

DENTAL NEWS/ACTIVITIES

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

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1st National Dental conference of NDA organised

1st National Dental Conference & Annual Scientific Meeting of Nepal Dental Association was organised in Dhulikhel on 19th Sept, 1998 with the theme "Dentistry for all". President of the NDA Dr. Kishore K. Pradhan inaugurated the conference and speaking as the chairman of the organizing committee, Dr. Narahari Sharma Kharel highlighted the significance of the conference and also spoke about the current achievements of NDA.

Various special lectures and Oral presentations were read on the scientific session of the conference. Among them Dr. Praveen Mishra, MDS presented a special lecture on "Orthodontics: At a glance" and Dr. Prashanta Shrestha, PhD presented special lecture on "Fundamental management of Maxillofacial trauma – soft tissue injuries & fractures of the facial skeleton".

Among the oral presentations were, "An Analysis of management of maxillo-facial fractures at Bir Hospital" by Dr. Suraj R. B. Mathema-BDS, "Risk & Practise with regard to the Hepatitis-B vaccination among Dental Surgeons practising in Kathmandu" by Dr. Sanjeevan Mahara-BDS and "An analysis of dental fear survey in Kathmandu-implications for dental treatment & patients' attitude towards dental surgeon" by Dr. Hema Shrestha-BDS.

The conference was attended by more than 50 Nepalese dental surgeons and foreign dental surgeons working in Nepal. Later a luncheon was arranged.

The afternoon session of the program comprised of general body meeting of NDA with Dr. Ashok Mahaseth, treasurer of NDA holding the bussiness meeting. He addressed the session and highlighted the present financial conditions of the association thus appealing the general members to donate the cash money to strengthen the financial position of the association. Few general members spoke on the related issues in the same session.

The first maiden issue of the "Journal of the Nepal Dental Association, JNDA" was released and issued to all present in the conference. Dr. Praveen Mishra, Editor-in-chief of JNDA highlighted the efforts made by editorial committee to publish the journal and appealed all fellow members to contribute in publishing the following issues every six months.

In the concluding session of the program, organizing secretary of the organizing committee Dr. Prakash Bhattarai gave the vote of thanks to the concerning participants.

Executive Committee Meets

The executive committee of the Nepal Dental Association is scheduled to meet every month to discuss and decide on

various matters regarding the dental profession and the development of the association.

The executive committee decides to issue a circular to all NDA members regarding the participation and decision made by any member of NDA related to dental profession on national interest. Nepal Dental Association appeals all its fellow members to inform and discuss in the association before making any such participation and decision. The step has been taken by the association to standardize and for the unanimity of the decisions on the major issues.

The executive committee also decides to develop the criteria for the requirement to establish dental hospital and dental college in Nepal. A sub-committee has been formed to design such criteria.

2nd National Dental Conference of NDA scheduled

The executive committee decided to organized 2nd National Dental Conference & Annual Scientific Meeting of NDA and also to hold general body meeting in Kathmandu this year. The date has been fixed on September 18th, 1999 to mark the anniversary of NDA. The executive committee appointed Dr. Narahari Sharma Kharel as chairman of the organizing committee and Dr. Suraj R.B. Mathema as the organizing secretary. Further various sub-committees have been formed to organize the conference successfully. Executive committee selected the theme of the conference as "Oral Health awarness for the next millenium".

NDA – NMA joint program

Nepal Medical Association (NMA) is reported to have come forward to strengthen

the mutual ties with Nepal Dental Association. NMA appealed all societies and associations related to medical profession including NDA to co-operate & work together for the betterment of health situations in Nepal and participate in joint program. NMA is reported to offer the sister organizations to set up the office in NMA building premise.

NDA office sets up

Meanwhile the office secretariat of NDA has been shifted in NMA building at Kathmandu on Sept. 4, 1999. The executive committee of NDA wishes to thank NMA for its kind co-operation. NDA is also greatful to Dr. Basant Bahadur Rajbhandari and Dr. K. K. Pradhan for providing space for NDA office at different times till NDA sets office secretariat in NMA building.

CTEVT prepares a curriculum in co-operaton with NDA

Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (CTEVT) prepared a curriculum guide for the 1 year training course of Dental Chairside Assistant (DCA). A workshop starting from 17th June 1998 was organized by CTEVT and participated by various dental surgeons representing various health institutions and a representative from Nepal Dental Association. The participants included Dr. Bina Kansakar (TUTH), Dr. Mira Malla (Patan Hospital), Dr. Bishnu B. Bastola (Army Hospital), Dr. Prashanta Shrestha (National Dental Hospital), Dr. Saroj Shrestha (Police Hospital), Dr. Kush Raj Shestha (Bir Hospital), Dr. Prakash Bhattarai (Om Hospital), Dr. Rabindra M. Shrestha (Kathmandu Model Hospital), Dr. Bandana Bishta (Kantipur Dental Hospital) and Dr. Sushil Koirala representing NDA.

CTEVT to develop curriculum for Dental Hygienists

CTEVT organised a meeting on May 27-28, 1999 to discuss the curriculum for the two year training course of dental hygienists in Nepal. Dental surgeons representing the various health institutions and hospitals are reported to have participated in the meeting. Among the participants are Dr. Harish Joshi representing Om Hospital, Dr. Gopal Maharjan, Military Hospital, Dr. Milan Bajracharya, Lion's Dental Care Centre, Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha, Kathmandu Model Hospital Dr. Bishnu Poudel, Patan Hospital and Dr. Manisha Singh from Kantipur School of dentistry .

The participants expressed their views on necessity and significance of the proposed training program and further discussed on the functions and limitations of the dental hygienists.

Government impose ban on advertisement of alcohol & tobacco products

His Majesty's Government has decided to impose ban on advertisement of alcohol and tobacco products in electronic media with effective from 7th falgun 2055 (Feb. 19, 1999)

NDA welcomes the Government decision of ban on tobacco & alcohol which is one of the major causes of oral diseases.

Lecture program on oral & maxillofacial surgery

A lecture program on Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery was organized by National Society of Oral Precancer & Cancer, Nepal on January 27, 1999 at

lecture hall in Bir Hospital, Kathmandu. Among the speakers were Dr. S. M. Iqbal Shaheed BDS, D' Oral Surgery, MCPS and Dr. Mohisuddin Ahmed BDS, PhD, both Assistant Professors of Dhaka Dental College, Bangladesh.

Oral surgeons visit Kathmandu

At the invitation of National Dental Hospital, Kathmandu, Dr. Peter Hardy FDSRCS, FRCS and Dr. John Carter FDSRCS, FRCS, oral surgeons from the Oral & Maxillofacial Department of Royal London Hospital, U.K. visited Kathmandu in 2nd week of Nov. 1998. During their stay, the oral surgeons are reported to conduct a lecture program & perform oral & maxillofacial surgeries in the hospitals in Kathmandu.

Continuing Education Program on Prosthodontics held

At the invitation of Chhetrapati Free Clinic, Kathmandu, Dr. Wolfgang Abel of Germany conducted continuing education program on Prosthodontic topics ranging from Crown & Bridge, RPD's, Articulators, Maryland Bridge, Overdentures from 13-15, February, 1999 at Kathmandu. Many Nepalese dental surgeons are reported to attend the education program.

Interaction program held on dental health issue

An interaction program on "Effects of acidic foods on Oral Environment" was organized by Public Health Concern Trust (pfect-NEPAL) and Integrated Bio-Scientific Research Group (BIOINT) on 14th June, 1999 at Kathmandu Model Hospital, Bagbazar, Kathmandu.

The papers were presented by Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha of VSOG Dental

Clinic and Food technologist Mr. Bedanidhi Dahal of BIOINT. Later the discussion and interaction was held between the presentators and participants representing various institutions, organizations relating to public health, environment, food research and press. The interaction program highlighted on the harmful effects of acidic foodstuffs as well as acid produced by the acidogenic microorganisms on dental health; besides the need of acidic foods for nutrition.

8th Annual Conference of IAACD held in Kathmandu

Indian Academy of Aesthetic and Cosmetic Dentistry (IAACD) held its 8th annual conference in Kathmandu from 27th- 30th August, 1999.

Among the international speakers were Dr George Freedman (Canada); the director of P.G. program in esthetic dentistry at SUNY, Buffalo & Baylor college of dentistry, USA, Dr Fay Goldstep (Canada); the course director of P.G. program in esthetic dentistry at Case Western Reserve Univ. USA, Dr Robert Reyto (USA); the fellow & accredited member of American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Dr T.C. Phua (Singapore); Secretary of Asian Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry, Dr Joo Loon Lui (Malaysia); Prof, Dept. of Conservative Dentistry at Univ. of Malaya, Dr Sumiya Hobo (Japan), President of International Dental Academy.

Among the Indian participants were Dr Porus Turner, president, IAACD, Dr Ramesh Shankar; President Elect IAACD, Dr Ajit Shetty; Vice-president, IAACD, Dr Sandesh Mayekar; President AAAD, Dr A. Kumaraswamy; Secretary, IAACD.

The program was inaugurated by Dr K.K.Pradhan; President, Nepal Dental Association and few Nepalese dental surgeons are reported to have attended the conference.

Osaka University initiates oral health research in Nepal

Osaka University, Faculty of Dentistry, Department of Oral-Facial Disorders associate VSOG Dental Clinic, Kathmandu Model Hospital to initiate research work on oral health in Nepal, under the guidance of Prof. Takeshi Wada of the University.

The faculty members of the University and VSOG group performed oral health survey in Kathmandu, Kiritipur, Lamatar in Lalitpur & Dhulikhel in Oct. 28 – Nov 2, 1998 under the leadership of Prof. Unai Tatsuta.

Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha & Dr. Manik Ratna Bajracharya has been appointed the research associates for the research program by the faculty.

Meanwhile Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha and Dr. Sandhya Shrestha of VSOG Dental Clinic visited Osaka University, Osaka, Japan in January 1999 for research orientation programs.

Anemecon-19 held

19th All Nepal Medical Conference of Nepal Medical Association (ANEMECON-19) was held in Birgunj from January 6-9, 1999. The theme of the conference was "Aids: An International Dilemma". NMA has been organizing the medical conference in every two years.

People's Dental College recognized by NMC

People's Dental college, Kathmandu affiliated to Tribhuvan University has been recognized by Nepal Medical Council for conducting B.D.S (Bachelor of Dental Surgery) course for 40 students in Nepal. The dental hospital O.P.D. has been started and the degree course is soon to start, the college source stated.

DCI Delegates visit BPKIHS

The delegation from the Dental Council of India (DCI) including Vice President Dr. C. Bhaskara Rao, executive members Dr. K. Jyotindra Kumar and Dr. V.P. Jalili visited Nepal from 15-18 March, 1999. During their stay in Nepal, the Indian delegates are reported to visit B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS) at Dharan for the formulation of syllabus for BDS course. As per the information the course duration was decided to be $4\frac{1}{2}$ years plus 1 year compulsory rotatory internship. The academic session is reported to have started from August this year. Meanwhile NMC recognized the college to start BDS course.

IOM forms Working Committee to start BDS Course

Institute of Medicine (IOM) has formed a working committee for the feasibility study and to submit a report within 2 months to start BDS course in TUTH for the coming academic session. The committee comprised of Dr. Basanta Kumar Shrestha as co-ordinator and Dr. Binaya K. Shrestha, Dr. Bharat Pokharel, Dr. Devendra S. Pant as committee members of the committee. Meanwhile the first meeting of the committee members were held on 12th March, 1999.

IOM Awarded

Tribhuvan University, Institute of Medicine (IOM) has been awarded the Primary Health Service Development Award by South-East Asia Regional Office of the World Health Organization on the occasion of 50th anniversary of WHO for its remarkable contribution in primary health services in Nepal.

FDI annual World Dental Congress attended

President of Nepal Oral Health Society Dr. Manik Ratna Bajracharya attended 86th FDI annual World Dental Congress in Barcelona, Spain from 8-12 Oct. 1998.

21th APDF Congress attended

President of Nepal Oral Health Society, Dr. Manik Ratna Bajracharya attended 21st Asia Pacific Dental Congress organized by Asia Pacific Dental federation (APDF) in collaboration with Commonwealth Dental Association in Singapore from 21-25 April 1999. The theme of the conference is "Dentistry in the next millenium."

Congratulations

Dr. Narahari Sharma Kharel, has been unanimously elected as Senior Vice President of Nepal Medical Association. Dr. Kharel is also the present Vice President of Nepal Dental Association.

NDA Congratulates Dr. Kharel for the appointment and hopes to strengthen the mutual relationship between the two professional associations during his tenure as vice president of the associations.



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