Welcome to our event

As President of the Saudi Dental Society, I am delighted to invite you to the King Saud University 15th International Dental Conference the 25th for the Saudi Dental Society with the theme “Research and Technology in Oral Health Care” from 12-14 January 2014 at Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Center in Riyadh. This year’s conference is a joint collaborative effort of King Saud University College of Dentistry and the Saudi Dental Society. With the continuous success of our previous conferences and the Saudi Dental Society’s always on the top of all the dental organization in the Kingdom, I enjoin you to remain committed to our practice through constantly updating ourselves and aspiring to be the best we can be for ourselves and the community we work to serve. We are bringing in world-renowned foreign speakers from all disciplines of the dental practice for our scientific seminars. Continuing Educational courses and workshops will also be offered. This would add the element of hands on education that our members has requested.

One of the highlights of the conference is the Research Award for Graduates, Students and Poster Award Presentation wherein the best research paper and poster presentation will receive cash and plaque of recognition. These are just some of the ways that we could provide for our members and colleagues.

Exhibitions will be opened to our dental and medical companies for a more comprehensive take on the best and the latest in technology globally. We look forward to your full support and participation in this very important meeting.

Dr. Mohammad I. Al-Ohaida Co-Chairman, Organizing Committee Chairman, Exhibition and Food Committee President The Saudi Dental Society

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. Over the 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 distinct 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.

Dr. Mohammad I. Al-Ohaida Chairman, Organizing Committee & Dean, College of Dentistry

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By Dr. Mohammed A. Al-Shehri Treasurer, The Saudi Dental Society Chairman, Registration Committee

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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 Consultant Endodontist from January 2000-2004. I have had my Endodontic Fellowship Program at King Saud University, College of Dentistry in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 2004-2006 and Fellow of International College of Dentists (FICD) in 2010. Currently I work as an Associate Professor, Consultant Endodontist at the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences at the College of Dentistry, King Saud University and I am also currently the President of the Saudi Dental Society. I am presently the Program Director of the Saudi Endodontic Board at King Saud University and a member of the Scientific Board of the Saudi Commission for Health Specialty and a Recipient of Excellence in Education.

I have two patented materials.


This is my first year for my three years term as 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 per centage of dental caries and associate oral diseases. The industry launched a campaign called “Smile Hajj” 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. Saudi also manages the “Islam Fa- mik” 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?

How important is the SDS in the development of dentists in The Kingdom?

We support their development through monthly scientific activities which have addressed topics directly targeted at the current trends in the dental field. The clinical applications and technologies make our dentists develop and focus on their career objectives more effectively.

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 has numerous orphan health and education programs for the Children’s Charity Community and organized educational days for students in various regions of the Kingdom. SDS also contributes more to community service.

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How important is the involvement of Digital Dentistry in Saudi?

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.

How important is the role of the Dental Lab Technician in the Dental Team?

Dentists rely on a team of professionals who play supporting roles in patient care and it is the dental laboratory technicians who are a very important part of the team. Using a variety of materials including glasses and ceramics, dental techni cians manufacture crowns, bridges and prosthetics to the dentist’s specifications and it definitely requires an artistic eye and strong technical skills to achieve this.

What do you think of the dental scene in the Middle East? The Dental market is directly associated to the increase of awareness of our people to the importance of oral hygiene.

Can you share some insight regarding the Dental Education in Saudi Arabia?

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What advice can you provide to the younger generation of Dental Students?

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

Opening Ceremony in 2013

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Exhibition at the Saudi Dental Society Conference

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

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

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