

THE DENTAL MIRROR



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From The Editor's Desk



It is indeed a great honor to be at Editor's desk for the Dental Mirror and it is an immense pleasure to launch this second edition for 2019.

In this issue, we will recount the various events, activities and achievements in which the Faculty of Dentistry was actively involved and surmounted since the last two months (March 2019 until April 2019).

There were too many to mention, but the Faculty reached its zenith, when it received the awards for the 'Best Faculty' and another for 'Best in Research' in MAHSA University. These accolades were received during MAHSA's 15th Anniversary and Staff Appreciation Night. It took on the mantle of a glittering and glamorous red-carpet event.

This achievement does not come easy. It is ambition, passion, determination and drive qualities which set apart the leaders and winners. The qualities mentioned earlier need to be continuously honed so even greater heights can be scaled.

There were two momentous dental events where the faculty was the tiller. Needless to say, both events were highly successful. Hard work, dedication and comradeship of committee members paid off handsomely. One of the events was the 4th Malaysian International Dental Show (MIDS) at PWTC hosted by MAHSA and MDDA.

The faculty always emphasizes on continuing education for students and lecturers so as to be at the forefront of current knowledge attainment. Thus workshops, seminars and CPDs are always in the agenda. No doubt it is demanding and challenging but these efforts provide an immense sense of achievement and satisfaction.

A quotation by Peter F Drucker to end this column: **"Knowledge has to be improved, challenged and increased constantly, lest it vanishes"**

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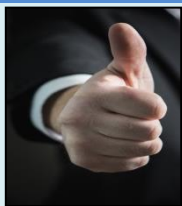
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PIDC – MAHSA Collaboration Accreditation Visit



Thumbs up and congratulations to the Dean, Prof. Dr. Rosnah Mohd Zain and all dedicated and committed staff involved. On 11 April 2019 MQA panel of seven members lead by Prof Datuk Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Abu Hassan from UiTM gave commendable remarks for the PIDC-MAHSA Year 1 and Year 2 collaboration. This accreditation visit will ensure PIDC students utilize the facilities provided by MAHSA University in the first two years of their studies.

The other panel members are from UKM, MDC, KPT and MQA.

The success is proof of good leadership and teamwork. **FoD be MORE!!**



FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Awards for the Faculty



During the glittering ceremony of MAHSA's 15th Anniversary- Staff Appreciation Night, the Faculty of Dentistry received two awards: The Best Faculty and the Research Excellence Awards, including the Challenge Trophy for the best faculty award. Both awards are Tan Sri Datuk Dr Hj Mohamed Haniffa's awards.

Thanks to our Dean, Prof Dr. Rosnah Bt Mohd Zain, with her vast experience and leadership for steering the faculty to greater achievements.

The night also saw members of the faculty on stage to receive different categories of awards to honor their dedication and hard work:

Prof Dr Tara	-	Poster Presentation
Dr Sulagna	-	Research Publication
Dr Padmini	-	Clinical Teaching
Dr Ali Aizad	-	Best Attendance



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B



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A - Best Faculty
Challenge
Trophy

B - Best Faculty Trophy

C - Research Excellence
Trophy

FACULTY PRIDE

AP Dr Prathap Chandar Manivannan



AP Dr Prathap was an external examiner at Penang International Dental College on 11th – 12th March 2019 for Orthodontics Year 4 Professional Examination. It is a testament of high repute among the peers of the profession. It is indeed a faculty's pride and honor to MAHSA.

AP Dr Ratnasothy a/I N Subramaniam



AP Dr Ratnasothy was invited as guest lecturer at Zurich Indemnity Insurance, Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Padmanabha Kumar Govindaraj



Dr Kumar was an invited speaker at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, India. He gave on "Management of Oro-Facial Pain in OMFS" which is his specialty.



Congratulations to Prof. Dr Tara Bai Taiyeb Ali, the Chief Research Investigator, Dr Padmini Hari & AP Dr Aied Mohammad Co-Investigators and team member Ms. Sulwana for securing a grant for the research project entitled "Efficacy of Locally Delivered Minocycline in Advanced Periodontitis - A Clinico microbiological study" from Sunstar Inc. Japan.

In this clinical trial, 50 patients with Advanced Periodontitis were enrolled in the study. In each patient, at least 3-4 teeth with probing pocket depth of $\geq 6\text{mm}$ that bleed on probing at the initial visit were selected. A total of 150-200 teeth among the enrolled subjects were selected for the study. The subjects were randomly allocated to test (Periocline) and control (Placebo) groups. The study is a double-blind, parallel study.

This project was submitted to RRC, MAHSA University and ethical clearance had been obtained. **SUNSTAR Japan Pvt. Ltd** currently is funding the project that is worth **RM120,000** besides providing the test drug and placebo for investigation to be carried out.

A MoA had been signed between **MAHSA University** (represented by the previous VC Dato' Khairul Anwar) and **SUNSTAR Japan Pvt. Ltd** with regards to this project.

The results of the Research will enable MAHSA to publish the research and to present the preliminary findings at the Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology Meeting (APSP) in Kuala Lumpur in September 2019 and the final research outcome at an international conference later.

The APSP holds their biennial meeting in one of the member countries. The forthcoming 13th APSP meeting will be held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2019.



Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT)



On 1 March 2019, the Faculty of Dentistry conducted a CBCT workshop and this was opened to the external dental community.

CBCT has become increasingly important in treatment planning and diagnosis in dentistry, particularly in implants, oral surgery, endodontics and orthodontics. Thus, this workshop conducted by the Faculty of Dentistry was a crowd puller.

It was headed by a very experienced team comprising Prof. Dr. Phrabhakaran, the coordinator together with Dr. Manzoor and Dr. Prashanti as the facilitators. The hands-on session was supported by Pn Faezah and Cik Khairun Izzati our resident dental radiographers.

Participants on the whole enriched their knowledge and hands-on skills on this “medical imaging technique”

Rotary Endo Workshop: Protaper



On 2nd March 2019, the faculty conducted a “Rotary Endo Workshop, in shaping the future of endodontics. It was successfully helmed by Prof Dr Kiran and AP Dr Kranthi.

MAHSA’s DDS alumni were enthusiastic about improving their skills in rotary endodontic armamentarium using the protaper technique. It was an opportune way to pass their time while waiting for their Ministry of Health posting.

This workshop benefitted the DSAs who helped out during the workshop.



4th MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL DENTAL SHOW (MIDS) 2019

This conference was jointly organised by
**MAHSA University and MDDA (Malaysian
Dental Dealers Association)**
at **Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) Kuala
Lumpur from 19 – 21 April 2019**



This year's theme, 'Towards Excellence in Dentistry', drew quite a big crowd, reaching almost the expected number of over 2,000; comprising private and government dentists & dental professionals, exhibitors and industry leaders from Malaysia and abroad.

The expected outcomes from MIDS 2019 were namely to improve knowledge and understanding of modern dentistry, to expand networks, to witness the latest display of dental technologies & current innovative products in the market and to enjoy great savings and other surprises by traders during the exhibition.

The conference proper was from 19th to 21st April 2019 and was officially opened by the Minister of Health Malaysia, YB Datuk Seri Dr Haji Dzulkefly Ahmad.

Gracing the prestigious event were:

- Acting Principal Director of Oral Health Division MOH, Dr Norliza Mohamed
- MAHSA Pro-Chancellor & Executive Chairman, Prof Tan Sri Datuk Dr Hj Mohamed Haniffa bin Hj Abdullah
- VC, Prof Dato Dr Ishak bin Abdul Razak
- Dean FOD, Prof Dr Rosnah Mohd Zain
- AP Dr Kranthi and Mr Ezekiel Tiew Soon Lim (the joint organizing chairpersons)

This international event would not have been successful without the good team efforts of AP Dr Kranthi, the Organizing Chairman with his team from MAHSA University and Mr. Ezekiel Tiew Soon Lim the Exhibition Chairman and his team from MDDA.

The five days' Dental Show was arrayed with enormous events with both pre and post conference workshops held at MAHSA University on 18th and 22nd April 2019 respectively.

Fifteen local and international speakers from all over Asia delivered their keynote lectures on a variety of topics.

One of the highlights of Day 1 event was the Oral Medical Symposium by two local and a foreign speaker.

Prof Dr Rosnah, MAHSA's Faculty of Dentistry Dean and she is au courant with oral cancer issue talked on "Global Burden of Oral Cancer – Research Advances and its Impact to the Community".

The other speakers were Prof Dr Camile S Farah, a Professor of Oral Oncology, Dean & Head of the UWA Dental School, and Director of the Oral Health Centre of WA, at the University of Western Australia and Prof Dr. Khoo Suan Phaik, an Associate Dean of IMU.

The symposium ended in a Case-based discussion on Oral Diseases: "When to Treat, Where to Refer". The session was facilitated by AP Dr. Deepak Pateel



Case-Based Discussion by 3 renowned speakers on "When to Treat, Where to Refer"



To add excitement to these events, a trade exhibition was held concurrently, during which a large number of dental representatives and traders gathered to showcase state-of-the-art equipment and technology in the world of dentistry

The Trade Exhibition was officially opened by the Minister on the first day itself.

He visited and spent some time at a few participating booths.

There were more talks and workshops running concurrently on Day 2 and 3 of the conference with interesting topics to enrich the minds of the enthusiastic audience, and the E-Poster competition attracted more crowds.

The E-poster competition for this year was divided into three categories:

- Research Category
- Qualitative Research Category
- Non-Competing Category

Judges were Prof Dr Ong Siew Tin & Dr. Noor Azlin Yahya



Congratulations to AP Dr Chia Set Hoong for winning in the Qualitative Research Category



The grand culmination was of course the MIDS networking Dinner and Lucky Draws.

**Networking is marketing,
marketing YOURSELF, marketing your UNIQUENESS,
marketing WHAT YOU STAND FOR**

Christine Lynch

And in the lucky draws, REMEMBER "A Quitter never Wins and a Winner never Quits"

MASTER CLASS PROGRAMMES



On 19th April 2019, our first Masterclass Programme, 'Understanding Genetics and Diseases' was conducted by AP Dr Aeid and Dr. Nazmul Haque.

The target group was Year 1 and Year 2 DDS students with the aim of promoting interest and awareness on the complex relationship between human genetics and disorders. Besides the target groups, everyone was welcomed. This timely topic serves as a starting point to explore this new field in medicine. Case-based learning was introduced and practiced early to ensure relevance to clinical practice.

FACULTY INVOLVEMENT IN MAHSA'S EVENTS

Open Days and Mini Open Days

The Faculty of Dentistry has always participated in most of the activities that MAHSA University organizes. MAHSA has lined up Major and Mini Open Days for 2019. All faculties are expected to market their own programmes.

The Faculty of Dentistry showcased her facilities to the public during Open days, Mini Open days and Education Fairs. During this period, staff on duty assisted to attend to any queries regarding the programmes offered.

Realizing the importance of staying connected with students, MAHSA University has actively participated in various Education Fairs. The Education Fairs held at Mid-Valley on 16-17 and 23-24 March 2019 received good response for Dentistry. Following this were Facon Education Fair on 30-31 March, Star Education Fair on 6-7 April was at KLCC and Sunway Star Education Fair on 13-14 April.

In conjunction with MAHSA Open Day on 6-7 and 13-14 April, an Art and Music Carnival was held as an added attraction. MAHSA'S Open Day provides an excellent platform for youths to get insights on promising career pathways.



One Day in the Faculty of Dentistry



On 1 March 2019, a number of school leavers had a one-day stint at MAHSA University to have a better insight of the health sciences programmes. The Dental Faculty came on board and visitors were enlightened about the two dental programmes offered.

What to study? **Where** to study? **Which** course is the best for me?

These are questions in school leavers' minds, which are not easy to answer. Nonetheless, the Ministry of Education has strategized several education fairs for visitors ranging from SPM, STPM and Matriculation school leavers, parents, teachers, university student, working adults, members of the industry and the general public seeking education opportunities. It is a chance not to be missed by students who are enthusiastic about taking up undergraduate and post-graduate courses. These 'Fairs' will provide almost all the answers to queries on the preferred colleges and universities, courses, scholarships and career possibilities

One such initiative which had been arranged for them is the 'Try & See' 2019 Course Map by Higher Education

This Try & See is a One-day course trial to simulate what students will learn and do, to assist school leavers to decide on the right course and to showcase faculty staff with the right skills in the right place.

Why Try & See?

- An opportunity to showcase the institution's academic quality and capacity.
- To inculcate objective-driven students by promoting passion for education.

The young visitors were taken on a faculty tour and were given a 'wire bending technique' demonstration which can be a useful art for aptitude test during interviews of dental programmes. It was a productive and interesting session for the students.



STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES - Community Service Posting

Community service posting is an opportunity for final year students to have a better insight of the actual setting in the working lives of dentists. The students were posted to various dental clinics under the Ministry of Health. Five dental clinics were identified: Dental Clinics Cheras, Jinjang, Kuala Kubu Bharu, Putrajaya and Rawang.

Each group had a five-day stint at the designated clinic to observe various specialties.

They also had the opportunity to interact with the Dental Therapists in mobile squads (Pasukan Pergigian Bergerak) for both primary and secondary schools and anti-natal clinics. This posting not only gave them an insight of the actual environment but also introduce them to the Dental Health Care Team. The community service posting ended with students' reflection of the whole programme.

Thank you to Dr. Govind who coordinated with the MOH counterparts to make this community service possible and to the other Public Health lecturers who accompanied them, namely Dr. Vijay, Dr. Shilpa and Dr. Savithri.



National Dental Intervarsity Games

What an euphoric event – MAHSA Dental Faculty once again made MAHSA University proud as she was victorious in many categories of the games. The total tally was 21 medals: 11 golds, 5 silver and 5 bronze to achieve the highest amongst 13 participating universities.

The games fielded were Badminton | Basketball | Carom | Chess | Frisbee | Futsal | Netball | Swimming | Table Tennis | Tug of War | Track & Field Events | Volleyball.

The best male athlete, Ding Zhi Hao won golds for 100m, 200m and 4 x 400m, while Ooi Yei Kei won golds for female freestyle 50m, female butterfly 50m and female 4 x 50m freestyle relay.

Well done!! Both are year 2 DDS students.

MAHSA University will be the host next year and this year's victory will go to show that here at MAHSA, we always try to Be More.



The best male and female athletes flanked by the Dean and Deputy Dean (Student Affairs) together with the University Representative



The Dean Prof Dr. Rosnah, Deputy Dean AP Dr. Prathap and student Kamand, MAHSA University representative for the Intervarsity Games (IVG) taking over the baton for next year's game.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

Dental Camps - Outreach Programme

MAHSA University once again brought oral health programme to the community. The community of Klang was lucky to have free oral health screening and counselling by lecturers and students. This was followed by the communities of Puchong and Puchong Batu 14 and our neighboring community at City Link.

Faculty of Dentistry will continue MAHSA's USR role in generating awareness and improving oral health to various communities in the Klang Valley. A noble contribution with a good exposure and experience for DDS year 5 students.

7 April 2019 -

Dataran Seri Perantau, Pelabuhan KlangKlang Community



28 April 2019 -

Dental Camp at Puchong Batu 14

The community of Puchong Batu 14 was fortunate to have YB Gobind Singh Deo to officiate this Dental Camp. YB Gobind interacted well with the community and the dental students.



Oral Health Promotion @ City Link

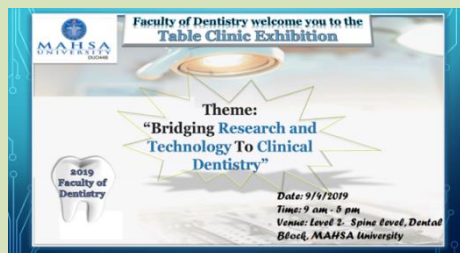
Oral health promotion is an essential element of a health promoting community programme. City Link is our neighboring community and we included them as our partner in health.

For three days from 12th - 14th March 2019, a group of dental staff lead by Lt Kol (Rtd) Dr. Shadevan A/L Govind went across to City Link to promote oral health to their staff. Besides this, our oral health services as provided by MAHSA Dental Clinics were also promoted to them.

It was a good experience for the DSA's and Dental Technologist too.



Table Clinic Exhibition



In preparation for the forthcoming NDSSC, DDS Year 4 students held the Table Clinics presentations. Twelve groups presented their table-top scientific findings within a 10 minutes time frame with the theme "Bridging Research and Technology to Clinical Dentistry".

Winning teams will represent MAHSA for the big NDSSC event.

Thank you to the organizing committee Dr Nisreen and Dr Devarasa for their untiring efforts as well as the lecturers involved in supervising and guiding the students through to make it a success.

They were professionally judged by AP Dr Sivakumar Arunachalam from Division of Children & Community Oral Health, International Medical University (IMU) and Ir Prof Dr Leong Wai Yie, Dean Faculty of Engineering MAHSA University.

The titles covered a wide range of aspects in dentistry and were exhibited at the "Spine". Good teamwork, good guidance and supervision were displayed as the presentations were well articulated.

Q & A could be nerve wrecking within that short session but they showed poise and confidence. Well done!!



