

# DENTAL NEWS/ACTIVITIES

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## Constitution of Nepal Dental Association-2047 amended

The constitution of the Nepal Dental Association, which was recognized by the District Administrative Office, Kathmandu on Bhadra 29, 2047 BS has been amended by the DAO, Kathmandu on Bhadra 29, 2057 BS (14 Sep, 2000) exactly after 10 years.

The draft proposal for the constitution was prepared by the previous executive committee of the association and was approved by the general body meeting of Nepal Dental Association called on July 1st, 2000.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Dental Conference of NDA organized

Second Annual National Dental Conference of Nepal Dental Association was organized in Kathmandu amidst a ceremony on 18 Dec, 1999. 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. Narahari Kharel read the welcome speech and president of the association Dr. Kishore K. Pradhan 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.

Organizing Secretary of the conference Dr. Suraj Mathema gave the vote of thanks and chief-editor of the Journal of the Nepal Dental

Association presented the 2nd issue of JNDA to the chief guest. The chief guest gave away the certificate of appreciation to principal sponsor Nepal Lever, the manufacturer of Pepsodent and other sponsors (Dabur Pharmaceuticals, STD/HIV program University of Heidelberg, ICPA Pharmaceuticals, Panacea biotec Pharmaceuticals, Elder Pharmaceuticals, Milan Pharmaceuticals, Deurali Janata Pharmaceuticals and Hotel Grand) on the occasion..

Later in the general body meeting and business session of the association, general secretary Dr. Prashanta Shrestha highlighted on the activities of the association and read out the annual report, while Treasurer Dr. Ashok Mahaseth presented the financial report of the association to the general body. The general body discussed on various issues related to dental health situation in Nepal.

## New executive committee sworn in

The fourth executive committee of the Nepal Dental Association was sworn in for two years by the chief election commissioner Dr. Krishna B. Chhetri on 28th July, 2000 presenting the election certificates to the newly elected office bearers of the association.

Earlier the executive committee has been elected unopposed. The new executive committee is as follows:

President: Dr. Praveen Mishra  
Vice President: Dr. Bishnu Bahadur Bastola  
General Secretary: Dr. Ashok Mahaseth

**Treasurer:** Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha  
**Joint Secretary :** Dr. Harish Joshi  
**Members:** Dr. Gopal Maharjan  
Dr. Neil Pandey  
Dr. Roshani Giri  
Dr. Uttam Pokharel

In the general body meeting of the association held on July 1, 2000; the out-going president Dr. Kishore K. Pradhan announced the termination of the tenure of then existing executive committee and announced fresh election program for the new committee for July 29, 2000. The general body decided the election schedule and nominated Dr. Krishna B. Chhetri as chief election commissioner, and Dr. Bimala Pradhan and Dr. Pawan Nyacchyon as election commissioners.

The newly elected President Dr. Praveen Mishra was executive member in the previous committee, Vice President Dr. Bishnu B. Bastola was treasurer in first executive committee of the association, General Secretary Dr. Ashok Mahaseth has served as treasurer in the last committee, Treasurer Dr. Rabindra M. Shrestha has been executive member in the previous committee and Joint Secretary Dr. Harish Joshi remains in the same post as in the previous committee. Likewise, Member Dr. Gopal Maharjan has been elected twice in past as joint secretary and executive member. Dr. Neil Pandey, Dr. Roshini Giri, Dr. Uttam Pokharel are new faces in the executive committee of NDA.

### **The FDI Centenary Continuing Education Program in Nepal**

FDI World Dental Federation and World Dental Education Society, Singapore organized the continuing dental education program in Kathmandu on 4-5 March, 2000. The former Prime Minister Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba inaugurated the program, FDI program manager Choo Tec Chuan was the chairman of the organizing committee and Dr. Manik Ratna Bajracharya was the co-chairman of the scientific

committee.

Among the speakers were Chung Kong Mun, Singapore on "Dental Implantology Today", on "Clinical Periodontics-Current Treatment Trends", Stephen Wei, Hongkong on "Restorative Materials at the Turn of the Century" and "Management of Dental Diseases on children", T. Samraj, India on "Surgical Orthodontist", and "Acrylic Prosthesis for Surgical Procedures", Elmar Reich, Germany on "Trends on Caries Detection & Management" and Prashant Shrestha, Nepal on "Potentially Malignant Oral Lesions."

### **1st Biennial Conference of National Dental Hospital**

First biennial dental conference and scientific meeting of National Dental Hospital was held on 27-28 May, 2000 in Kathmandu. Former Prime Minister Mr. Krishna Prasad Bhattarai inaugurated the conference and Minister of State for Health Mr. Tirtha Ram Dongol presided over the ceremony.

Various speakers from the country and abroad presented the scientific papers in the scientific program. Among the speakers were Dr. Brian Hollander (USA) on "Crown & bridge prosthesis", Dr. Malcolm Deall (Australia) on "Restoration of root filled tooth", Dr. A.B. Surveyor (India) on the "Revolutionary promise of Triclosan-copolymer dentifrice in the delivery of oral health" and "The role of dental surgeons in diagnosing systemic diseases". Dr. Nitish Surathu (India) on "Introduction of basic Implantology & surgical prosthetic options - the ITI Straumann system", Dr. P.C. Jacob (India) on "Maxillofacial prosthesis- An overview", Dr. Dominic W.H. Leung (Singapore) on "Aesthetic gingival management for dental implants", Dr. C.V. Rao (India) on "Apical surgery of a rare case of three rooted maxillary second premolar" and Dr. Neil McDonald (UK) on "Nepal: A nationwide water Fluoride profile", Dr. Robert Yee (Canada) on "An ART field study in Western Nepal".

Among the speakers from the country are, Dr. Praveen Mishra on "Orthodontic mechanics: an overview", Dr. Prashanta Shrestha on "The Principles of management of oral cancer", Dr. Shaili Pradhan on "Periodontal surgery", Dr. Sushil Koirala on "Shade selection in the crown & bridge prosthesis", Dr. Suhit Raj Adhikari on "Bonding & adhesive dentistry", Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha on "Tooth conservation with cast restorations", Dr. Neil Pandey on "Single Vs multiple visit endodontics", Dr. Aquila Shrestha on "Dental treatment in patients with cardiovascular disease – an experience at NDH" and Dr. Ramavati Mishra (India) on "Juvenile Periodontitis: A case report."

### **Workshop on Cleft Child and Dental Considerations**

A workshop on "Cleft child and Orthodontic Considerations" was jointly organized by ADRA-Nepal and National Dental Hospital at Kathmandu on 12 February 2000.

The scientific program was presided by Francis Hendry MDS (Ortho), FRACDS and various scientific papers were presented on related subject by N.B. Thapa on "An overview of cleft lip & palate repair", C. K. Chan on "The management of cleft lip & palate patient, Early feeding of the cleft lip baby", Neil Pinto on "Distraction osteogenesis and maxillary advancement", Sandra Hawkins on "The caries process and the factors involved", Prashanta Shrestha on "Cleft lip & palate surgery in a rural setting- a Nepalese experience" and Leo Bunyan on "Fabrication of early correction appliance for cleft child".

### **Dental Caries Issue on Food Seminar**

In a seminar on "Food security & food safety" jointly organized by pfect-NEPAL, BIO-INT, Worec and Insec, in Kathmandu on Feb 11, 2000, Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha presented a

paper on "Dental caries and its interrelationship with food and oral environment".

### **CTEVT starts training course of Dental Hygienists**

Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training developed curriculum for dental hygienists named as Community Oral hygienists and granted permission to technical schools to conduct the training program for the academic year 2000/01. The duration of the training course is 18 months and minimum requirement for enrollment in the program is SLC with science or health. The curriculum is accepted by the Ministry of Health. NDA is reported to have suggested the council for the necessary changes in the curriculum including the duration of the course to be minimum of two years.

### **Dental College Inaugurated**

People's Dental College and Hospital was inaugurated by Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala on May 8, 2000 in Kathmandu. The college was established in 2053 B.S. (1996) received the letter of intent from the minister of education in 2054 and was affiliated to Tribhuvan University in 2055. The college has been given recognition by the Nepal Medical Council in 1999 and is conducting BDS degree course since Nov. 1999 with the enrollment of 30 students. Prof. Dr. S. K. Dutta, of Dept. of Anatomy has been the apportioned principal of the college.

### **Community Dental Center Established**

Public Health Concern Trust (pfect-NEPAL) has established Community Dental center in Kirtipur, which was inaugurated by the Mayor of the Kirtipur Municipality Mr. Hirakaji Maharjan amidst a inaugural ceremony on 4 Nov, 2000. The center is reported to serve the

people of Kirtipur and nearby villages with dental clinical services, organize oral health education programs, conduct survey and collect research data among the population and organize dental camps. The trust established VSOG Dental Clinic in Kathmandu Model Hospital in Kathmandu.

### Dental Lab Established

Chhatrapati Free Clinic in co-operation with Gehse-Dental, Germany established dental lab in Kathmandu, which was inaugurated by Rt. Hon'ble Speaker of the House of Representatives Mr. Tara Nath Ranabhatt on 1 Jan, 2000. The dental lab offers dental laboratory services including acrylic, cast metal and porcelain dentures.

### Congratulations

Dr. Praveen Mishra has been nomination executive member of the Nepal Medical Council by His Majesty's Government.

NDA congratulates Dr. Mishra for the appointment and hopes that Nepal medical Council will co-operate in forming Nepal Dental Council & promulgation & Dental Act in Dr. Mishra's tenure in office as NMC member.

### Senior Dentist Recieves International Award

Senior Dentist Dr. Mesh Bahadur Shrestha has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence for his achievements and contributions by the hon'ble former governor of Tamilnadu in an Indo-Nepal Conference in New Delhi on 12th Nov., 1998 by India International Friendship Society.

### Dental Act to form

The Ministry of Health starts action to form Dental Act for which a 8-member working committee has been form by the health secretariat, those representing the NDA and dental profession

in the committee are Dr. Praveen Mishra, Dr. Ashok Mahaseth, Dr. K. B. Chhetri and Dr. Sushil Koirala.

### NDA files Application for FDI Membership

NDA has filled its application to be the regular member of FDI; World Dental Federation. Meanwhile the association held talks with the office bearers of Nepal Oral Health Society; the present regular member regarding NDA's membership and representation in the international body.

### More Dental Representation in NMC

His Majesty's Government has decided to reconstitute the Nepal Medical Council with more dental member representatives. There will be three dental surgeons representation in the medical council executive body.

### NDA concerns over Unauthorized Practice

NDA has submitted a written letter to NMC with the list of unauthorized foreign dentists working in Nepal and expresses its serious concern over the issue and also demanded to take necessary legal actions against them.

### Meeting on BDS Curriculum

A meeting held on the development of curriculum for BDS program affiliated to Tribhuvan University was called by the University which was attended by Dr. Ashok Mahaseth

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**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**  
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