Dear Colleagues,

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Dr. Mohammad I. Al-Obaida
Co-Chairman, Organizing Committee
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Providing quality education enabling its curricula and academic program

College of Dentistry, King Saud University and the Saudi dental Society are committed to their leadership, excellence and service to the community. Our past decades, the Kingdom turned out from a desert to a modern and sophisticated country providing quality education enabling its curricula and academic programs with clinical applications and training of extremely capable health professionals. Interestingly, the King Saud University, the host institution for both College of Dentistry and Saudi dental Society, is primarily attentive to become a Research University where contemporary knowledge and technology should be put into harmonious action.

The theme of this meeting “Research and Technology in Oral Health Care” emphasize that dentistry, as a field of science, increases its opportunity in overcoming the national and international dental challenges when further engage in research and use the advance technology. Relatively, the meeting addresses an inclusive presentation of scientific and clinical issues through oral presentations, poster presentations and continuing education programs including the state-of-the-art exhibit of dental/medical equipment and materials. The meeting will be a distinctive opportunity for the dental professional to associate and share in the discussion of ideas with our distinguished colleagues in the dental profession. Hence, I encourage and welcome everyone for a successful 15th King Saud University International Dental Conference and 25th for The Saudi Dental Society.

Prof. Khalid Alwazzan
Chairman, Organizing Committee & Dean, College of Dentistry

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Working towards a paperless event and green exhibitors

By Dr. Mohammed A. Al-Shehri
Treasurer, The Saudi Dental Society
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King Saud University 15th International Dental Conference and the 25th for the Saudi Dental Society towards paperless event and Green Exhibitors. Environmental impact of printed materials such as brochure, program updates, daily news, announcement flyers, tote bag content, session materials, evaluation surveys and more cannot be ignored. Water, CO2, and waste savings from eliminating printing which help in maintain green environment.

We have a set-up registration committee to achieve such goals have considered an interactive USB that personalizes the information when and wherever they need it in a personalized and convenient format without external limitations (such as requiring Wi-Fi) to work. We also incorporate a downloadable wall that will cover but not limited to the scientific book needs while at the event and on the other hand is not just a digital version of a printed programs. It is designed to give attendees access to updated information when and wherever they need it in a personalized and convenient format without external limitations (such as requiring Wi-Fi) to work.

Using this technology in our meeting will generate a well-designed post show website with most conference and exhibition materials. Beside that it will be a great paperless resource for attendees after the event.

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Interview: “The Saudi Dental Society’s main goal is to respond to the needs of the community”

By Dental Tribune Middle East

We catch up with the President of the Saudi Dental Society Dr. Mohammad I. Al-Obaida, DDS, MSEd, FRCD. Dr. Mohammad is Associate Professor and Consultant Endodontist at the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences at the College of Dentistry, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia.

Dental Tribune Middle East: Please share a short biography including your education, clinical experience and role at the SDS over the years?

Dr. Mohammad Al-Obaida: I am Dr. Mohammad, graduated in dentistry at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 1992. I received my Masters in Science and Education at the University of Southern California - Los Angeles California School of Education, USA in 1997 and Fellow-Royal College of Dentists of Canada in Endodontics in Toronto, Canada in 2005 and my Doctor of Education (FEdC) in 2010. I have twice been elected President of the Saudi Dental Society. My role is to perform tasks aimed at developing the organization’s vision and implementing the policies and procedures that allow that vision to be accomplished. Please if you can share your thoughts on the dentistry scene in Saudi Arabia, the clinical side and the industry?

From the clinical side, the younger population in our country suffers from high incidence of dental caries. This requires a collaborative work between authorities from different sectors in the government with national programs to control this high incidence percentage of dental caries and associated oral diseases. The industry launched a campaign called “Smile Hajji” which aims to promote awareness to the pilgrims of the importance of oral hygiene and also launched the National Campaign to Prevent Dental Caries in coordination with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and various governmental organizations. The campaign’s goal is to prevent dental caries among children through health campaigns and education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. SDS also manages the “Islam Fa’ik” campaign to raise oral cancer awareness in cooperation with Prince Salman Social Youth. The SDS board supports partnerships with dental schools and other medical sectors. What are the plans of the Saudi Dental Society in the coming year, the main goals and objectives? What will you do to achieve them?

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How has the Saudi Dental Society developed since you were elected President?

Current the SDS board members adopt the community service activities and social initiatives. The SDS supports various outreach programs that promote quality health care and education in Saudi Arabia. SDS hosts numerous orphanage health and education programs for the Children’s Charity Community and organized educational days for students in various regions of the Kingdom. SDS also provides the SDS in the coming year, the main goals and objectives? What will you do to achieve them?

How important is the development of Digital Dentistry in Saudi?

The SDS main goal is to respond to the needs of the community. We are also campaigning to raise oral cancer awareness in the Kingdom especially in the southern parts where there is a high incidence of oral cancer. We are co-organizing the Hajj and will provide thousands of oral hygiene aids free to all pilgrims. To manage the campaign for a “Smoke-Free Environment” in the Makkah area and the National campaign to Prevent Dental Caries where the SDS aims to decrease the number of cases of children in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Each area of digital dentistry has advantages in comparison to the conventional devices and techniques used. The involvement of digital dentistry in Saudi makes the office life easier, faster and better for dentistry.

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

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Dr. Mohammad Al-Obaida welcomes CAPP and DTMEA at the event