (CADR) were held at San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California, USA from 16-19 March, 2011. The annual IARD meeting remains the biggest annual dental event in the world. Delegates from all over the world attend the meeting. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was well represented by a large number of presenters and participants. King Saud University College of Dentistry (KSUCD) had a strong representation this time. Professors Amjad Wyne, Aljohara Al-Hussyeen, Drs Esam Tashkandi, Khalid Al-Hezaimi, Thamer Al-Khadra and others from KSUCD participated and presented papers in the congress. Professor Amjad Wyne also chaired a short oral presentation session on "Dental Anesthesiology Research" during the meeting. Dr Khalid Almas, one of the associate editors of *PODJ* and ex-KSUCD faculty also presented papers in the meeting. The congress had a strong scientific program with lectures running simultaneously in several halls. Professor Fouad Salama (Nebraska, USA) and Dr Hashim Nainar

(Toronto, Canada), both are pediatric dentists and ex-KSUCD faculty also presented papers in the congress. Dr Tahir Paul, a renowned pediatric dentist from Pakistan, who is currently based in San Diego, took the whole party for a visit to his elegantly designed pediatric dentistry specialty practice (Kidz Care). Dr Paul also hosted a hefty dinner for the party at his residence. A notable feature of the congress was a high number of presenters and participants from Japan, in spite of devastating floods there not long ago. The congress expressed its deep appreciation on the persistence and courage shown by Japanese delegates. The trade exhibition during the congress had all the major dental traders well represented.

The 22nd Saudi Dental Society International Dental Conference was held in Riyadh International Exhibition Center, Riyadh from 24 - 26 January, 2011. The scientific committee with its Chairman, Dr Khalil Al-Essa worked hard and invited numerous reputed international speakers in various fields of dentistry to deliver lectures and continuing education courses. The conference had several scientific competitions including poster presentations, undergraduate and graduate research presentations. These competitions were very keenly contested. Professor Nazeer Khan (Dow Medical University, Karachi) and Dr. Arham Chohan (CMH Institute of Dentistry, Lahore), both ex-KSUCD faculty, specially travelled from Pakistan to participate in the conference. Dr Rafique Butt (Riyadh Military Hospital), Dr Irshad Afzal (King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh) and several other Pakistani dentists from various cities of the Kingdom attended the meeting. The President of Saudi Dental Society, Dr Ahmad Al-Kahtani has promised an even grander meeting in February 2012.

The IADR Saudi Section General Assembly Meeting was also held on 26th January, chaired by the Coordinator, President Professor Abdullah Al-Shammery. A new Executive Council was elected for the year 2011-12. The following officers were elected; Professor Abdullah Al-Shammery (President), Dr Khalifa Al-Khalifa (President-elect), Dr Essam Al-Hadri (Vice President), Professor Hezekiah Mosadomi (General

Secretary) and Professor Amjad Wyne (Treasurer). A number of decisions were made after extensive discussion to enhance research activities under the umbrella of IADR-Saudi Section and increase the membership strength. All the members were encouraged to participate in various IADR local and international activities. Encouraging response has been seen in IADR annual meeting in March 2011, San Diego, USA; and same is expected in next IADR annual meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012.

Dr Saad Bin Qasim (College of Applied Medical Sciences, KSU, Riyadh) had the honor of performing Haj this year, accompanied by his wife. May Allah SWT accept their efforts. Aameen.

(Report filed by Prof Amjad H Wyne)

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APPOINTED

Roshan Ali Shaikh of Basic Medical Sciences has been appointed as Dean Dental Faculty, Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Jamshoro.

Noor Ahmed Khoso, MDS, PIMS, Islamabad has been appointed as Principal Dental Faculty LUMHS, Jamshoro.

MARRIED

Grandson of Baba-e-Sindh, Hyder Baksh Jatoi Akbar Hatim got married to Sumaiya Fatima Samtio at Sambara Hotel, Larkana on November 21, 2011.

(Report filed by Dr Hatim Jatoi)

KHYBER COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

Following staff members have been promoted from Associate to Professor.

Dr Shuja Riaz Ansari (Oral Surgery)

Dr Ghulam Rasul (Orthodontics)

Dr Mohammad Salim

Dr Javed Akhtar Qazi has become Associate Professor

Dr Umer Khitab has become the Focal Person of the newly established Dental Section of Bacha Khan Medical & Dental College, Mardan.