

Asian Pacific Division : 2014-2015 activities

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1. Message from the Division Chairman- Dr Ambrose Chan

The motto of World Federation for Laser Dentistry-Asia Pacific Division (WFLD-APD) is to advance and advocate photonic dentistry, to bring about healthy teeth and good health, to people in the Asia Pacific regions. Our division is so honour to have a remarkable team who is willing to put in extraordinary time and effort; a dedicated team that underpins the strength of the Division.

Our division had an exceptional busy, but an outstanding year (July 2014-July 2015). All together 8 rewarding activities which included Exhibit lectures: for the Singapore Dental Alumni Association; the 5th HOSA congress at the Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and the International College for Dentists -section XX international conference in Malaysia.

Basic Laser Certification Course: for FDI-Annual World Dental Congress, at New Delhi, India; Q &M Dental Chain in Singapore and the Asia Pacific Dental Congress in Singapore.

International Congress Divisions of WFLD-33th International Congress of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Last but not least, the WFLD-Asia Pacific Laser Dentistry Symposium- Tehran, Iran-2015.

I would like to take this opportunity, as the Division Chairman, to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to our esteemed division speakers who are unreservedly to travel for a great distance overseas, to contribute their valuable time, knowledge and experience to laser education, but mostly have given their continue supports to WFLD-APD. Their dedication, devotion and passion in education are truly inspiring and worthy of great respect with admiration.

2. Report on the APD-JSLD-BLCC (FDI-AWDC)- 12Sept, 2014-New Delhi, India:

World Federation for Laser Dentistry-Asia Pacific Division -Basic Laser Certification Course was held in New Delhi India by our division, on 12 Sep, 2014, in conjunction with Japanese Society for Laser Dentistry. The Course was organized in support of the FDI-2014 Annual World Dental Congress (India).

This was the first basic laser certification course organized by our division to India dentists. The course was well participated with dentists from India as well as other countries. Different lasers machines were provided by Biolase for the hand on session. Most participants paid attention to the different applications for the dental treatments. All participants have good understanding of basic concept in laser dentistry and got the certificates.

Reported by Dr Philip Tsui





Basic Laser Certification Course was held in India by WFLD-APD, in conjunction with Japanese Society for Laser Dentistry at 8:00am-4:30pm on 12th September, 2014. The Course was organized in support of the FDI-2014 Annual World Dental Congress (India). This was the first basic laser certification course organized by our division to India dentists. Drs. How, Tsui, Nagai and me were in charge this BLCC.

The course was well participated with dentists from India as well as other countries. Finally 31 dentists were registered and 31 Certification Completes were issued. Different lasers machines were provided by Biolase for the hand on session. Most participants paid attention to the different applications for the dental treatments. All participants have good understanding of basic concept in laser dentistry.

There is still room for spread of laser dentistry in India. It is necessary to do another BLCC in India near future. I would like to thank Dr. Afreena warmly for her help to an end.

Reported by Prof Hisashi Watanabe

3. Report on APD-JSLD-Q&M BLCC+ Singapore Dental Alumni Association 8-9 Nov 2014, Singapore: Basic Laser Certification Course (8 Nov 2014)

The BLCC course was well attended by 40 participants held at the Q&M Dental Centre. The APD was very impressed by the support and commitment of Q&M to the continuing advancement of laser dentistry within their group and other clinicians in the country.

Prior to the BLCC, the APD had the chance to spend a day visiting the landscape of Singapore, sharing plans for our division and the upcoming WLFD congress in Nagoya 2016.



APD Dinner



Trail walk



Welcome dinner by Q&M



BLCC day

Singapore Dental Alumni Association in conjunction with World Federation for Laser Dentistry (WFLD) - Asia Pacific Division, Jointly presented Symposium for Laser Dentistry

There were over 100 participants for this event including clinicians, hygienists and dental assistants. Although it was a half day event on Sunday morning, participants attended with enthusiasm. We were very impressed by the alumni organizing this symposium in short notice with a massive turn out.

Prof Loh had been working tirelessly in making the events running so smoothly. The APD is always grateful for Prof Loh's hospitality and massive contribution.



Symposium



LILT Demo at the break



Dinner at the alumni -APD members attended: Prof Loh Hon Sai, Prof Kenji Yoshida, Prof Hisashi Watanabe, Dr Ambrose Chan, Dr Shigeyuki Nagai, Dr Clement Eng and Dr Kenneth Luk

Reported by Dr Kenneth Luk

4. Report on 5th HoChiMinh Odonto – Stomatological Association (HOSA) congress, exhibit lecture, 14-15 Nov 2014 Nov-Ho Chi Minh City:

Prof Loh and I were so privilege to be invited by the Dr. Ngo Dong Khanh, (President of HOSA and Deputy Dean, Faculty of Dentistry), together with the esteemed President of FDI, Dr Tin Chun Wong; Presidents of ICD Section XX, Dato Dr How Kim Chuan; Presidents of dental associations of Malaysia, Taiwan, South Korea and Cambodia; ICD regional representatives of Singapore and Thailand and other distinguish guests. This was not only a unique scientific meeting for exchanging knowledge but also a unique opportunity to meet the inferential leaders in AP to exchange ideas together to advance dentistry in the AP region.



5. Report on International Congress Divisions of WFLD-33th IC of SP, 22-24 Jan 2015-Sao Paulo, Brazil:

I together with other division chairmen and Board members were so honor to be invited by Prof Aldo Brugnera Junior (President of WFLD); Prof Adriano Albano Forghieri (President of APCD) and Prof Carlos de Paula Eduardo (Chairman of the Scientific Committee) to present at the International Laser Congress of the World Federation for Laser Dentistry Divisions - WFLD and APCD, held in São Paulo – Brazil, January 22-24, 2015, at the Expo Center Norte – Center for Exhibitions and Conventions.

This congress and experience could be summaries in 3 words “Big”.

- 45,000 out of 80,000 APCD association member attendants.
- Exhibition was 3 times the size of Easter Show in Australia.
- Iguassu Fall is the biggest fall of the natural wonders.
- Big discrepancy between richer and poorer.
- Big in achievement, with the efforts of our college from South America, start this year, laser therapy is available to the public health to provide support care to cancer patients.



International speakers of **Laser Dentistry**, spoke about the progress of this technology applied to dental clinical practice, at the **International Congress of Divisions WFLD** (The World Federation for Laser Dentistry), held from January 22nd to 24th, 2015, in conjunction with **33 CIOSP** (International Dental Congress of São Paulo), Brazil.

Presented their lectures, doctors from the following countries: **Argentina**: Javier Higuera; **Australia**: Ambrose Chan; **Brazil**: Aldo Brugnera Jr. (President of the International Congress Divisions WFLD), Carlos de Paula Eduardo, Fátima Zanin, Antonio Pinheiro, Marcia Martins Marques and Vanderlei Bagnato; **Germany**: Marcella Esteves de Oliveira; **Israel**: Adam and Ayala Stabholz; **Japan**: Kenji Yoshida; **Uruguay**: Valentin Preve and **USA**: Melissa Marchesan.

This event, sponsored by **APCD**, had the Scientific Committee composed by: Ana Cecilia C. Aranha, Karen Muller Ramalho, Marina Stella Bello-Silva, Carolina Steiner Oliveira and Carlos de Paula Eduardo.



6. Report on pre-APDC-BLCC, 2April 2015, Singapore: Pre congress Laser Workshop (2 Apr 2015)

The APDC 2015 Pre Congress Laser Workshop was held in Suntec Convention Centre. 35 participants from Ireland, India, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore attended the laser workshop. Apart from our core BLCC speakers, we were happy to have Dr Li Qian from Peking Union Medical Hospital sharing her laser experience in implant surgery and future of laser dentistry in china. Dr Harry Peeters from Indonesia shared his amazing research on laser assisted irrigation in root canal treatment.

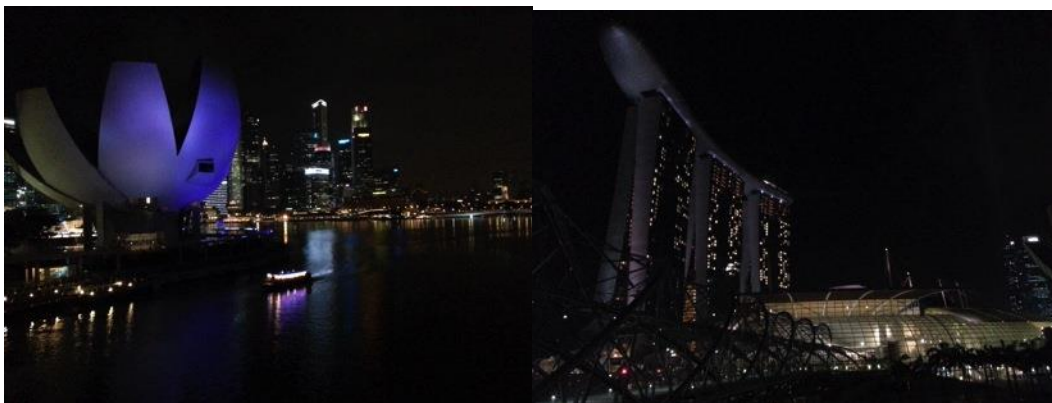
Once again, it was through Prof Loh's hard work and enthusiasm in making this event a success. Our dinner by the Bay gave us a great chance to strengthen the division and enjoyed a night walk by the Bay. We are all looking forward to welcoming the participants at the upcoming WLFED congress in Nagoya 2016.



Dr Nagai at the workshop



MCQ test



APD members attended: Prof Loh Hon Sai, Prof Hisashi Watanabe, Dr Qian Li, Dr Shigeyuki Nagai, Dr Philip Tsui, Dr Harry Peeters and Dr Kenneth Luk.

Reported by Dr Kenneth Luk