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

Dubai, UAE: We interviewed Dr. Costa Nicolopoulos 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 1996, 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 implant 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

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 Dentistry 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 Emirate's 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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Happy New Year from Dental Tribune Middle East & Africa!

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 has been driven by the 24th Saudi Dental Society meeting in Riyadh in January, AEEIDC in February, Seventh Annual Congress of Iranian General Dental Association in February, 8th CAD CAM/Digital Dentistry International Congress in Dubai in May, LUSD 13th International Convention in Beirut, Lebanon, May 3rd Dental Facial Cosmetic International Conference in Dubai in November and the 2nd Global Conference of AACD also in Dubai. All mentioned are remarkable events in the Middle East and important for the dental society in the region.

The high increase in new courses, conferences and exhibitions taking place in the region is a continuation of a new trend. Dental Schools, Universities and Colleges continue to open their doors for the knowledge hungry students seeking a specialty in dentistry. Dental Tribune will be covering all events 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 Ortho & Implant Tribune. The Ortho Tribune, spearheaded by the passionate Dr. Khaled Abouseada, will bring forward breath-taking news on the latest developments in Orthodontics in the region. The Implant Tribune will feature top professional Implantologists who are eager to share their experience and knowledge with our dear dental readers. Rest assured we have more exciting news and features planned in the remaining editions of 2013. DTMEA promises to continue bringing the latest news in dentistry forward to the entire Middle East through unique and innovative methods. We wish you pleasant and productive reading.

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Dr. Aisha Sultan Al Suwaidi
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Last year I was also elected as the Vice-President for the Middle East Region of the Asia-Pacific Dental Federation ahead of the APDF 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 administrative work, I practiced my specialty as a Periodontist. After 8 years 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 now is 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 being 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 attend least at four or five 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 least every 6 months using new materials and methods which we should know about.

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 going on in the market. I believe that everyone should adapt to changes in their industry, technologically or otherwise.

How important is the dental media, especially in the region?

It is very important. Until recently there was no publication from United Arab Emirates to let alone Dubai to cover the latest news in dentistry. We are very happy with the activities of Dental Tribune Middle East & Africa and the working ways of the team. The region is very hungry for knowledge and the importance of reaching out to the dentists, the technicians and all dental stakeholders is huge, especially during the times when there are no events and courses to keep up-dated during the year. For many years it was very difficult to follow and we were in need of a constant medium for the region. We are happy to welcome a local website, newspaper and online e-newsletters to update us on the latest news and events in the region.

Previously, we had to look for the news, however now the news comes directly to us with the excellent services provided by Dental Tribune Middle East & Africa e-newsletter.

Dr. Aisha, truly an honor to interview you here today. Is there anything else you would 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 17th-19th June which will continue to be one of the biggest International Events in dentistry. Since FDI Dubai years ago, APDC 2014 will be the most important dental event happening in the Middle East.
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French Dental and Aesthetic Center relocates within UAE

By Dental Tribune Middle East & Africa

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.

Dr. Tabarani introduces: ‘At the moment we have four dentists soon to be five. We have Dr. Musa Jaffal (Manager and Specialist Orthodontist – TMJ Disorder), Dr. Mustafa Saad (Specialist Periodontist – Implantologist), Dr. Belal Mobsen (Dentist-Aesthetic Dentistry) and myself, Dr. Carine Tafa Saad (Specialist Periodontist – Implantologist). The qualification and experience of our team are such that we are awaiting a specialist in laser therapy to complete our team.

In the mind of the vision we have to set up 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 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 staff, the clinic 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 on 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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The French Dental & Aesthetic Center is now open and welcomes all to its new villa in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Pierre Fauchard Academy Middle East

By Dr Dominique Caron

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.

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PFA is not in competition with all the dental associations and societies already existing, it just helps.

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