

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Pakistan International Orthodontic Conference**

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> International Association of Dental Research, Pakistan Section Scientific Meeting**

The conference took place at the Institute of Dentistry, CMH Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Nov'2012, for the second year in a row. Delegates from around the county made the trek to the three-day extravaganza. This year's theme "The Road to Excellence" featured a fantastic assortment of speakers with years and years of experience in orthodontics and allied specialties of dentistry. The conference was not only a chance to hear from those leaders and brainstorm for the future, but an opportunity for delegates and residents to attend pre and post conference workshops, meet new friends, reunite with old ones and shop for dental products at the trade show.

The first Annual General Body Meeting of Pakistan Association of Orthodontists was held on the eve of the opening ceremony. It was attended by most of the active members of the association from all over the country. The Conference began with an Opening Ceremony and Reception at 8:00pm on Thursday, November 8, 2012. Beginning at 8:00pm, the Opening Ceremony featured welcome address from the conference Patron (Prof. Waheed ul Hamid), conference Chairman (Prof. Muhammad Qasim Saeed) and conference Co-Chairman (Prof. Abdul Moeed Zaigham). The opening ceremony was well attended and the delegates enjoyed mingling with each other along with a delicious sit down dinner.

The scientific sessions were full day on the 9 & 10 of Nov'2012. It started off with a keynote lecture by Prof. Sibel Biren (Head Department of Orthodontics, Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey). Other foreign speakers included Dr. William Ka-Lun Choi and Dr. Mustafa Burhan Ates. Apart from foreign speakers a large number of local speakers presented during the two days. PAO and IADR halls were both packed with delegates from all over the country. It was a good mix of foreign and local speakers. Local speakers had a good chance of presenting their work at a larger forum. The Gala Dinner was again a well organized sit down dinner with speeches from Prof. Qasim Saeed (President PAO), Prof. Haroon Shahid Qazi (Vice President PAO), Dr. Amjad Mahmood (President Elect 2013) and International delegates. Winners of the poster presentation were also announced and they were awarded by cash prizes. The party ended with music after dinner.

Pre-conference workshop included MBT certification course by Dr. Joseph Bouserhal. Both post-conference workshops, on surgical management of orthodontic cases and wire bending were conducted by Prof. Sibel Biren and Dr. Mustafa Ates. All workshops were well attended.

The atmosphere of CMH Medical College was immense. The arena was of a small educational hub with late night activities. Full credit is given to the delegates and the organizing committee who stayed up late at night and attended the complete scientific sessions the very next day. Foreign delegates were taken around the city of Lahore at various times for site seeing, shopping and dinners.

Exhibitors were the life line of the corridors. It included national and international dental supply companies. 3M Unitek fully participated as a major sponsor once again. Other major sponsors included Glow Pak, Western and Dentsply, along with local companies from Lahore and Islamabad.

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