A pleasure to welcome you to The Kingdom

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is a pleasure for me to welcome you to the 26th Saudi Dental Society International Dental Conference that will be held at Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Center from 13-15 January 2015.

So far this Conference is Riyadh’s largest annual event devoted to the dental care in Saudi Arabia, and it will give participants a platform to exchange ideas, discover new trends in dentistry, reacquaint with colleagues, meet new friends, and broaden their knowledge.

The Ministry of Health gives its utmost priority to provide the best health care services throughout the Kingdom making use of the latest technology in the sector.

The health care policy of the Kingdom has been designed according to the vision of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah, who once said: “Nothing is more important than the health of the people”.

Aside from the scientific sessions during the Conference, there will be hands-on teaching workshops and of course our popular poster sessions to give the presenter as much exposure as possible to their peers, and research awards for the Graduates, Young Dentists and Dental Interns.

We are thankful to the many international speakers who will shed light on the research and clinical issues that shape our field today.

We hope that presentations from many different speakers from other countries shared during this Conference will enrich knowledge to the dental professionals in Saudi Arabia and help provide even better treatment, and dental care to the community they served.

Your participation will make this conference wonderful, fruitful and successful.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, I warmly welcome all of you to participate in our 26th Saudi Dental Society International Dental Conference that will be held at Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Center from 13-15 January 2015.

For the past four consecutive years in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, the Saudi Dental Society has been awarded as the best organization among all 50 scientific, humanitarian and medical organizations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Our aim for the members, our colleagues and friends in the dental field is to provide them with a good and highly innovative advancement to enhance their knowledge to a modern technology used globally.

We call all general practitioners/dentists to participate in the enrichment of the scientific program, submitting their works and organizing special topic sessions. The Scientific Committee members are now ready for the evaluation of the expected abstracts. High quality keynote speakers have already accepted our invitation to participate.

The Conference will be organized in plenary sessions, workshops, oral presentations and poster presentations as well as medical and dental exhibitions.

We look forward to your participation, particularly your insights, which can be shared during the presentations and discussion periods of all sessions.

By Dental Tribune MEA

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 Poken which is a technology that utilizes Near Field Communication technology to allow the exchange of online social networking data between two keychain accessories. Participants were able to interrelate professionally and exchange ideas during the conference activities digitally through their poken devices. The membership of the SDS continues to grow and each event is as 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 numerous 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 invited 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 advancement in return.

What is your impression of the dental scene in the Middle East region? How has it evolved over the last 2 years?

During the last 2 years, the Society supported successfully and effectively various community services and campaigns in the various regions of the Kingdom to promote health care awareness and education. The Awareness Day in Shrooo Almarea Private Elementary School, Awareness Campaign for Special Needs Center, Yasm Fawasik Campaign to Raise Awareness for Cancer Damage, Children’s Charity Committee for Orphans Care, Awareness Campaign in AlNoor Institute for the Blind, Awareness Day in Abdullah bin Masoud Elementary School, Education Day in Al-Qatif, Campaign Smoke-Free Mecca and participation in the Activities of the General World Children’s Day are just a few of these accomplishments. This is a clear manifest that SDS fulfills its objectives not only to its members
but to the whole community as well.

How much impact has Digital Dentistry had in The Kingdom so far?
The Digital Dentistry had been 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.