

## **News & Letters**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the Pakistan Prosthodontics Association (PPA).**

The Third International Conference of the Pakistan Prosthodontics Association is being held from 29th to 31st August 2014 in the NUST Auditorium, H-12, Islamabad, Pakistan. For information about registration, special sessions for General Dentists & Dental Technicians and other scientific and social programs planned during the this august event of the Pakistani Prosthodontists and list of international and national speakers and their lecture topics, and for more detailed information please regularly refer to the relevant link on the webpage of the PPA: [www.ppaorg.pk](http://www.ppaorg.pk)

Eminent international national delegates have confirmed their participation as invited speakers: Among them include; Prof. Dr. Atilla Sertgöz, PhD (Istanbul), Dr. Henriette Lerner (Germany), Dr. Iyad Mazen Ghoneim (Jordan), Dr. Muhammad Al Rabab'ah (Jordan), Dr. Zulaikha Burki (UK), Dr. Riaz Yar, (UK), Dr. Saqib Rashid (Karachi), Dr. M. Najeeb Saad, (Karachi), Prof. Dr. Nazia Yazdani (Lahore), Prof. Dr. Fazal Ghani, (Peshawar), Prof Dr. Asif Ali Shah (Lahore), Prof Dr. Sajid Naeem (Lahore), Dr. Syed Rashid Habib (Saudi Arabia).

In addition to well-planned and relevant scientific program, there shall be pre and post conference workshops, undergraduate and postgraduate competition sessions including "Quiz sessions", Table clinics and Poster Competition sessions with sumptuous prizes for the winners. A Gala dinner and other socio-cultural events including sight-seeing to adjoining areas of Islamabad and Murree have also been planned.

### **Dr. Fazal Ghani, Visit to UK As MFDS RCPS Glasgow Examiner.**

Between May 09 to May 18, 2014, Dr. Fazal Ghani, Editor-in-Chief, JPPA and Head of Department of Prosthodontics, Khyber College of Dentistry visited UK as Examiner for the Part-2 Membership Diploma of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (MFDS) May 2014 Examinations of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow. The Examination venue was "Golden Jubilee National Hospital, National Waiting Center & Conference Center and Beardmore Hotel, Clydebank, Glasgow".

A day before the MFDS Part 2 examination, Dr. Ghani also attended the day-long "MFDS Part-2 Examiners Training Course including Equality & Diversity Training Skills" at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd).

This training course comprised of lectures and practical exercises for updating the examiners in their skills of training / trainees evaluation and examination process. This course was a must to attend for making the examiners up-to-date and to become eligible to the next 5-years Term Membership of the Panel of Examiners.

Using the methods of lecturing, questions & answers and interactive brainstorming sessions, the following areas of relevance to "Evaluation and Examination" were covered in depth":

1. Equal opportunity.
2. Background, format, delivery and aim of examination & the curriculum.
3. Key assessment issues.
4. Grades descriptions and marking schedules.
5. Standardization of cases at "OSCE Stations".
6. Watching videos of "Mock OSCE Stations" with practice marking and discussion.

Having attended the Examiner Training Course, Dr. Ghani was subsequently re-elected as the Member of the Panel of Examiners for Term (May 2014 - May 2019) of the Joint Dental Fellowship Examinations (MFDS Part 2) of The Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) and The Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSGlasg).

### **JPPA Receipt Acknowledged:**

**Dear Dr. Fazal Ghani,**

I am very thankful to you for with the receipt of copy of the JPPA Year 2013 Volume 01 Issue 02 (June-December 2013). I have gone through it and found it very informative and purposeful. You have performed an excellent job which is very much appreciated.

**Professor Dr. Ijaz Hassan Khan Khattak**

Principal / Dean

Khyber Medical College

Peshawar (Pakistan).

**Dear Dr. Ghani,**

I sincerely thank you for the delivery of the Journals, which were removed from our porch for safe-keeping by a neighbor. Additionally, whoever was kind enough to bring the Journals also was kind enough to subsequently leave a telephone message; however, no name or number was given, or I would have confirmed receipt with him, with thanks.

How you are able to continue with all your work.....not to mention anything about your four separate pieces in the latest JPPA, the last of which was a lengthy, comprehensive five-day review of the 2nd International Conference of the PPA...all I can say is, "Been there, done that; loved it all. But also glad for dedicated Doctors like you who are carrying on pour la bonne cause!

Please let me know how we are faring on my latest submission concerning Occlusal Adjustment. Best Regards.

**Professor Dr. Harold M. Shavell**

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