

DENTAL NEWS/ACTIVITIES

The news section of JNDA is an update of various events and activities of dental interest from the date back to 1994. The news published here are according to the information available to the editorial board. Any omissions and errors are regreted. *-Editor*

NDA forms new Executive Committee

General body meeting of the Nepal Dental Association was held on 29 Nov 1997 (14/8/2054) at National Dental Hospital, Lazimpat, Kathmandu, under the charimanship of then president Dr. Bina Kansakar. Annual report of NDA was presented by then Gen. Secretary Dr. Basanta K. Shrestha. A large number of dental surgeons were present on the occasion, discussed about functioning, electoral process and stressed the need of constitution amendment of the NDA.

The same date was scheduled for the election of new executive committee for which the existing executive committee had earlier nominated Dr. Sanjeevan Mahara as Election Commissioner.

The election commissioner announced the unanimous election of Dr. Kishore K. Pradhan as president and Dr. Narahari Kharel as Vice-president of the Nepal Dental Association.

He also notified the general body about the withdrawl of other candidates from their respective candidacies. The election commissioner hence declared the election of the remaining vacant seats of General Secretary, Treasurer, Joint Secretary & Members on 6th Dec 1997. (21/8/2054)

After a week's hectic electoral

exercises, the new executive committee was formed unopposed on 6th Dec 1997.

The new executive committee is as follows.

President: Dr. Kishore K. Pradhan
Vice-Predident: Dr. Narahari Kharel
Gen. Secretary: Dr. Prashant Shrestha
Treasurer: Dr. Ashok Mahaseth
Joint Secetary: Dr. Harish Joshi
Members: Dr. Manik R. Bajracharya
Dr. Praveen Mishra
Dr. Gopal Maharjan
Dr. Rabindra M. Shrestha

The newly elected President Dr. K. K. Pradhan takes an opportunity to thank the out going office bearers of NDA & promises to lead the association to a right track.

Executive Committee Meets.

The executive committee decides to meet every month to discuss and decide on various matters regarding dental profession.

The executive committee forms following committees to expand its activities under the responsibilities of following members:

1. Dental Council Committee
Dr. Manik R. Bajracharya
2. Membership Up-grade Committee
Dr. Narahari Kharel

3. Financial & Fund raising Committee
Dr. Ashok Mahaseth
4. Scientific & Editorial Committee
Dr. Praveen Mishra
5. International Relations Committee
Dr. Prashant Shrestha

The executive committee decides to maintain record file of each NDA members & provide them with identity card and membership certificate.

The committee also decides to publish a half yearly scientific journal " Journal of the Nepal Dental Association, JNDA."

CTEVT in co-operation with NDA to prerare a Curriculum.

NDA puts forward the objections over the part of curriculum of Dental Assistant training affiliated to CTEVT.

Meanwhile CTEVT seeks co-operation of various institutions including NDA to revise the curriculum of Dental Assistant.

A workshop starting from 17th June '98 (3/3/054) was held in CTEVT to prepare curriculum guide for the training of dental assistants. On the occasion Dr. Bina Kansakar (TUTH), Dr. Mira Malla (Patan Hospital), Dr. Bishnu B. Bastola (Army Hospital), Dr. Prashant Shrestha (National Dental Hospital), Dr. Saroj Shrestha (Police Hospital), Dr. Kush Raj Shrestha (Bir Hospital), Dr. Prakash Bhattarai (Om Hospital), Dr. Rabindra M. Shrestha (Kathmandu Model Hospital), Dr. Bandana Bista (Kantipur Dental Hospital) and Dr. Sushil Koirala representing NDA participated the workshop. They were assigned to prepare the part of curriculum guide. Mr. Rajendra Shrestha of CTEVT co-ordinated the program.

The participating doctors unanimously expressed their views to tittle the course as "Dental Chairside Assistant" scheduled for the training of 1 academic year.

The experts also suggested for the necessary change in previous curriculum & replace it with the new one.

NDA to hold First National Dental Conference in September.

NDA decides to hold 1st National Dental conference and Annual Scientific Meeting on Sept 19th 1998 to mark its anniversary on Sept 14th (Bhadra 29), Dr. Narahari Kharel has been appointed chairman of the Organizing Committee. Various Sub-Committees have been formed to prepare for the conference. The theme of the conference is "Dentistry for all."

Meanwhile a special meeting of NDA was called on 15th Aug 1998 at Bir Hospital. The executive committee along with other NDA members decided to hold the conference in Kathmandu valley and had necessary discussions on preperation of the conference.

Lecture on Oral Manifestations of HIV/AIDS.

NDA, in association with American-Nepali Alliance for Health & BP Memorial Health Foundation organised Lectures on Oral Manifestations of HIV/AIDS on May 19th 1998 at Phora Durbar Hall, Kathmandu.

The Speakers were related to immunodeficiency & internal medicine. Dr. Beth zeeman, MD, Dr. Jon Pincus, MD, Dr. Karen Nelson, MD, MPH & Jack Starmer, ThM, EdM were among the speakers.

The First Joint FDI-NOHS scientific Meeting

The 1st Joint World Dental Federation - Nepal Oral Health Society Scientific Meeting & Continuing Dental Education Program was held on Hotel Yak & Yeti, Kathmandu on Sept 11-12, 1997.

The then Rt. Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Lokendra Bahadur Chand inaugurated the meeting.

Dr. Manik R. Bajracharya was the chairman of the local organizing committee. Altogether 157 friendly participations from Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Japan, UK, Singapore, Italy & Canada were observed on the occasion.

Among the speakers for scientific session were

- 1) Dr. Raj Rajah Rayan, Vice Dean, Faculty of General Dental Practice, RCS, UK,
- 2) Asso Prof Ho Kee Hai, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Singapore.
- 3) Prof. Umberto Bar, University of Torino, Italy.
- 4) Dr. Praveen Mishra, MDS (Ortho); HMG Bir Hospital.
- 5) Dr. Prashant Shrestha, PhD, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, Birendra Military Hospital.

LECTURE COURSE ON ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY.

Lecture course on Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, a workshop was organized by the Dental Health Foundation-Nepal & sponsored by the British Embassy, Kathmandu on Feb 15, 1997 in TUTH, Kathmandu. Among the speakers were Prof Paul F. Bradley, MD, BDS, FDS, FRCS and Dr. Prashant Shrestha, BDS, PhD.

LECTURE ON PERIODONTAL TREATMENT

A lecture session was held on "Use of Antibiotics as an adjunct to Periodontal Treatment" on 13th Nov. 1997 at Phora Durbar, Kathmandu,

The lecture was taken by Dan Morrow, DMD, PhD. Periodontist, University of Manitoba, Canada.

INTERACTION PROGRAM HELD ON DENTAL HEALTH ISSUE

An interaction program on "Effect of sweet foodstuff on child's Dental Health" was organised by Public Health Concern Trust (pfect-NEPAL) & Integrated Bio-scientific Research Group (BIO-INT) on Feb 9, 1998 in Kathmandu Model Hospital, Bagbazar.

The program was presented by Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha & Food technologist Mr. Bednindhi Dahal of BIO-INT. Among the participants were the representatives of Nepal Oral Health Society, Health Care International, Food Research Centre, Various Schools, Toothpaste industries, Confectionary industries and the representatives of Press.

DENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAMS

Nepal Oral Health Society conducted "Primary Oral Health Workers' Training Program" in Bhaktapur on Dec 24, 1994 to mark "The World Year of Oral Health, 1994"

Dental Health Foundation-Nepal organised oral health training to paramedics in Gorkha in joint collaboration with save the children-US & Gorkha District Hospital from Dec 4 to 7, 1995.

Public Health Concern Trust (pfect-NEPAL) conducted Oral Health Education

Lectures for Rural Medical Education (RME) Trainees on June 16-17, 1997 in Kathmandu Model Hospital, Bagbazar.

phect-NEPAL in co-operation with JICA/JOCV & WSIA, Balmāndir, Naxal organised Oral Health Education Training Program for headmasters of Deaf Schools from Kathmandu, Dharan, Pokhara, Rajbiraj, Bhairahawa & Surkhet on April 8-9, 1998 in Kathmandu Model Hospital. "A manual on Oral Health Education-1998" was released for the program. The training program was expected to train the headmasters of deaf schools to instruct the deaf students & enable them practise oral hygiene methods.

DENTAL HEALTH & PAINTING COMPETITIONS:

The school level "on the spot" painting and poster competitions were organised by Nepal Dental Care Centre, Putalisadak in Sept. 1994 to mark "Oral Health Year, 1994."

The theme of the painting as well as poster competition was "Oral Health for Healthy Life" Later the paintings and posters were exhibited in Srijana Art Gallery, Kathmandu.

Public Health Concern Trust (phect-NEPAL) organised painting competition among street children sheltered in Child Workers in Nepal-Concern Center (C-WIN) titled "Clean Mouth, Healthy Life & Pure Environment" in VSOG Dental Clinic, Kathmandu Model Hospital, Bagbazar.

The competition was organised on the occasion of International Child Right Day on 23rd Nov, 1997.

NEPALESE DENTAL SURGEONS IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

The "World Conference for Oral Health" with the theme of "Oral Health for a Healthy life" was participated by Dr. Raj Tilak Basnet on July 8-10, 1994 in Tokyo, Japan.

President of Nepal Oral Health Society Dr. Manik R. Bajracharya attended 82nd FDI Annual World Dental Congress" with the assistance of WHO from Oct 2-8, 1994 in Vancouver, Canada. Dr. Bajracharya also participated "83rd FDI Annual World Dental Congress" from Oct 23-27, 1995 in Hongkong.

Dr. Manik R. Bajracharya attended "7th Bangladesh National and 3rd south Asian Dental Associations Federation, SADAF" from Nov. 28 to Dec 1, 1995 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The "18th Asia Pacific Dental Congress" was attended by Dr. Raj Tilak Basnet from 19-23 Jan 1996 in Bombay, India.

Dr. Praveen Mishra was invited to deliver guest lecture for "1st All India Orthodontic Post Graduate Students Convention" at Manglore, India on 23-24 March 1996.

Dr. Narahari Kharel presented a scientific paper at 5th Pakistan International & 18th National Dental Conference held in Karachi Pakistan from 27-30 Nov. 1996.

Dr. Praveen Mishra presented scientific paper in "10th World Conference on Tobacco or Health" in Beijing, China on 24th-28th Aug 1997 and also chaired a scientific session.

Dr. Manik R. Bajracharya participated in

the "Workshop on Prevention of Oral Health Care in Asia Pacific Region" in Taipei on Nov 23-24, 1996.

The Joint APDF & International College of Continuing Dental Education (ICCDE) "Workshop on Improving Oral Health of Children in the Asia-Pacific Region", have been attained by Dr. Manik R. Bajracharya in Manila Philippines, Nov 11-13, 1997.

Dr. Binaya Kumar Shrestha participated in the WHO financial assistance program of "Regional Consultation on Tobacco & Alcohol" in Colombo, Sri Lanka on Nov 17-21, 1997.

Dr. Kishore K. Pradhan was invited to attend Annual Meeting of British Dental Association in Harrogate, England. Dr. Pradhan participated as guest of BDA in April 1998.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Shambhu Man Singh has been nominated executive member of the Nepal Medical Council by His Majesty's Government. NDA congratulates Dr. Singh for the appointment. It is hoped that Nepal Medical Council will co-operate in forming Nepal Dental Council & promulgation of Dental Act in Dr. Singh's tenure in office as NMC member.

DENTAL COLLEGE TO START IN NEPAL

People's Dental College & Hospital, the first institution of its kind in Nepal is to start from October this year by People's Campus, Pakanajol, Kathmandu. The college is to launch 5 year B.D.S. degree course for 40 students. The college claims to fulfil all the obligations set up by Tribhuvan University & Nepal Medical Council, while the affiliation

from the University is awaited.

Dr. Rajbhai Shrestha has been appointed principal of the dental college.

WORKSHOPS ORGANISED TO DEVELOP CURRICULUM FOR THE BDS PROGRAM

The Medical Education Department of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) organised a workshop on "Development of Curriculum for the Basic Science (I & II) year of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) program" in the seminar hall, Mehego bldg, IOM, Maharajgunj from 13-14 July, 1998.

Another workshop on "Development of Curriculum for the clinical years of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) program" was also held under the auspices of the Medical Education Dept, in the same venue on 30-31 August, 1998.

SOCIETY ON ORAL CANCER FORMED

National Society for Oral Precancer & Cancer-Nepal has been registered on 14 Sept. 1998. The newly formed society is hoped to work for public awareness on oral cancer & help early diagnosis of the lesion. The society also plans to establish a treatment centre and hold national & international level seminars on the subject. Dr. Manik R. Bajracharya is the President of the society.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

Across: 1. Abrasive, 7. NDA, IM, 8. in vivo, 10. Vagus, 11. images, 12. fluoride, 14. bloc, 16. IOPA, 18. headgear, 21. reason, 23. probe, 24. victim, 25. serum, 26. calvaria
Down: 1. antiplux, 2. smear, 3. vidual, 4. enamel, 5. pi, 6. fossa, 9. epulis, 13. sclera, 15. sarcoma, 17. phobic, 19. enema, 20. dens, 21. RSVP, 22. arch