

### 22<sup>nd</sup> PAKISTAN & 4TH SADAF DENTAL CONFERENCE

22<sup>nd</sup> National and 4th SADAF Dental Conference will be held at Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore on 1-3 November 2002, under the auspices of Gujranwala (Pakistan) Dental Association. For details contact: Dr Zakaullah Jamil, President or Dr Hafiz M Ilyas, General Secretary, PDA, Gujranwala a, XIII, Jalil Plaza, Court Road, Gujranwala-Pakistan, [e-mail: pdagru@hotmail.com](mailto:pdagru@hotmail.com)

*(Report filed by Ayyaz Ali Khan)*

### AFID ORTHODONTIST ON ADVANCE COURSE IN USA

Lt Col Hameed Ullah Jan BDS (Peshawar), MCPS, FCPS, Consultant Orthodontist AFID proceeded to USA on 27 June 02 on official assignment for 6 months advanced training in orthodontics at Indiana University.

*(Bureau Report)*

### PDA FEDERAL ZONE

51<sup>st</sup> clinical meeting of PDA, Federal Zone was held at a local hotel at Islamabad on 14th April 2002. Large number of dentists of Rawalpindi/Islamabad and adjoining areas attended the meeting. The function was presided by the President of PDA Federal Zone.

Guest speakers were Dr Munawar Rehman from Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, and Dr Shahid Mehmood of Shifa International Hospital. The function was followed by dinner which was hosted by Roomi enterprises.

*(Report filed by Farrukh Aijaz)*

### SINDH

#### **Lecture**

Prof Rafiq Memon of Dental Faculty, Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Jamshoro delivered a lecture with the aid of multi-

media projector system on the management of Halitosis to an august gathering of dental and medical practitioners at a local hotel on May 11, 2002.

Prof Memon stated that 80% of causes of halitosis emanated from oral cavity. Remaining were due to respiratory, alimentary tract, liver ailments, uncontrolled diabetes, uraemia, ketosis and long sleeping hours. The condition is attributed to volatile sulphur compound emitted by the decomposition of microorganisms and food debris. In order to mask this social menace some people used pan, betel-nut, mouth and breath sprays, some fresheners with their very temporary effect, instead of treating the cause, he regretted. He advised meticulous oral hygiene measures with emphasis on cleaning the back of dorsum of tongue where odorogenic bacteria, plaque, etc. habitat most. He suggested tonsillar irrigation with a special gadget meant for it. To offset halitosis he recommended the use of fresh fibrous fruit as apple, citrous fruits, frequent meals, drinks and talking. He showed some mobile-phone sized gadget for measurement of degree of halitosis for self-assessment.

#### **Haj**

Mrs and Prof Abdur Raoof Memon, Head of Operative Dentistry, LUMHS, Jamshoro performed Haj this year.

#### **Married**

Navid Shahzad got married. Huma Youns tied her knot to Naveed, a paediatrician.

#### **Born**

Munaiza Qadri was blessed with a

#### **son. Obituaries**

Prof Raza Mohammad Shaikh, Dean, Dental Faculty, LUMHS, Jamshoro was grieved on the sad demise of his father, Sindh veteran engineer, Allah Warayo Shaikh, 93, former Chief Engineer, West Pakistan.

Aunt of Mohammad Sajjad Akhund, Head of Oral Surgery and Maxillofacial department, LUMHS, Jamshoro departed in Hyderabad.

Mohammad Hassan Farooqi, 65, former Administrative Officer, LMC, Jamshoro, father of Matloob Hassan, demonstrator, LUMHS, Jamshoro passed away.

Farid Nawaz Baloch, popular TV and film artist, father of Faraz expired in Karachi.

Rafiq Qureshi maternal uncle of Mehnaz Baloch, demonstrator, LUMHS, Jamshoro died in Hyderabad.

May Allah rest their souls in peace. Amen.

*(Report filed by Hatim Jatoi)*

## **SAUDI ARABIA NEWS**

A meeting of the PASDAR was held recently in a local hotel in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The meeting was called by the PASDAR international advisor Dr Khalid Almas. The sponsors Al-Turki group presented a lecture on the new materials in dentistry which was well appreciated. Dr Shahid Mahmood presented a lecture on the "Current Concepts in Operative Dentistry". After the lectures, the new office bearers Dr Moghees Baig and Dr Shahid Mahmood were welcomed and the previous office bearers Dr Tahir Paul and Dr Arham Chohan were thanked for their dedication. The meeting was formally inaugurated under the chairmanship of the new Coordinator Dr Moghees Baig. Dr Khalid Almas was congratulated on his selection as an examiner by the Royal College of Surgeons. Dr Tahir Paul presented his report of the visit to Pakistan and presented the progress report of the Center for the handicapped children. He stressed the need for more qualified personnel in Pakistan. Dr Wyne presented his views on the need for increase in the number of seats for Pedodontics at the Children Hospital, Lahore. After a thorough discussion, it was agreed to make a unanimous presentation to the

concerned authorities. Dr Shah Nawaz presented his report on the activities at the Insurance Hospital and informed the meeting that there would be a symposium to be held soon on the "Continuing Education". Dr Baig presented a report on the new techniques in oral surgery which he experienced in Finland. The members were appraised of the situation of the Pakistani dental journals and were encouraged to contribute scientifically. Dr Chohan as the Finance Secretary presented the budget report which was unanimously approved. After this, the meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks for the chair.

*(Report filed by Shahid Mahmood)*

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

One of the plausible reason offered by you vide editorial PODJ, Dec 2001 is that we play with platitudes. In fact history is replete with series of rise and fall of nations with achievements followed by miseries.

On an optimistic note one can say that we can face the challenges by hard work, dedication, vigour and methodical approach to be at par with the developed world, if not excel it.

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(The letters from Dr Sulaiman E S Emran, Dean, College of Dentistry, King Saud University, Riyadh and from Dr M Al-Shamrani/Dr Thakib A Al-Shalan from the same college appear on page 59 because the situation so demanded — Ed)