Dear Colleagues,

I am with great pleasure that I welcome you on behalf of the Lebanese Dental Association to the 24th Beirut International Dental Meeting, which will take place from 11-13 September 2014 at Biel.

We encourage you all to attend the meeting under the theme of “Planning for the Future” in order to better prepare your practices with cutting-edge techniques and equipment for a more prosperous future. The organizers of this meeting have prepared a three-day program that will feature leading experts and world-renowned speakers who will share the most up-to-date developments in dentistry and related disciplines. Participants will enjoy the learning opportunities in various plenary, symposia, panel discussion sessions that will be put in place. This year you will be able to attend lectures and then have the opportunity to participate in workshops to implement the knowledge you gained from the lecture. There will be interesting workshops throughout the 5 days of the conference for a limited number of attendees at very enticing fees. The workshops will emphasize on esthetics and cosmetic dentistry, but there will be a range including surgery, implants, prosthodontics and endodontics. You will all have a chance to attend an innovative workshop, which will bridge the gap between us dentists, and our Lab technicians. Through this workshop you will be taken through the steps after your impression has been taken at the clinic and you will be able to see live demos and hands on to help you digitize your practice, taking it to the future with CAD-CAM technology.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the Presidents of Arab Dental Associations who will be present at this event and encourage all Arab& foreigner dentists to participate in BIDM 2014 that is held in collaboration with Saudi Dental Association. Lebanon is a great cultural and touristic country; there will be several social programs that have been designed for participants who would love to discover Lebanon.

I also strongly encourage you to take advantage of the presence of over 90 exhibiting companies to keep you updated with evolving technologies of equipment and the latest dental materials.

I am confident that you will find this meeting beneficial to your career, having the advantage of the innumerable learning and networking opportunities.

I’m looking forward to meeting you all.

Sincerely,

Prof. Elie Azar Maalouf
President, LDA / BIDM 2014
Report Saint Joseph University - Faculty of Dentistry

During the laser workshop

By Rodney Abdallah, DT MEA

BEIRUT, Lebanon: Saint Joseph University plays an important role in the Lebanese dental community. All throughout the academic year, it offers numerous activities of interest to society as a whole.

The campus of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry has organized the 11th Dental meeting on 28th till 31st of May 2014.

Prof Nada Naaman (Dean of faculty of dentistry) declared: “Keys to Success” is the theme of this year; our profession is changing very fast and requires us to be continuously informed on new technologies. Local and international speakers will provide brilliant, rich discussions, animate roundtables and live clinical interventions on patients. The pre-congress day will cover current topics and hands-on seminars.

You will also have the opportunity to visit a large exhibition that will help keeping you informed of all the new materials in our profession.

The successful experience of the seminar in 2012 offered to dental assistants will be repeated and your clinical aid will be shown to have a high-day focus on hygiene and asepsis.

We hope to see you on the campus and we look forward to discussing and sharing our ideas, knowledge and experience.

The event received sponsorships by many market players in Lebanon; over 50 exhibitors were present which gave attendees an opportunity to get hands-on with the latest products and treatment solutions in the field.

Faculty of Medicine has been organizing dental meetings every two years; its latest event was attended by over 1100 dental professionals from several countries according to its figures.

Additionally, a number of participation workshops on topics ranging from implant dentistry, aesthetic dentistry, and orthodontics and laser symposium, it were remarkable this year a joint laser full day symposium organized in collaboration with the University of Genoa in Italy.

At the symposium, Prof. Stefano Benedenti, Dean of the Center for Laser Surgery and Laser Therapy at the University of Genoa in Italy, educated attendees on the applications of dental lasers.

The Dental Tribune supported the event through its edition.
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