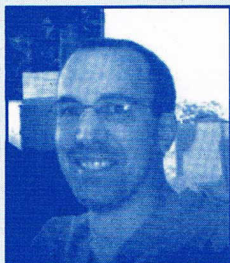


DENTAL SNIPPETS

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

CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION IN NEPAL

Continuing Dental Education - Nepal (CDE - Nepal) is a non profit organization working towards uplifting and updating the academic and clinical knowledge of the Nepalese dental surgeons with the main objective of providing a major component of professional development easily accessible and at affordable cost. It aims to provide the surgeons with necessary skills and expertise making them up to date and at par with their counterparts around the globe, helping in better dental service delivery to the people of Nepal.



On May 4th, 2002, it organized an Endodontic Symposium at Hotel Yak and Yeti, Kathmandu conducted by a world renowned US Endodontist Dr. Richard E. Mounce and co-ordinated by Dr. Neil Pande. The symposium focussed on the latest development in the field of Endodontics (Science of Root Canal Therapy in dentistry) as well as a clinical basis suitable to practice in Nepal with limited resources. Dr. Mounce is one of the first endodontist in the world to use surgical microscope in his practice and has also invented many armamentarium in this field. As a part of the programme, for the first time in Nepal, live demonstration on a patient was performed with latest techniques, which was projected live. 84 dental surgeons benefitted by attending the symposium as participants.

The programme was conducted in joint collaboration between CDE-Nepal and Nepal Dental Association.

Dr. Neil Pande
Co-ordinator
CDE-Nepal
National Dental Hospital

For further information, log on to www.cde-nepal.com or call Dr. Neil Pande at 420800 or 981030275

PRESIDENT OF NDA - OFF TO FRANCE

President of Nepal Dental Association Dr. Praveen Mishra attended the meeting and debate on "Global Oral Health Policy" and the inauguration of the FDI Office on 7th June 2002 in Ferney-Voltaire, France on invitation from FDI President Dr. Dato A Ratnanesan .

NEPAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION ELECTION

For the first time in the history of the Nepal Dental Association, elections were held on 18th August, 2002, to elect the executive body. Dr. Praveen Mishra was elected as President. It is to be noted that he was President in the outgoing executive body. Dr. Anarkali Shrestha (Piya) was elected Vice president, Dr. Neil Pande as the General Secretary. Dr. Prakash Bhattarai joint secretary and Drs. Kush Raj Shrestha, Aquila Shrestha, Binod Acharya and pawan Nyacchon as members. Dr. Ashok Mahaseth was the unanimous choice for the post of the Treasurer .Dr. Krishna Bahadur Chetry in his capacity as the Chief Election Commissioner, along with Drs. Reena Shakya and Ajay Kumar Shah as election commissioners, announced the results and congratulated the newly elected executives, at the Nepal Medical Association building Siddhi Sadan , on the same day.

The Nepal Dental Association has been working for the upliftment in the field of Dentistry since the past one and a half decade, and looks forward to work collectively for its betterment. The formation of the Nepal Dental Council legislation will be given top priority. Along with public awareness and an end to dental practices undertaken by unqualified personnels. It is hopes that the Government and the Non Government sectors, the media, business and social organizations will support the association's initiatives for the overall oral development in the country.

13TH ANNIVERSARY OF NDA

Neapal Dental Association celebrated it's 13th anniversary on 29th Bhadra, 2059 (14th September 2002) with various activities around the country.

Excerpts of the programme:

Bhadra 23-29, 2059

Messages, interviews, articles related to oral health were shown through the media.

Bhadra 27-29, 2059

Free Dental Consultation by the dental care providers around the country with the focus on Oral Health Awareness, Mobile Camps and distribution of oral health awareness materials and products along with

banners put up at strategic locations with oral health promotion messages.

Bhadra 29-2059

Then Honourable State Minister for Health formally inaugurated the anniversary program, graciously attended by other dignitaries indury high level MOH officials, WHO officials, NDA members along with our corporate friends and associates of NDA. The galer event was marvelcously blended with entertainment, trade show and of course, our key goal of generatly oral health awareness. On the occasion, an official website of NDA was also lunched. Please log on to www.nda.org.np for further details.

REPORT ON THE FDI ANNUAL WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS – VIENNA 2002

INTRODUCTION

The dental fraternity of the world came together in the beautiful city of Vienna in Austria for the 2002 Annual World Dental Congress from 1 to 5 October 2002. The FDI's business meeting programme, the World Dental Parliament, was held parallel to the splendid Scientific Programme and Trade Exhibition from the 26th September onwards.

The 2002 Congress held special significance in that it was an outstanding international meeting, but also truly a regional event as two national programmes formed part and parcel of Vienna 2002. These were the Hungarian "Arkövy" Conference and the Conference of the Czech Dental Chamber.

Vienna also drew other important people in the dental fraternity - the annual meeting of the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) Technical Committee 106 (Dentistry) was held back to back with the FDI meetings. This created the opportunity for liaison possibilities and for the ISO participants to also attend the FDI meetings and scientific programme.



Dato' Dr A. Ratnanesan, FDI President (middle) at the FDI World Dental Congress in Vienna.

The beautiful city of Vienna with its stunning imperial buildings and the world famous (blue) Danube River delighted the dentists of the world. We will remember the beautiful architecture, the sound of horse drawn carts on cobble stone streets, the gastronomic delights, the shopping, the Opera, the Vienna Boys Choir and many more unforgettable experiences.

But, the business of the day was dental education and dental politics. The attendance at the scientific programmes and trade exhibition exceeded all expectations. The World Dental Parliament meetings were intense but gratifying, as good decisions that will have a positive impact on oral health worldwide, were taken.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

- In total 9,490 people registered for the Congress. This includes 4,737 dentists 1,002 auxiliary staff and 1,845

exhibition staff.

- Of the total number of registrations 2107 were from Austria, 4517 from the rest of Europe and 2866 from the rest of the world. *Nepal had its share of 4 participants, who zealously were seen cheering for Nepal when the Nepalese flag was called on the roll call of the nation. The participants actively took part in the business and scientific activities throughout the congress.*
- 200 companies participated in the trade exhibition. 461 booths covered the 4274 sq m floor space. It is interesting to note that all the available exhibition booths had been sold out within a period of eight weeks.
- There were 150 poster presentations, 125 free communication sessions.

WORLD DENTAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the World Dental Development Committee, Dr Brian Mouatt, said the World Dental Development Committee had the remit to promote optimal oral health for all peoples and to be an advocate for health and oral health on a world level. The Committee's work was concentrated on underserved communities. *Nepal Dental Association was represented in this meeting by the general secretary and another member and ideas were expressed.*

The activities since its inception a year ago, covered the major task of the development of strategy for the Committee's work.

Phase 1, entailed the development of a "resource document" which could be seen as a recipe book for developing dentistry in under served communities. It also entails the development and strengthening of formal networks.

Phase 2 covered the distribution of the "resource document" and strengthening ties and collaboration with stakeholders.

Phase 3 would increase the impact and raise awareness of oral health on government level. Close collaboration with WHO was envisaged.

The FDI Fund's protocol's have been revisited. There were several ongoing projects and a number of new applications for funding would be considered at the Committee's meetings during the week.

Regarding the immediate future, a workshop for Dental Aid organisation was being planned. In 2003, a major health

conference in Africa is planned together with WHO, that will have an impact on governments to raise oral health to a higher priority for funding and service providing.

CONGRESS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee has been divided into three groups, the Annual World Dental Congress Group, the Dental Educators Group and the Continuing Education Group. This approach allowed for a higher productivity.

It was noted that New Delhi has been investigated as a suitable host for the 2004 Annual World Dental Congress. Assurances have been received from the Minister of Health, the Commissioner of Police and other sources that the city was safe. The General Assembly was informed that the Council has adopted a resolution to re-confirm their earlier decision that New Delhi would be the host of the 2004 Annual World Dental Congress. Nepal Dental Association has requested the New Delhi organizers to consider a proposal of slashed congress registration for the SAARC countries and the organizers have looked at it in a positive manner expecting a large turn out from Nepal.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee Chairman, Dr Jobst-Wilken Carl said that notwithstanding the relocation of the FDI's Head Office and the small staff, communication with Member Associations has not suffered as a consequence.

Like everyone else, he was delighted with the appointment of the new Communications Manager, Ms Charlotte Nackstad. However, there will always be a huge responsibility on the National Dental Associations to convey information about the FDI and its programmes to their members.

He said that the FDI's website is an outstanding resource and should be fully utilised. Communication through electronic media would be further enhanced over the next months to make it a truly interactive resource.

Prof Asbjørn Jokstad made a short presentation on the FDI website (www.fdiworldental.org) to demonstrate the wealth of information on the website. He emphasised the usefulness of the site search facility to obtain information on any aspect on the site. The FDI's website was currently the second most visited dental website in the world. *Nepal Dental Association delegate had an opportunity to discuss regarding different aspect of information exchange with Prof Jokstad.*