

REPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE WORLD FEDERATION FOR LASER DENTISTRY (APD- WFLD), FROM FEB 26 TO MARCH 1, 2024

The APD WFLD begins the activities of the year 2024 in Vietnam from Feb 26th, 2024 to March 1st, 2024 as follows:

1. Visiting the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, Ho Chi Minh City Medicine and Pharmacy University on February 26th , 2024

Prof. Sajee Sattayut, Director of APD-WFLD, Dr. Do Thi Thao, the Secretary of APD-WFLD and Vietnam Country Representative, and Dr. Suwat Tanya, Honorary Officer of the Asian Pacific Division Director Office, had a meeting with Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Van Khoa, Dean of Faculty, Dr. Hoang Trong Hung, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, and Dr. Lam Dai Phong, from the Department of Diagnostic Imaging. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss further collaboration since the last activity between the two organisations, which was the Basic Laser Certification Course in 2013. The two sides discussed and exchanged cooperation to promote the development of research via the APD WFLD, connecting the experts who are the members of the WFLD to the faculty on requests, continued education via arranging the academic events which contributing by the staff of the faculty and the members of the WFLD, and improving standards of service in laser dentistry via the network consultation of APD WFLD. These will over all improve the quality of laser dentistry in Vietnam. The Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, Ho Chi Minh City Medicine and Pharmacy University will proceed with these activities through the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Vietnam Dental Association and the APD WFLD.

2. Organizing APD_WFLD certification course for lasers in dentistry 2024 at Sheraton Can Tho Hotel, Can Tho, from February 28th to March 1st, 2024

The Asian Pacific Division of the World Federation for Laser Dentistry (APD-WFLD), in partnership with the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology at Can Tho University of Medicine Pharmacy (CTUMP), successfully organized the "APD-WFLD Laser Dentistry Certification Course, 2024" in Can Tho from February 28, 2024 to March 1, 2024. This was the first time a new 3-day hybrid course was introduced, including interactive lectures and simulation laboratory practice in laser dentistry. The course covered topics recommended by the World Federation for Laser Dentistry and aimed to provide helpful knowledge for dentists working in dental practice and academic organizations.

On the occasion of the program's opening, Assoc. Prof. Tran Viet An, the Vice Rector of Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy, was one of the distinguished guests along with Assoc. Prof. Truong Nhut Khue, the Dean of Faculty of Odonto - Stomatology, Dr. Le Nguyen Lam, the Vice Dean of Faculty of Odonto - Stomatology, and the speakers from the WFLD.

Assoc Prof Truong Khut Khue delivered a welcoming speech and Prof. Sajee Sattayut, director of APD WFLD addressed an opening remark.

The course had speakers from the WFLD, including Prof. Sajee Sattayut (Director of the APD-WFLD), Prof. Samir Nammour (Chairman of International Relations and Internal Legal Affairs of the WFLD), Prof. Aldo Brugnera Junior (Advisor of the WFLD), Dr. Ambrose Chan (Secretary-General of the WFLD), Dr. Sonia Bordin-Akroyd (Director of the North American Division (NAD) WFLD), Dr. Shigeyuki Nagai (Vice Director of the APD-WFLD), Dr. Kenneth Luk (Treasurer of the APD-WFLD), Dr. Apoorva Gupta (member of WFLD), and Dr. Do Thi Thao (Secretary of the APD-WFLD). Dr. Do Diep Gia Huan, a lecturer at the CTUMP, was also a simultaneous interpreter for the Vietnamese language. The organizing committee and dental students provided excellent support in various aspects, such as designing backdrops, nameplates, master of ceremony, welcoming guests, accommodation, meals, supporting theoretical and practical classrooms, gala dinner, and supporting the speakers and international participants from Ho Chi Minh City to Can Tho and their return.

There were 30 participants from the Asian Pacific region, including 22 from Vietnam, three from Thailand, two from the Philippines, and one each from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia and the Philippines.

The conference lasted for three days, with 24 hours of activities covering a wide range of theoretical and practical topics related to laser dentistry. The topics included interactive lectures on the historical and contemporary concepts in laser dentistry, laser safety and prevention, laser wavelengths, biophysics and tissue interaction, high-intensity laser therapy, selective-laser therapy, photobiomodulation, and low-intensity laser therapy. The lectures explored the application of lasers in oral surgery, periodontology, implant, conservative dentistry, endodontics, general dentistry, and esthetics. Additionally, laboratory sessions were held to provide hands-on experiences in laser safety, laser physics and tissue interaction, soft tissue and tooth ablation, interstitial laser therapy, and photobiomodulation therapy. Self-assessment and learning evaluations were also conducted.

This course received sponsorship from several companies, including Fotona d.o.o., State of the Art Dental Solutions Company Limited (SOTA-D), Viet Dang Medicine Dentistry Equipment JSC, 3S Dental Supply Equipment Company Limited, Medent Medical Equipment Company Limited, YTC - LTC Medical Equipment JSC, Pacific Dental Supply, Viet Nam Smart Dental Solutions Company Limited (SDS), and Tin Medical Dental Company Limited.

A social function was held during the Gala dinner on February 29th, 2024. This event provided an opportunity for participants, speakers, and members of the local organizing committee to exchange scientific views and enjoy delightful entertainment and friendship. Furthermore, the speakers and international visitors had the opportunity to explore Can Tho city, including the floating market and Ninh Kieu quay, and enjoy traditional foods.

All of the participants were successful in obtaining the WFLD Basic Laser Dentistry Certification in the end. The collaboration and network among the APD WFLD, the WFLD, the local organizer - the faculty of Odonto-Stomatology CTUMP, the sponsor companies, and the participants have been strengthened both on an individual and organizational basis.

3. The Asian Pacific Division of World Federation for Laser Dentistry signing MOU with the Faculty of Odonto - Stomatology, Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy

The signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was successfully held in the meeting room at CTUMP. Assoc. Prof. Truong Nhut Khue, the Dean representing the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, CTUMP, and Prof Sajee Sattayut, the Director representing the APD, WFLD, signed the MOU. Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Van Lam, Vice Rector of CTUMP, and Dr Ambrose Chan, the Secretary of WFLD, witnessed the signing. Also present at the ceremony were Dr. Le Nguyen Lam, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, CTUMP lecturers, and the APD WFLD committee.

This MOU is the first for the APD WFLD with an academic organization. It marks a significant milestone in history as it signifies two units coming together with a shared goal of knowledge-sharing and laser application in dentistry. The collaboration aims to develop education and clinical practices and improve community service.

4. Visiting Faculty of Odonto - Stomatology, Can Tho University of Medicine Pharmacy

Prof. Sajee Sattayut, the Director, along with the APD WFLD committee, recently visited the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology at Can Tho University of Medicine Pharmacy. They were warmly welcomed by the Dean, Assoc. Prof. Truong Nhut Khue, and the staff. The faculty boasts a spacious area that includes department offices, preclinical practice areas, clinical practice areas (including a practical area for laser dentistry), and a lecture hall.

PHOTOS OF OUR ACTIVITIES

1. Visiting the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, Ho Chi Minh City Medicine and Pharmacy University



Photo with Dean, Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Van Khoa



Photo with Vice Dean, Dr. Hoang Trong Hung, and Dr. Lam Dai Phong

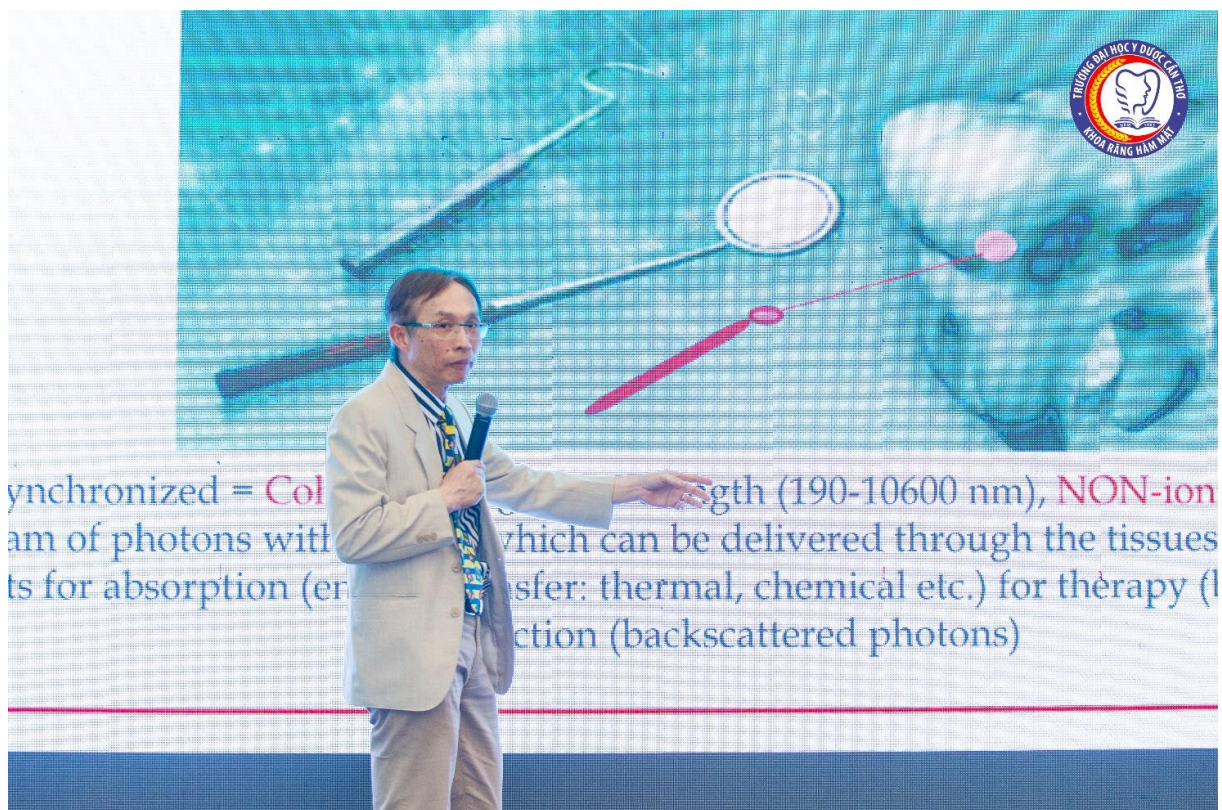
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Assoc. Prof. Truong Nhut Khue, Dean, Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy

























The best participant with the highest score, Dr. Andrew Chan from Australia



Dr. Do Diep Gian Huan, translator



The participants from Thailand, Philippines, Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan received the certificates from CTUMP



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Can Tho, March 7, 2024

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