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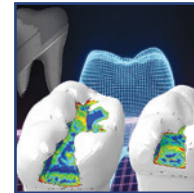
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AEEDC Dubai 2024 wraps up with AED19bn trade deals



Organizers gather for a memorable group photo at the 28th UAE International Dental Conference and Arab Dental Exhibition (AEEDC Dubai 2024), showcasing dedication and collaboration in advancing dental healthcare. –Photo: DT Pakistan

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DUBAI: The 28th UAE International Dental Conference and Arab Dental Exhibition (AEEDC Dubai 2024) concluded on a high note, with trade agreements totaling AED19 billion.

AEEDC Dubai is organized annually by INDEX Conferences and Exhibitions Org. LLC, supported by various healthcare organizations and authorities, including the Dubai Health Authority and the Scientific Global Dental Alliance.

Regarded as a premier event in the global dental and oral health industry, the conference and exhibition attracted a large audience, featuring 5,328 brands represented by 3,924 international companies specializing in oral health supplies and dental technology.

On the third day of the event, the Global Scientific Dental Alliance (GSDA) hosted its 21st annual meeting amidst AEEDC Dubai

2024, drawing 184 member organizations and 383 representatives from across the globe. Representatives of prestigious universities and dental colleges worldwide also attended the event.

During the moot, the Global Dental Alliance launched the "GSDA 2024 Declaration," a collective initiative aimed at providing essential guidelines, recommendations, and solutions to drive future innovations and improvements across eight main pillars.

Dr Abdulsalam Al Madani, PAM Roving Ambassador for the Gulf Cooperation Council Region and Executive Chairman for AEEDC Dubai and the GSDA, commended the annual event's success, emphasizing the importance of education and scientific research in advancing dental and oral health sectors.

Dr Al Madani invited the scientific bodies and organizations specializing in dentistry to engage in this global forum annually, highlighting the sector's consistent

development and advancement.

Chaired by Professor Abdullah Al Shammery, Scientific Chairman of the GSDA and chairman of the Board of Trustees at Riyadh Elm University, the moot included notable figures from the dental community.

Anas Al Madani, Vice Chairman and Group CEO of INDEX Holding, reflected on the future outlook of AEEDC Dubai, emphasizing the role of artificial intelligence in the dental and digital transformation sectors.

The GSDA, a non-profit organization operating under the International Congress for Health Specialties (ICHS), works year-round to enhance professional standards in the dental and oral health sector.

Furthermore, the ICHS, a globally recognized platform, empowers professionals in medicine and healthcare, addressing challenges through initiatives supporting medical education, research, innovation, and excellence in healthcare.

Professor Dr Arshad Hasan receives PhD in operative dentistry

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KARACHI: Professor Dr Arshad Hassan was honoured with a PhD degree in Operative Dentistry during the 13th Convocation of Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS).

Currently serving as the principal at Dow Dental College, Professor Dr Arshad is a graduate of KMDC. He earned his FCPS in Operative Dentistry from CPSP and subsequently achieved his PhD degree from DUHS.

His career began as a demonstrator at KMDC, and he ascended to positions such as senior registrar, professor, and Head of Operative Dentistry at Hamdard University.

Dr Arshad's association with Dow Dental College includes serving as the administrative head of the Endodontic and Restorative Dentistry Unit. He also supervised the MDS Operative Dentistry programme and held key roles on various committees at the Dow University, including the



Dr. Arshad Hasan capturing a moment of joy with colleagues in a delightful selfie. –Photo: DT Pakistan

Institutional Review Board and the Purchase Committee.

He also serves as the finance secretary of the Pakistan Dental Association central council and holds the position of president of the IADR Pakistan section.

Dr Arshad also serves as an associate editor at the Journal of Dow University of Health Sciences and the Journal of Pakistan Dental Association, boasting numerous publications. Colleagues, friends,

and the dental community congratulate Professor Dr Arshad on this achievement, lauding his continuous learning, and skill development, encouraging graduates to emulate his dedication and hard work. The team at Dental News, under the leadership of the Editor, extends heartfelt congratulations to Professor Dr Arshad on reaching this remarkable milestone and express their best wishes for his future endeavors.

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International seminar on endodontics advancements at UOL

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LAHORE: The University College of Medicine and Dentistry (UCMD) at The University of Lahore (UOL) recently organized a seminar in collaboration with Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS), focusing on the evolving landscape of root canal obturation.

Attended by students and faculty members, the event emphasized sealer-based root canal filling techniques and explored the potential for joint scientific endeavors in dental sciences between TUMS and UCMD.

Dr Mohammad H Nekoofer, Director of International Relations at TUMS, discussed modern advancements in root canal filling methodologies. The seminar also featured a discussion led



Seminar participants gather for a group photo alongside Dr. Mohammad H. Nekoofer, Director of International Relations at TUMS. –Photo: DT Pakistan

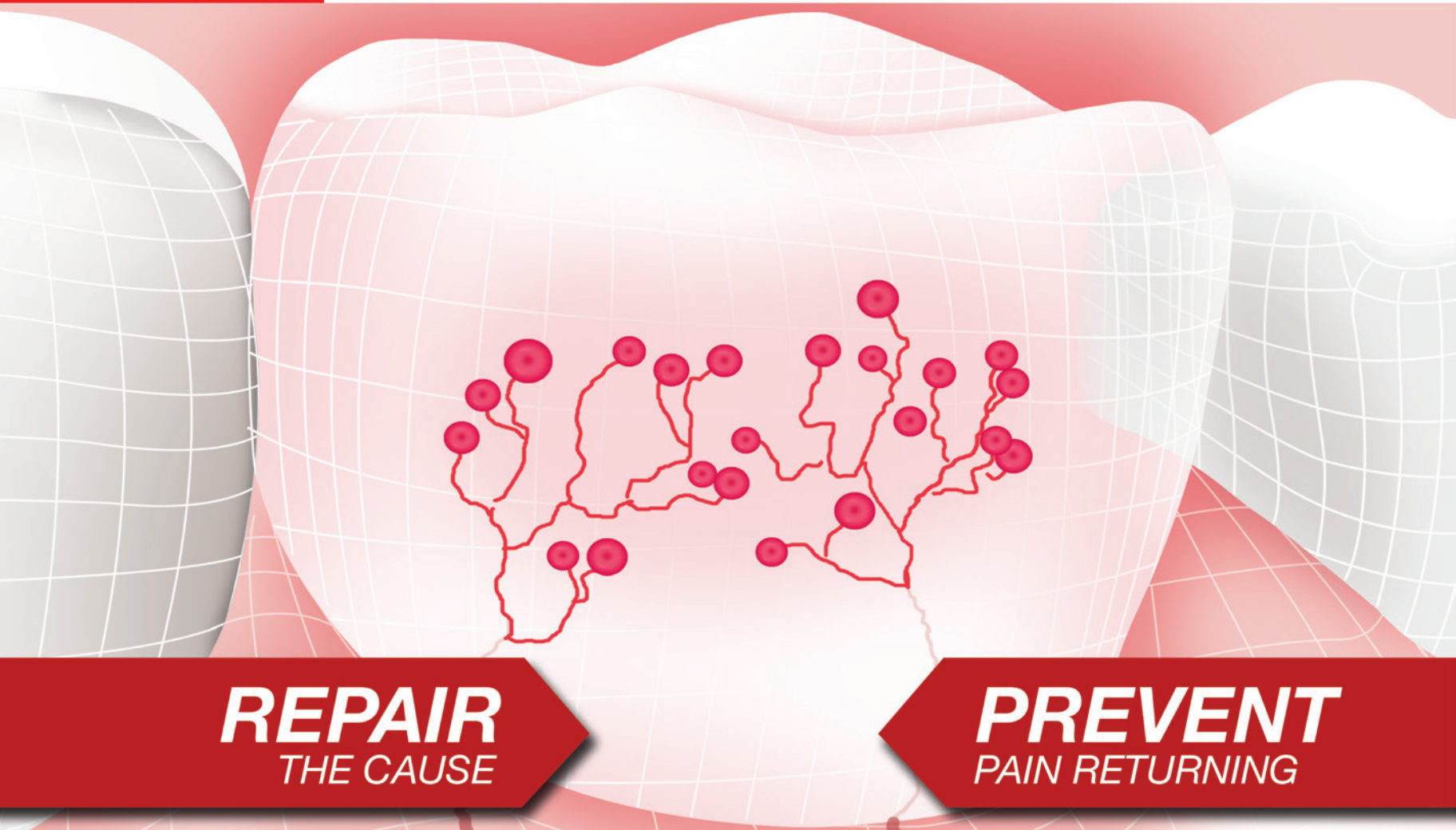
by distinguished panelists in the field of endodontics, including Professor Dr Fariha Naz, Dr Salman Ashraf Khan, Dr Saqib Qazi, and Dr Nabeel, fostering an engaging and informative exchange of ideas.

The event, coordinated by Professor Moghees A Baig, Dean UCMD & Principal University College of Dentistry (UCD), initiated discussions among the panelists regarding the merits and demerits of various obturating materials and proposed joint

research efforts on the subject.

The seminar was attended by Chairman UOL, marking a continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed earlier by the Rector UOL, Professor Muhammad Ashraf.

The seminar underscores the commitment of both UCMD and TUMS to promote dental education and research, paving the way for a promising future of innovation and excellence in the field of dentistry. –PR



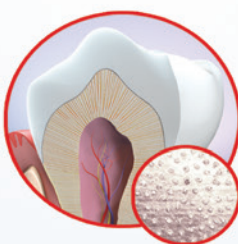
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355 graduates awarded BDS degrees at AIDM convocation



AIDM President Professor Mohammad Altamash (SI) shares a light moment with Principal Professor Hasnain Sakrani and faculty members during the convocation ceremony. —Photo: DT Pakistan

KARACHI: Altamash Institute of Dental Medicine (AIDM) Karachi recently held its convocation ceremony at the Pearl Continental (PC) here, awarding Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degrees to 355 graduates from five batches, besides certificates of merit and medals to the position-holders.

The ceremony was presided over by three eminent personalities: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI(M) TBt; Vice Chancellor of Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Karachi, Professor Dr. Amjad Siraj Memon and President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Khalid Masud Gondal (Sitara-e-Imtiaz & Presidential Pride of

Performance). The attendance of senior officials from the Pakistan Navy, the Registrar of Jinnah Sindh Medical University, and notable figures from the medical, dental, and allied health sciences communities added prestige to the event.

In his welcoming address, Professor Dr. Mohammed Hasnain Sakrani, Principal of AIDM, expressed pleasure and satisfaction at the rapid growth of AIDM into one of the country's most prestigious institutes. He commended the initiation of Postgraduate FCPS programs in Dental Sciences.

Degrees were conferred by the chief guests, followed by the oath taking ceremony conducted

by Professor Dr. Ambreen Afzal Ehsan, Dean Academics at AIDM.

Chief guest Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI(M) TBt congratulated the students, parents, and faculty on their hard work and commendable performance. He said the convocation marks the beginning of graduates' practical lives and urged them to use their knowledge for the betterment of the community and nation while upholding ethical standards.

Professor Dr. Amjad Siraj Memon congratulating the students encouraged them to uphold the noble traditions of their profession and serve humanity to the best of their abilities.

Professor Gondal summarized

the essence of dedication, resilience, and continuous learning in his address. He spoke about the evolving field of dentistry and offered guidance to the graduates as they embark on their professional journey.

The session concluded with AIDM President Prof. Dr. Mohammad Altamash (SI), along with Principal Professor Dr. Hasnain Sakrani, Chief Executive Dr. Shaheena Altamash, and Dean of Academics Prof. Dr. Ambreen Afzal Ehsan, presenting shields to Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI(M) TBt, JSMU VC Prof. Dr. Amjad Siraj Memon, and CPSP President Prof. Dr. Khalid Masud Gondal. —PR

PADS holds dental camp for autistic kids at ARCL

LAHORE: The Prophylaxis Committee of the Pakistan Association of Dental Students (PADS) recently organized a dental camp at the Autism Resources Centre Lahore (ARCL), where budding dental professional also had an insight into understating issues faced by autistic children and built connections with them.

The camp, conducted by 15 volunteers wasn't solely focused on the number of dental procedures performed, but on creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for the autistic kids. The volunteers actively participated in specialized training sessions, equipping themselves with skills



Recognizing exemplary dedication: This certificate honors a dental professional's invaluable volunteer support for autistic children. —Photo: DT Pakistan

to communicate and socialize effectively with these children. This personalized approach ensured that

each child received not just dental care but a genuinely supportive experience tailored to their unique needs.

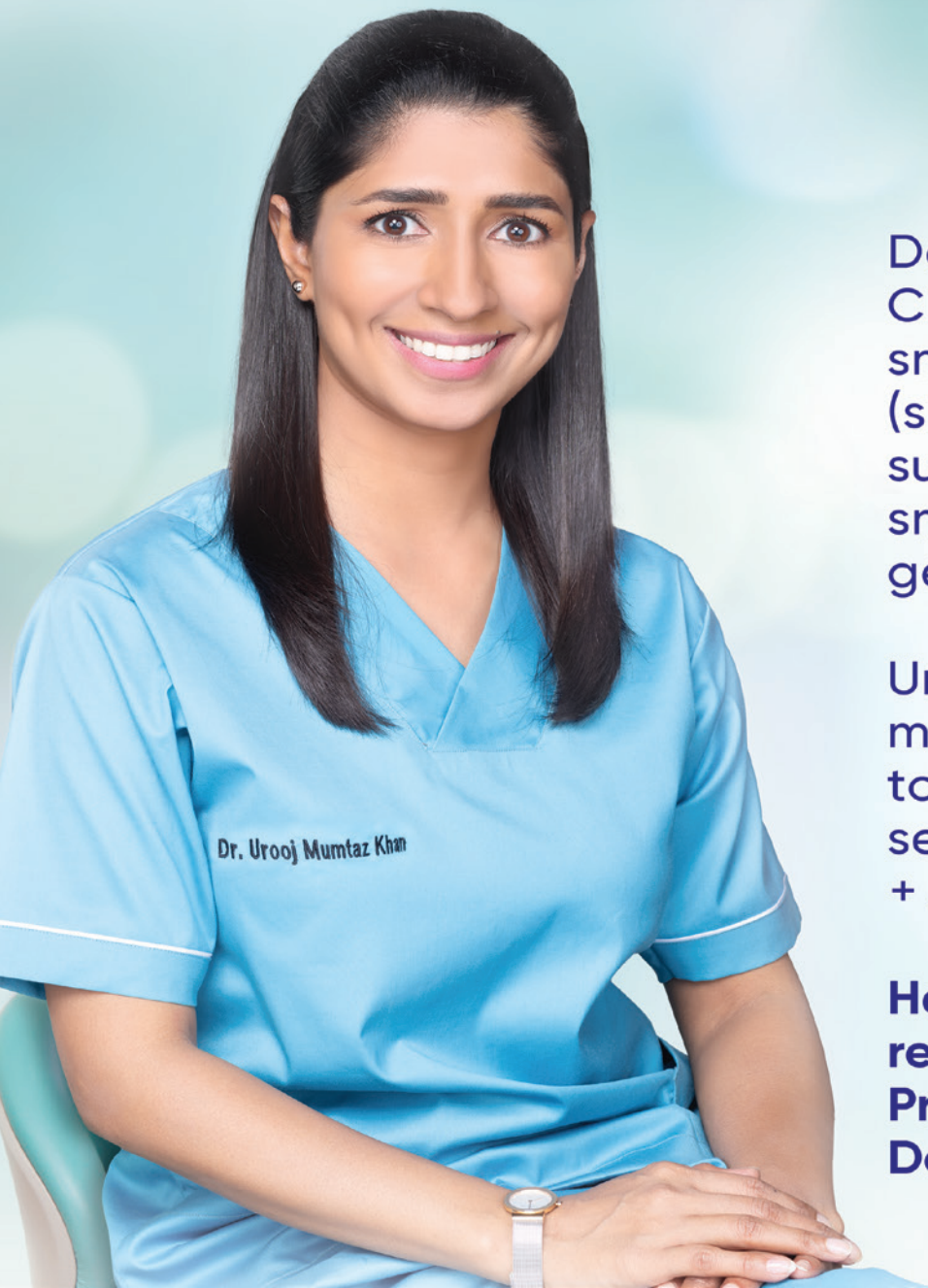
The event featured interactive activities including games, story-telling and shared moments of joy that became the means through which volunteers and children bridged gaps and built bonds. It was also a lesson in empathy, as volunteers learned to navigate the intricacies of interacting with autistic children.

The camp concluded with a ceremony where certificates were awarded not only for participation but also for the commitment each volunteer demonstrated in learning how to connect with and support autistic children. —PR

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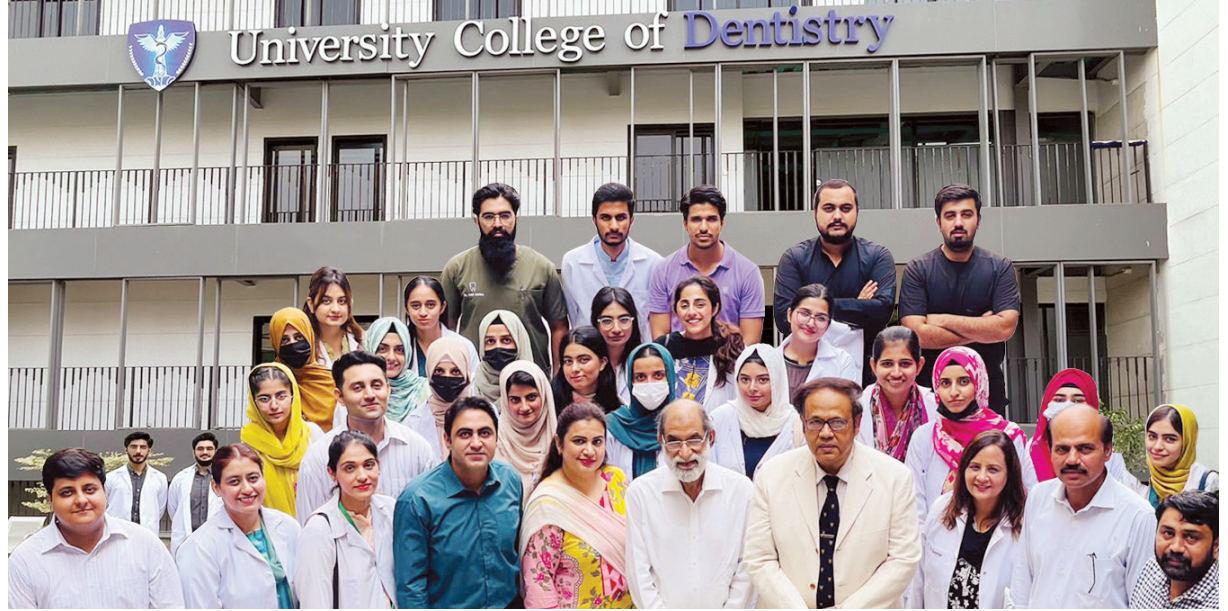
UCMD team holds oral health camps at 20 schools in Lahore

LAHORE: The Department of Community & Preventive Dentistry at the University College of Medicine and Dentistry (UCMD), The University of Lahore (UOL), marked Oral Health Week, in collaboration with Colgate, Palmolive, Pakistan, featuring oral health camps, screenings, in 20 schools of Lahore.

The primary aim of the oral health camps was to educate students and the community about the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene from an early age.

Each day, teams comprising second-year BDS students, house surgeons, and appointed team leaders from UCD Faculty, including Dr Seema Shafeeq, Dr Khaloud Tariq, Dr Zunaira Iqbal, Dr. Naiha Muzamil, Dr. Rayyan Sameer, Dr. Aqsa Arif, and Dr. Ahmad Azhar, visited three schools, examining an average of 150-plus students at each facility.

The students received valuable lessons on proper brushing techniques, the significance of flossing, the impact of dietary



A captivating moment captured during Oral Health Week! Here's the dynamic team from The Department of Community & Preventive Dentistry, joined by BDS students. —Photo: DT Pakistan

habits on oral health, and the consequences of neglecting oral hygiene.

Dental check-ups were conducted on more than 150 students per day. The distribution of Colgate samples further supported the initiative,

promoting the use of quality oral care products.

The schools administrations thanked Professor Moghees, Dean UCMD, and Principal UCD, for his continuous support and guidance, as well as to Dr Muhammad Aslam, Medical Superintendent

of The University Dental Hospital, Dr Wajiha Alamgir, Head of Oral Pathology and Oral Diagnostics Department, Dr. Arooj Ul Hassan, Head of Community and Preventive Dentistry Department, and the departmental team for holding Oral Health Week. —PR

LCMD research team clinches top honour at biosafety moot

KARACHI: Three MD residents specializing in Oral Pathology at Liaquat College of Medicine and Dentistry (LCMD) is pleased to announce a significant triumph as—Dr. Iqra Ali, Dr. Maryam Abid, and Dr. Rabail Khoro—secured the first prize in a poster competition at the "OWSD Conference on Biosafety: Navigating Biorisk Management in Pakistan."

The event, organized by Women in Science for the Developing (OWSD) Pakistan National Chapter, in collaboration with the Pakistan Biological Safety Association (PBSA), was held at the Dr A Q Khan Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (KIBGE), University of Karachi.

Under the guidance of Professor Dr Uzma Zareef, the LCMD



A triumphant moment for Dr. Iqra Ali, Dr. Maryam Abid, and Dr. Rabail Khoro as they clinch the first prize in the poster competition. —Photo: DT Pakistan

team presented their research, clinching the top prize in the competition. The event brought together experts, researchers, policymakers and visionaries, to

address the challenges of biorisk management.

The speakers including Professor Dr Erum Khan, Ms Qandeel Zehra Zameer, Ms Shahida Qureshi, and

Dr Huma Baqai, addressed the conference.

The victory of the team shows the residents' dedication to the field of Oral Pathology, besides the LCMD's commitment to excellence. Their research contributes to the global scientific community, bringing honour to the institution.

Professor Dr Navid Rashid, Principal of LCMD, congratulated Dr Uzma Zareef for her mentorship and guidance resulting in the success of Dr Iqra Ali, Dr Maryam Abid, and Dr Rabail Khoro.

He reiterated LCMD's commitment to supporting and encouraging its students and faculty members to achieve new heights in the fields of medicine and dentistry. —PR

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Over half a million people benefit from Colgate Pakistan's oral health drive

KARACHI: Reaffirming its commitment to promoting oral health and wellness, Colgate Pakistan achieved remarkable success during the nationwide Colgate Oral Health Weeks 2023 through a fruitful collaboration with Pakistan's esteemed dental health community, benefitting over half a million people.

The Colgate Oral Health Weeks spanned 21 major cities across Pakistan, under the theme 'Keep Pakistan Smiling.' This campaign featured a wide range of activities aimed at creating awareness and promoting better oral health standards countrywide.

The core message emphasized the vital role of maintaining a healthy mouth in achieving overall well-being for the entire population.

During the week-long activities, complimentary dental check-ups were conducted, and informative literature was provided at partner institutions throughout Pakistan, emphasizing the significance of optimal oral health for everyone. The efforts aimed to spread awareness and encourage proactive steps towards improving oral hygiene, ensuring a brighter and healthier future for all.

The 'Keep Pakistan Smiling' campaign focused on preventive dentistry, advocating a proactive approach to maintaining oral health through regular care and early intervention.

The activities included thorough brushing, consistent flossing, and periodic professional dental cleanings and check-ups, significantly reducing the likelihood of future dental problems.



A vibrant snapshot capturing school children during their free dental check-ups sponsored by Colgate Pakistan, ensuring brighter smiles and healthier futures. —Photo: DT Pakistan

Colgate's commitment to providing free dental check-ups to people from various backgrounds was at the heart of the campaign. Collaborating closely with Pakistan's dental fraternity, the campaign provided over half a million individuals with free dental check-ups at more than 750 locations, including institutes, hospitals, clinics, and schools.

With nearly 40 years of service in Pakistan,

Colgate continues to be a trusted icon in oral health. The campaign stands as a celebration of radiant smiles and a testament to the pivotal role oral hygiene plays in individual well-being.

The success of the Colgate Oral Health Weeks 2023 serves as an example of the dedicated partnership between the dental fraternity and a committed organization in pursuit of public health. —PR

Clinical case contest at Ziauddin Dental College

KARACHI: The Operative Dentistry Department at Ziauddin Dental College recently held a clinical case competition showcasing skills and innovative approaches of final-year students led by HoD Professor Dr Asmat Jameel.

The panel of judges comprised Prof. Dr. Abubaker Sheikh, Head of the Endodontics Department at Fatima Jinnah Dental College, and Dr Maham Lone, Assistant Professor of Operative Dentistry at Jinnah Sindh Medical University.

The event was also attended by Prof. Wahab Buksh Kadri, Principal of Ziauddin Dental College, and



Professor Wahab Buksh Kadri, Principal of Ziauddin Dental College, alongside esteemed faculty members, gathered in unity during the Clinical Case Contest event. —Photo: DT Pakistan

faculty members, including Prof. Dr. Hina Ahmed, Dr. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Pooja Balani, Prof. Dr. Sarwat Memon, Dr. Saima Qureshi, Dr. w

Atif Iqbal, Professor Dr. Shoaib Khan, Dr. Nazish Fatima, and Dr. Sidra Mohiuddin, who shared their experiences in the field of

operative dentistry.

The competition culminated with Rabea Salman securing the first position. Rabika Syed earned the title of the first runner-up, closely followed by Dania Khurram as the second runner-up. Besides serving as a platform for students to exhibit their clinical acumen, the competition also provided a valuable opportunity for networking and learning from seasoned professionals.

The event underscored Ziauddin University's Operative Dentistry Department's commitment to nurturing the next generation of dental practitioners. —PR

AIDM holds inter-varsity contests on annual Research Day



Dr. Sara Altamash, Prof. Dr. Hasnain Sakrani, and Dr. Naseer Ahmed engaging the audience with insightful discussions on the occasion. —Photo: DT Pakistan

KARACHI: The Altamash Institute of Dental Medicine (AIDM) recently marked its Third Annual Research Day by organising podium presentation and poster contests among outstanding students of six universities (including AIDM) to promote innovation, discovery, and collaboration.

The Third Annual Research Day marked a triumphant celebration of innovation, discovery, and fruitful collaboration. This event commenced with an inaugural address by our esteemed chief guest, Prof. Dr. Ambreen Afzal, Dean of Academics at AIDM, and Councillor at CPSP.

The significance of this occasion was further amplified by the presence of distinguished figures, including Prof. Dr. Hasnain Sakrani, Principal of AIDM, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Altamash, President of AIDM, and Dr. Shaheena Altamash, our esteemed Chief Executive. Alongside them, Dr. Sara Altamash graced the event with her esteemed presence.

The event showcased diverse and groundbreaking researches conducted by the participants who presented their work on cutting-edge scientific advancements to groundbreaking social science inquiries.

The AIDM's Third Annual Research Day was an inter-university competition among the participants belonging to Aga Khan University, Baqai Medical University, Bahria University Medical

and Dental College, Jinnah Sindh Medical University, and Dow University of Health Sciences.

AIDM Research Development and Review Cell Head Professor Dr Naseer Ahmed was the moving force behind the event.

Dr Maria Shakoob Abbas, Dr Shaur Sarfaraz, Dr Beenish Fatim, Dr Resham Nadeem and the AIDM house officers also handled the event exceptionally well under Professor Dr Naseer Ahmed's guidance and leadership.

The podium presentation contest was won by Dr Fakeha Azhar Syed from Aga Khan University, while Dr Batool Sajjad from AIDM was the runner up.

Similarly, the poster competition was won by Dr Baynita Khalid, Dr Nabeeha Naqvi and Dr Laveeza Kashif from Bahria University and Dental College, Health Sciences whereas Dr Maria Ghani from AIDM was declared runner up. A momentous highlight of the day was the distribution of shields to the outstanding participants and victors of the event, a gesture that underscored the commitment and dedication of our researchers and their contributions to the advancement of knowledge and academic excellence.

The event emphasized that research is not merely a process; it is the lifeblood of progress, the driving force behind innovation, and the key to unraveling the mysteries that shape our world. —PR

Hamdard University Dental Hospital unveils 'Wall of Alumni'

KARACHI: The Hamdard University Dental Hospital (HUDH) has unveiled its Wall of Alumni to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the institution's alumni.

The launch ceremony was attended among others by the Chancellor, Madam Sadia Rashid, and the Vice-Chancellor of Hamdard University, Dr Syed Shabib ul Hassan.

The initiative was taken by HUDH's Principal Professor Dr Syed Imran Hassan to honour the students graduating from the university and making it proud with their accomplishments.

The Alumni Wall highlights the exceptional individuals associated with Hamdard University, including alumni affiliated with other prestigious universities, holding government positions, or possessing foreign degrees.

At the event, filled with a sense of accomplishment and nostalgia, Chancellor Madam Sadia Rashid commended Dr Imran Hassan and his team for their dedication to nurturing talented individuals and promoting excellence within the dental profession.

VC Dr Syed Shabib ul Hassan underscored the significance of the Alumni Wall, expressing pride in the accomplishments of the university's graduates and their contributions to society. He appreciated Principal Dr Imran Hassan for his innovative approach to honouring and acknowledging the achievements of Hamdard's exceptional alumni.



Chancellor Madam Sadia Rashid receives a bouquet from Dr. Syed Shabib ul Hassan, Vice-Chancellor of Hamdard University, amid a gathering of distinguished alumni at the Wall of Alumni unveiling event. —Photo: DT Pakistan

The Wall of Alumni reflects Hamdard University's illustrious journey and its commitment to producing outstanding dental professionals. It also serves as inspiration for current students to achieve excellence in their career through their education at Hamdard.

Looking ahead, Principal Dr Imran Hassan envisages expansion of the Alumni Wall, ensuring that even more accomplished individuals are recognized and celebrated. The inauguration of the Wall of Alumni also aims at bridging the gap between the institution and its accomplished graduates. —PR