Digital dentistry conference draws over 500 to Singapore

SINGAPORE: Attendance figures for the first CAD/CAM & Computerised Dentistry International Conference in the Asia-Pacific region have exceeded original expectations, the Center for Advanced Professional Practices (CAPP) has announced. According to its figures, more than 520 dental professionals took part in the event, which was sponsored by major market players and saw 14 lecturers from around the globe presenting in fields like computer-guided surgery and 3-D dental imaging.

Plans for a follow-up conference in the city-state are already being discussed and will be announced in the coming weeks, CAPP officials recently told Dental Tribune Asia Pacific. The event will be held in autumn next year after the organisation’s eighth Dubai congress scheduled for May 2015.

CAPP has been organising congresses for dental CAD/CAM and computerised dentistry in the emirate since 2006. As a spin-off of its successful annual series there, a conference was organised for Asian dentists for the first time this year. Besides a three-day scientific programme, it offered a theatre presentation on chairside CAD/CAM-fabricated restorations, as well as a parallel session that aimed to provide dental technicians in the region with an overview of the latest digital technology and guidelines for its use in dental labs. In addition, renowned orthodontist Dr Khaled Aboueida held a workshop on using ClearPath, a US-developed invisible orthodontic therapy manufactured and distributed by ClearPath Orthodontics in Saudi Arabia, with dental CAD/CAM.

Prof. Seung-Pyo Lee and Shin-Eun Nam from South Korea won the poster presentation competition with their new method of measuring interdental space using 3-D virtual models. They competed against fellow researchers from South Korea and Malaysia, who presented latest findings on digital restoration using implant prostheses, among other things.

“CAD/CAM technology is inevitable and it is a very good idea to hold such a conference here.”

Keong added that his association will continue to support CAPP’s efforts in Singapore in the years to come. The SDA has worked with the company over the last 12 months to raise awareness of the event among local dentists, who represented more than 40 per cent of the conference attendees.

The event also received support by Dental Tribune’s flagship publication DT Asia Pacific, as well as its CAD/CAM international magazine of digital dentistry. CAPP recently partnered with the international dental publisher, agreeing to manage its operations in the Middle East and Africa.