

4th International conference of Pakistan Association of Orthodontists



The 4th International conference of Pakistan Association of Orthodontists was held from 20th to 22nd November 2015 at the Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan. A record number of delegates from all over Pakistan attended the six conference sessions and 13 workshops conducted by the international faculty from all around the globe. Dr. Nikhilesh R. Vaid, President Indian Orthodontic Society as well as Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society, was the special guest invited for the event.

The Chief Patron of the conference was Dr. Arif R. Alvi, the founder President of Pakistan Association of Orthodontists and member of national assembly of Pakistan, while the patrons were Dr. Ambreen Afzal and Dr. Waheed-ul-Hamid. The organizing committee comprised of Dr. Mubassar Fida, the Chairperson, Dr. Attiya Shaikh, the Co-Chairperson, Dr. Syed Shah Faisal, the Vice Chairperson and Dr. M. Abdullah Kamran, the Conference Secretary.

The conference activities started with pre-conference workshops held on 18th and 19th November 2015. These included workshops on "Use of Bidimensional Technique in Orthodontic Cases" by Dr. Richard Fernandes from Canada, "Temporary Anchorage Devices" and "Damon System" by Dr. Gurkeerat Singh from India, "Smile Design from 2D to 3D" by Dr. Ahmed Korayem from Egypt, "Orthodontic Surgical Course with Software Planning" by Dr. Wesam Alied from UK and "Occlusal Splint Therapy for TMD" by Dr. William Choi and Dr. Karen Shu-Yao Wang from Taiwan.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Farhat Abbas, the Dean Medical College, Aga Khan University, Karachi. Dr. Arif R. Alvi, the Chief Patron of the conference shared his words of wisdom while Dr. Mubassar Fida, the Chairperson of the conference and President of Pakistan Association of Orthodontists (2015), introduced the conference to the participants. The speakers for the conference included Dr. Arif R. Alvi, Dr. Gurkeerat Singh, Dr. Richard Fernandes, Dr. Ahmed Korayem, Dr. William Choi, Dr. Karen Shu-Yao Wang, Dr. Nikhilesh R. Vaid, Dr. Islam Kassem, Dr. Mervyn Hosein, Dr. Mahmood Haider, Dr. Khaled Esmael, Dr. Puneet Batra, Dr. Ambreen Afzal, Dr. Waqas Wahab, Dr. Saleh Al Ghabban and Dr. Nazir Lalani. The closing

remarks of the conference were delivered by Dr. Attiya Shaikh, the Co-Chairperson of the conference and Vice President of Pakistan Association of Orthodontists.

The post-conference workshops held on 23rd and 24th November 2015 comprised of workshops on “Facial Aesthetic Course – Botox and Fillers” by Dr. Islam Kassem from Qatar, “Laser the New Modality in Dentistry” by Dr. Saleh Al Ghabban from Saudi Arabia, “Edgewise Wire Bending” by Dr. Puneet Batra from India, “Multidisciplinary Approach to Treatment of Gummy Smile” by Dr. Nazir Lalani from Canada, “ClearPath Certification Course” by Dr. Waqas Wahab and “Research Protocol and Article Writing” by Dr. Farhan Raza Khan.

Moreover, a workshop on “Infection Control for Dental Assistants / Hygienists” was conducted by Ms. Salima Alibhai from USA on 22nd November 2015.

An exhibition of orthodontic and related products was also part of the conference. Sensodyne of GSK, Henry Schein of CDS, Pfizer and ClearPath Orthodontics were the main sponsors of the event besides others while Dental News and Dental Tribune were the media partners of the conference.

The Gala Dinner was organized on 21st November 2015, where shields were given to all the speakers and sponsors, and souvenirs were handed over to the international faculty. The Saudi Counselor, the CEO of the Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, all the speakers and hundreds of participants attended the gala dinner. Mesmerizing performance was given by artists in the cultural show while Fusion band entertained the attendees with their appealing music.

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