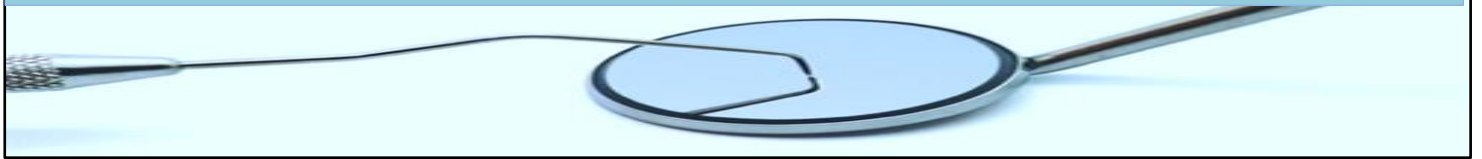


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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

We are back with yet another issue. Though, the events of high importance kept us all busy but we are never too far away, not to reach our readers.

This issue has a lot of interesting Faculty news which will tell you how our quiet looking Faculty is always abuzz with activity underneath. It is the efficiency of our students and staff that so many activities of different flavors keep taking place and yet the schedules and daily activities don't get disturbed. In fact on surface it is all so calm while a strong current of activity flows underneath.

I take this opportunity to congratulate our Dean, Prof Dr Rosnah Mohd Zain, Associate Prof. Dr Prathap and team for the success of the National Dental Students' Scientific Conference 2019, a platform where students showcased their research talents in the different categories. We are all proud of you dear students!

In the spirit of giving and togetherness amidst the Holy month of Ramadhan and month of social responsibility, various activities are carried out. Set of photos captured within the faculty speak volumes.

I hope you enjoy going through the newsletter and will also send us your opinions and suggestions to improve it further.

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Faculty Pride

Visiting Lecturer at University Puthisastra

Dr. G. Padmanabha Kumar, a senior lecturer from Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dentistry, MAHSA University was appointed as part-time visiting lecturer to University Puthisastra Cambodia.

He delivered 12 lecture topics, conducted PBL sessions, mini tests and demonstrated various wiring techniques for maxillofacial fractures to the students.

Both universities hope to gain and create research and more teaching networking from this arrangement.

Congratulations again Dr. Kumar.



**Difficult Roads
often lead to
Beautiful
Destinations**

Accomplishing Commitments

Faculty of Dentistry is again proud of the commitments shown by her lecturers. Two Senior Lecturers represented MAHSA University in two separate international events held locally.

Dr Hari Padmini a senior lecturer from Periodontology Department presented an oral paper at MIDECON held in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on 13 June 2019. The title was "Evaluation of root surface alterations on periodontally involved teeth and pain perception after instrumentation with ultrasonic scaler with titanium tips".



AP Dr Shilpa Gunjal, an associate professor in Dental Public Health represented MAHSA University at ICOPH. It is an international conference on Public Health held from 10th to 12th June 2019 at the International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM).

It was an innovative and informative International Conference reflecting the direction of Public Health while offering a wide range of diversions to participants of all backgrounds. The theme for this 5th Conference was "Promoting Global Health Equity towards a Sustainable Future"

Dr. Shilpa was a chairperson for one of the scientific sessions and also presented a paper on the Non-Communicable Disease category entitled "Assessing Oral Cancer Awareness among Dental & Medical Students of Malaysian Private Universities".



Faculty Events – 11th NDSSC

27th April 2019 is a day to remember. Faculty of Dentistry, MAHSA University was privileged and honored to host the 11th NDSSC with the theme “Aspire, Advance, Achieve”. MAHSA would like the dental students aspire to greater heights, advance towards success and achieve fulfilment in life.

Many congratulatory and commendable messages were received from Deans/lecturers of other participating universities. These are nods of approval to MAHSA’s success and hospitality.

A big round of applause to the Organizing Chairperson, AP Dr. Prathap and his team and not forgetting to the Dean Prof Dr Rosnah and VC Prof Dato Dr Ishak for their untiring drive and guidance.



NDSSC 2019 Committee Members



The conference was officially opened by Prof Dato Dr Ishak Abd Razak, Vice Chancellor, MAHSA University. Prior to the official opening President of MDA Dr Ng Woan Tyng delivered a key note lecture on “Young Graduate: Aspiring to Advance into Dental Career”: a befitting topic to our fellow future dentists.

Students from various dental institutions had the opportunity to mingle, network and form new linkages. This event offered access to new contacts which you captured through the lens, lest you forget.



The conference was interestingly arrayed with Oral Presentations, Poster Presentations both Competing and Non-Competing categories, Dentopedia Quiz, Table-Clinic Competition, Talent Shows, Online Photography and Videography Contests.

Both Oral Presentations and Poster Presentation required careful planning, good communication skills and most importantly composure and poise which the participants were able to display in a short and concise time-frame.

Dentopedia Quiz was led by Dr Devarasa and this competition was connected to memorable lessons in a relatable and engaging manner.

Then there was the Table Clinic Competition. The theme for this year was “ Innovative Practices in Dentistry” Participating institutions had to abide to certain guidelines and each institution can be represented by only ONE team with a maximum of four members to a team.

A quote from Franklin D Roosevelt should be taken earnestly:

Competition has been shown to be useful up to a certain point and no further, but cooperation, which is the key element we must strive for today, begins where competition leaves off”.



MAHSA was not the overall champion, but nonetheless managed to bag away some winning prizes in the following, with good guidance and assistance from dedicated lecturers:

- ✚ Champion in Intervarsity Microbiology Quiz
- ✚ 3rd place in MYNTD (Malaysian Next Top Dentist) Orthodontic Wire Bending
- ✚ 3rd place Endodontic Strip Crown
- ✚ 1st place in MYNTD Prosthodontic Case Presentation & Best Case Report

In this competition the winner Lim Ko Wei had proven that dentistry is a blend of Art and Science and she had done a beautiful job, deserving the first place.



Before and after Treatment

A thematic 'Asian Fiesta' Gala Night ended the whole event and it was a night to remember.

MAHSA's University Ballroom was exquisite in its decoration and had natural daylight. Guests were entertained with great food, live acts, immersive costumes, elaborate sets, diverse-cultural performance. One could not ask for MORE!!!



The grand Finale saw Prof Rosnah Dean of MAHSA University **pass the Baton** to Datuk Dr Khairiyah binti Abd Muttalib, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry SEGi University. COME 2020, the 12th NDSSC will be hosted by SEGi University.



Dental Technologist Homecoming and Convocation Day



MAHSA University is fast growing and convocation events have to be done twice a year to accommodate the big student number. On 21st June 2019, alumni, friends and families were invited back to campus to reconnect during Homecoming and this time round it was just for the Dental Technologists.

At the homecoming ceremony the Dean delivered an encouraging speech to graduating Dental Technologists and there were some entertainment as well.

Dr Ali Azad Head of the Dental Technologist Programme invited Ms Joyce from QS Dental Supplies to enlighten the graduands with an update in dental Technology: Acrylic denture, Thermoplastic and 3D printing



The convocation was held on 22nd June 2019. Dean Prof Dr. Rosnah Mohd Zain, Dental Technologist Head and staff senior with senior lecturers of the faculty, joined in to celebrate the students' achievements.

Congratulations to Felicia Ting Wei Cze from Class of 2016 who won the Vice-Chancellor's Award.



*“Every
accomplishment
starts with the
decision to try”*

- JOHN F KENNEDY

Dentistry Month – “University Social Responsibility”

Year 2019 takes MAHSA University to another height to initiate activities as a gateway to building MAHSA's communities closer. In this initiative, every faculty is expected to take up a month of activities with different themes. Come the month of May, Faculty of Dentistry took the helm, with the theme of 'University Social Responsibility'.

The spirit of giving, sharing and loving must prevail and be preserved as part of our Malaysian heritage and ingrained in MAHSA University's culture, thus other faculties were cordially invited to participate to take up an event.

Dr. Liew Fong Fong the Chairman of the organizing committee had lined up a myriad of activities to fill the month of May. It was coincidental that there were a number of “May Special Events” happening in May 2019, thus fantastic ideas spanned from there.

To mark the beginning of USR and in conjunction with the holy month of Ramadhan, Faculty of Dentistry distributed complementary dates to all MAHSA community. **Dates** are a common ingredient in the Muslim diet during the fasting month and the Prophet pbh said, "Break your fast by eating **dates** as it is purifying".

Still in the Ramadhan mood, the faculty arrayed four weeks of "Bubur Lambuk giving. This is to keep alive the culinary tradition and the spirit of camaraderie and joy in preparing this simple and yet delicious once a year dish.

Mother's Day and Teacher's Day which happened in the month of May were celebrated with light and easy activities to show appreciation and gratitude to all mothers and teachers. To add on to the USR activities a "Doodle Art Drawing Session" with a doodler was introduced, a poster presentation on "Learning Disabilities and Dyslexia and competition, to add color on open days and the Go Green Project.

The highlight of it all was the Hari Raya decoration and the Traditional Fashion Show competitions. At the closing ceremony of the USR month, before handing over the torch to the Faculty of Pharmacy in carrying out the "Family Appreciation Month", the much awaited results for two competitions were announced.

The hesitant cheers began to crescendo when it was announced that the Faculty of Dentistry won the second place in the Hari Raya Deco Competition and also bagged second price in the Traditional Fashion Show. Congratulations to the all involved.



During the launching of USR month the "Blue Umbrella Initiative" was also launched

What is "Blue Umbrella Initiative"?

It is an inspiration sparked by the Faculty of Dentistry to start a voluntary initiative for varying USR projects in MAHSA which will be united under the theme "Blue Umbrella". The projects will come from any unit, centre or faculty. **Umbrella** is symbolic as it covers all functions or items that fall under one single common category & provides shelter. **Blue** being one of MAHSA's colors that depicts the sky and the sea on a sunny day.



The first common project was to collect a minimal of one ringgit donation from staff and students of all units, centres and faculties throughout the whole month of May. The proceeds of this first project shall be disbursed to those in need. The committee believes that charity begins at home and will be looking for them.

As Faculty of Dentistry is uptight with USR activities, Faculty of Medical and Biomedical Science led this first project.

Hats off to the USR committee lead by Dr. Liew Fong Fong the Chairman of the organizing committee under the leadership of Prod Dr Rosnah Mohd Zain.





MASTER CLASS PROGRAMME – Braces & Tooth Whitening



“**S**mile with Confidence – Braces & Tooth Whitening” was the second Master Class Programme conducted by the faculty. A Smile is a curve which sets everything straight”. It is the second most important facial feature to be noticed after the eyes. Hence, this master class elaborates various treatment strategies used for the enhancement of smiles thus gifting you with a beautiful personality. Well-aligned and white sparkling teeth will enable you to flaunt your smile confidently.

The target group was DDS Year 1 students before they enter their clinical years with that confident smile. It was initiated as an avenue for dental students to enhance their knowledge and skills in bleaching vital and non-vital teeth, an important component of aesthetic dentistry.

Lectures on braces were delivered by AP Dr Prathap, Dr Smitha, and Dr Chendilmaran, while AP Dr Chia Set Hoong and Dr Vijayamanohar delivered on tooth whitening. Students were happy and smiled with confidence at the end of the session.

Students' Activities - Visit to Water Treatment Plant

Dentists are potentially important source of knowledge regarding the oral health benefits and safety of water fluoridation. Theoretical aspects had been covered in the undergraduate dental curricula and to give it a better impact, a trip to Loji Pembersihan Air Bukit Nanas was arranged by Dr Govind for year 5 students. This was to get first-hand information on how fluoride is added into public water supply.

They were not only provided with useful information but were treated to a sumptuous Malaysian breakfast to kick-start their metabolism. An interesting outing to break the routine of everyday schedules



Students' Activities

Appreciation Dinner by Year 5 Students

Gestures of teacher appreciation can run through the gamut from simple to elaborate, but the outcome is always the same, "Teachers Love Them". The most important part of the appreciation effort is the heartfelt sentiment behind it.

Both teachers and students ditched the formal university attire and came in free and easy casual style but some came splendidly dressed and looked amazing.

Teachers would go above and beyond to give students every opportunity for learning, so in return on this special occasion, the Year 5 students chose X2 Residency Condominium, Puchong for the dinner. Anything for the teachers and staff.



**Our Greatest Reward is for all of
you to Walk Across
the Graduation Stage**

Dr. Fardad Fateri

Students' Activities – Community Service

Community service develops an increased sense of social responsibility which is hoped to have a lasting impact. This is exactly what Faculty of Dentistry is trying to inculcate. At every opportune time the students will be encouraged to participate or schedules will be arranged

On 4TH May 2019, another community service was held at Dewan Orang Ramai Kanchong Darat, Banting.

Our Dental Camp team was well received by the community and staff and students offered their best to fulfil their social responsibilities

