DANAHER opens MEA Office in Dubai Healthcare City

By Dental Tribune MEA

Dubai, UAE: Danaher is a global science and technology innovator committed to helping its customers solve complex challenges and improving quality of life around the world. Its family of world-class brands have unparalleled leadership positions in some of the most demanding and attractive markets, including health care, environmental and industrial. The company’s globally diverse team of 66,000 associates is unified by a common culture and operating system, the Danaher Business System. In 2013, Danaher generated $19.1 billion in revenue and its market capitalization exceeded $50 billion. For more information please visit www.danaher.com.

Dental Tribune MEA had the pleasure to attend the opening of the Danaher MEA offices at Dubai Healthcare City and shortly interview James Lico, Executive Vice President Danaher and Alex Joseph, President Middle East and Turkey, Danaher Corporation on their thoughts for the region.

What does the opening of the MEA office in Dubai Healthcare City mean for Danaher?

A. Joseph: The opening highlights our commitment to the Middle East and is the direct result of the growth we are experiencing in the region.

And how important is it for you to have an office in Middle East and Africa?

J. Lico: As Alex mentioned, the region is incredibly important for us. Unlike many companies who focus on just selling to the region, for us it is important to be close to customers and build up the capability of our team locally so we can serve customers. The opening of this office really proves we not only want to do business in the region but invest in the long run to serve our clients.

Regarding your dental companies, please tell us:

J. Lico: Modern dental companies such as Carestream and Carestream Dental have an office in Middle East and Africa.

A. Joseph: Regarding our dental companies, we have an office in Middle East and Africa.

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Can we expect to see more dental companies joining Danaher?

J. Lico: Well, we never comment on acquisitions but I think as Alex said that the dental market is a growth platform within Danaher. Our commitment to the dental market and our customers has been seen both in our organic and inorganic investments over the years. We have recently announced our latest addition to our dental segment with the acquisition of Nobel Biocare which closed beginning of December 2014. Looking into the dental business, there are probably no better examples of investments than investing in high growth market parts of the world. The Middle East is not different and our dental team here has really done an outstanding job over a number of years investing in products, technology, sales and services resources to make sure that we can really deal with the growing customer base that exist in the region. Obviously, investing here in Dubai is a Danaher investment but it can very much be seen as an investment in our growth platforms, of which dental is a key component.

What do you expect from our biggest media partner in dental here in the region in the coming year?

J. Lico: Any partnership which can continue to reach our customers in a creative, innovative way is positive for us and we ask this from every partner in all of our industries. Extending our ability to communicate to our growing customer base is an important part of our success in the region.

A. Joseph: Thank you for coming and joining us for our grand opening.

Dental Tribune: Thank you for the opportunity to interview you.

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Riyadh, KSA: This is your second SDS conference for you as President, what are your thoughts of the upcoming event in relation to previous?

The Saudi Dental Society (SDS) International Dental Conference last year paved the way to the first paperless event for the society where we introduced the concept which is a technology that utilizes Near Field Communication (NFC) technology to allow the exchange of online social networking data between two keychain accessories. Participants were able to interchange professionally and exchange ideas during the conference activities digitally through their NFC devices. The membership of the SDS continues to grow and each event has been successful as the previous year. This year, the event will feature 20 outstanding clinicians and dental experts who will cover various dental topics and bring forth another unique experience to its members.

How do you reflect back over the last 2 years as president of the SDS?

During my first year, I had vowed to perform my tasks aimed at developing the society’s vision and to implement these policies and procedures. I am humbled to state that during my 2 years as President, the SDS served the dental community with many meaningful and remarkable accomplishments. I had hoped to stimulate more progress for the members of the Society towards providing them a better and diversified service, education and support.

We see more and more the SDS has become very active outside of the Kingdom, could you elaborate on your involvement in Dentistry for the GCC region?

The membership of the SDS is by far one of the largest in the GCC region. This is why some of the SDS Board members are often involved in the GCC conference organizing committee and a majority of its members are always actively participating in the conferences outside the Kingdom like Dubai, Kuwait, Beirut, etc. The commitment and presence of the SDS members in the GCC conferences ensures their support and they gain scientific and educational
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GC introduces MI Varnish with Recaldent*(CPP-ACP)

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Topical fluoride varnish with Calcium and Phosphate for the effective treatment of hypersensitivity

By GC Europe

LEUVEN, Belgium: GC, a world leader in dental operative and laboratory materials has launched MI Varnish, a topical fluoride varnish containing the patented Recaldent technology. Recaldent, also known as casein phosphopeptide – amorphous calcium phosphate (CPP-ACP), is a milk-derived protein that remineralises tooth surfaces by offering bio-available calcium and phosphates. Tooth Mousse and MI Paste Plus are the other products from GC containing Recaldent. The remineralising effect of Recaldent in Tooth Mousse and MI Paste Plus not only offers the much needed protection to patients of all age groups, all caries profiles to effectively relieve them from hypersensitive teeth. MI Varnish is the only varnish in the market that contains the patented CPP-ACP. Evidence supports that addition of bio-available calcium source enhances the efficacy of MI Varnish.

MI Varnish enhances the hard tissues fluoride uptake and effectively supports, replenishes and protects tooth surfaces with the stroke of a brush. Its features are as follows:

**Quick**

Applied in minutes, MI Varnish requires no preparation or prophylaxis, enhancing patient satisfaction, particularly for children.

**Easy**

The texture and consistency of MI Varnish enables it to stick effectively to the applicator brushes and flow easily into hard to reach proximal areas, while covering all tooth surfaces evenly and effectively.

**Effective**

MI Varnish penetrates dentinal tubules effectively to form a good seal, while its neutral pH of 6.6 enhances enamel acid resistance and inhibits remineralisation.

**Aesthetic**

MI Varnish has a neutral shade, creating an almost invisible coating.

**Comfortable**

MI Varnish does not clump or coagulate when exposed to saliva and provides a creamy texture and comfortable film thickness, even when multiple layers are applied.

**Pleasant**

MI Varnish is available in fragrant mint and strawberry flavours.

MI Varnish is available on unit dose containers that are easy to open and contain enough material for a full mouth application. MI product family.

MI Varnish a great complement to GC’s line of preventive and diagnostic products that include Tooth Mousse and MI Paste Plus, Saliva Check, Plaque ID Gel, Saliva check Mutans, GC Tri Plaque ID Gel.

MI Varnish is the latest product in the portfolio of preventive dental care that GC offers dentists to manage a minimum intervention continuum of care, ranging from diagnosis to prevention and treatment.

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introduced many years back but only a few keen users have adopted it until recently when many more dentists had found it better and convenient to use. The dental community in the Kingdom has adopted to using these current digital techniques and workflows. They are now familiar to its learning experience and the impact of the new technologies in the dental community.

**What advice do you have for the younger generations?**

I am encouraging the younger generations to focus their professional ambitions by being committed to obtaining educational advancement to ensure their success and not to forget to share their services to the community.

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

I am urging everyone to continue to contribute in terms of support, services and goodwill for a better community.