

DENTAL

NEWS/ACTIVITIES

The news section of JNDA is an update of various events and activities of dental and oral health interest in the country. The news published here are according to the informations available to the editorial board. Any omissions and errors are regreted. Editor

3rd Annual National Dental Conference of NDA organized

Third Annual National Dental Conference of Nepal Dental Association was organized in Kathmandu amidst a ceremony on 13th Jan. 2001. The program was inaugurated by chief guest and hon'ble Minister of the Health Dr. Ram Baran Yadav amidst a ceremony by lighting the traditional panas. Chairman of the organizing committee Dr. Bishnu Bahadur Bastola read the welcome speech and president of the association Dr. Praveen Mishra highlighted the need of dental council in Nepal. Speaking from the dais, hon'ble minister of health Dr. Yadav pointed out the need of dental surgeons to serve in village of the country.



2001 ANNUAL FDI WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

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Nepal Dental Association for the first time in its history, joined the dental fraternity of the world, which came together in Kuala Lumpur from 27 September to 1 October for the first FDI Annual World Dental Congress (AWDC) of the new millennium. NDA was represented by its Official Delegate Dr. Neil Pande and Alternate Delegate Dr. Harish Joshi.

From the moment of arrival at the sparkling new Kuala Lumpur International Airport, the beautiful Kuala Lumpur skyline impressed all, but even more so, the dominant Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest buildings, rising to a height of 1,670 feet. These modern skyscrapers with the double-decker sky bridge joining the two towers at a height of 41



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storeys above street level, are an indication of the growth and prosperity of Malaysia.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

- Close to 4,000 delegates registered for the scientific programme and the exhibition was attended by close to 8,000.
- 196 exhibitors participated in the trade exhibition. Their displays covered 3,200 square meters.
- More than 30 sessions were held in which more than 50 Malaysian and International lecturers participated. The programme also offered 83 Free Communications and 63 poster presentations.

For a detailed analysis see the FDI website - www.fdi.org.uk



THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME AND TRADE EXHIBITION

The scientific programme was well attended and even the largest lecture halls accommodating up to 1500 people were packed to capacity for several lectures. The most important goal, namely to provide education, was achieved. Lectures were presented on a variety of topics that covered the whole spectrum of dentistry. These included, recent advances in pediatric restorative materials and techniques, oral cancers and malignant lesions, pharmacotherapy in periodontal treatment, dental

implantology and systemic implications of periodontal disease. Presentations were in English, but simultaneous interpretation into four languages (French, Spanish, German and Japanese) made it possible for the colleagues from all over the world to have a unique learning experience. Science Commission Workshops covered a whole spectrum of topics including Evidence Based Dentistry, HIV/AIDS, TB : Dental perspectives and Guidelines in Dentistry.

According to the exhibitors at the Trade Exhibition, this had been one of the best organised trade exhibitions ever. They were very satisfied with the traffic through the exhibition halls.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The FDI's General Assembly is the forum where global dental-political issues are discussed and decisions taken that influence dentistry world wide. The 2001 General Assembly meetings will stand out in the FDI's history for the momentous decisions that were taken regarding the FDI's strategy and action plans for the future. Specifically so, the important decision that the FDI's Head Office should be relocated to Ferney-Voltaire, France.

Attendance

The General Assembly was attended by 106 delegates and alternates from 64 countries, including Nepal. Also present were two FDI List of Honour Members and two Past Presidents, Associate and Affiliate Members, Presidents of Regional Organisations, Representatives of FDI Sections and a number of observers.

FDI Member Associations

The number of Regular, Associate and Affiliate Members of the FDI has doubled over the past ten years. At present the FDI has:

- 115 Regular Member Associations, including Nepal Dental Association



- 37 Associate Member Associations
- 31 Affiliate Members

Membership to the FDI of dentists worldwide

It has been approved that as from 2002, Individual Membership of the FDI be expanded to include all members of all Member Associations. They will receive all the benefits that current Individual Members have, with the exception of the FDI World magazine, which has been terminated at the end of 2001. Membership is free. As of now, all the members of Nepal Dental Association are automatically members of FDI as well.

FDI Vision Statement:

FDI World Dental Federation: Leader in World Dentistry

FDI Mission Statements:

- *To be the authoritative, professional, independent world-wide voice of dentistry.*
- *To promote optimal oral and general health for all peoples.*
- *To promote the interests of the Member Associations and their Members.*
- *To advance and promote the art, science and practice of dentistry.*



Election of Office Bearers

The following colleagues have been elected by the General Assembly and FDI Council to vacant positions. (The complete list of names of all office bearers is the FDI Web-site):

- FDI President Dato Dr Ratnanesan (Malaysia)
- President-Elect: Dr Heung-Ryul Yoon (Korea)
- Treasurer: Dr Jo Willmes (Germany)

NDA delegates congratulated all and extended best wishes for their successful term.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

Close to 8,000 people packed the Putra Stadium for the grand Opening Ceremony. It was indeed a glittering and colourful affair with traditional costumes, dances and music galore. The presence of several dignitaries added lustre to the occasion along with the live telecast of the entire show by the Malaysian Television. The Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia, Y.A.B. Datuk Seri Dr Mahatir Mohamad welcomed all to Malaysia and declared the congress officially open. FDI Executive Director, Dr Per Åke Zillén conducted the entire show in his command in an excellent flawless manner.

The roll call of Nations was a great favourite with the crowd and when Nepal was called out, it was a moment of ecstasy for the Nepalese delegates holding on to their Nepalese flag, the climax when Malaysia was called out will be remembered by all for a long time to come.

FUTURE CONGRESSES

- 2002 Vienna, Austria
(1 to 5 October 2002)
- Sydney, Australia
(2003)
- New Delhi, India
(2004)



11TH ANNIVERSARY OF NDA OBSERVED

On the occasion of the 11th Anniversary of Nepal Dental Association, Nepal Oral Health Day was observed in a befitting manner on 29th Bhadra 2058 B.S. Free dental camps were organized at various parts of the valley in collaboration with different dental institutes. The following Dental Institutes took part in the one day free dental camp

1. People's Dental College & Hospital
2. Kathmandu Model Hospital
3. National Dental Hospital
4. Nepal Oral Health Society
5. Lion's Dental Clinic

AN EXCLUSIVE LECTURE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZED



On August 25, 2001, an exclusive 'Endodontics in the. New Millennium' lecture and workshop was jointly organized by Nepal Dental Association & Dentsply India in the capital.

The speaker for the event was an internationally acclaimed and eminent personality Dr. Anil Kohli, Padmashree.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Dr. Mabi Singh, a life member of NDA, has been selected as one of the J. Morita Geriatric Award finalists by the Geriatric Oral Research Group (GORG) for his outstanding research efforts in geriatrics

The final winners will be decided by committee based on the quality of the extended abstract and the poster/discussion presentation at the meeting in San Diego on thursday March 7th 2002

We wish him all the success.

"FOUNDATION LAID FOR PEOPLE'S DENTAL COLLEGE, A DREAM LIKELY TO COME TRUE"

On Wednesday 28th of Baisakh, 2058 B.S., vice chancellor of Tribhuvan University Mr. Navin Prakash Jung laid the foundation stone of PDCH, the first dental teaching hospital established in Nepal.

As to the plan, the hospital building shall be completed in a year time. The budget of the 7 storey complex is estimated at about 60 million and shall occupy around 3 ropanies of land.

NEPAL DENTAL COUNCIL DRAFT BEING PROPOSED

The proposed draft to form Nepal Dental Council is already been accepted by Council of Ministers. Now the draft is ready to be submitted to the parliament after fulfilling certain norms. President of NDA Dr. Mishra is the member of dental act committee.

NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH POLICY UNDERWAY

National Oral Health policy decision is underway. 1st workshop was concluded at Hotel Park, Budanilkantha on 14th & 15th Sept. 2001 Task force was formed and four subcommittees were formed. Oral Health Promotion & Prevention of Oral diseases - Chairperson Dr. Praveen Mishra.

Curative Committee –
Chairperson Dr. M.R. Bajracharya

Human Resource Dev. Committee –
Chairperson Dr. Harish Joshi

Private Public Co-ordination Committee –
Chairperson Dr. Sushil Koirala

VICE PRESIDENT OF SADAF ELECTED

Dr. Praveen Mishra was elected as Vice-President at South Asian Dental Association Federation in Dhaka on 15 Feb. 2001