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The First IAP “Conclave”

11 - 13 April, 2014

Bangkok, Thailand

The first International Academy of Periodontology Conclave meeting was held at the Amari Watergate Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand from the 11 - 13 April, 2014. The theme of the conclave was “global strategies to address periodontal health and diseases, focusing on emerging nations” with the objective of addressing “periodontal therapy on a global scale to achieve periodontal awareness and concomitant periodontal health in all developed, developing and underdeveloped countries.”

As per the plan, the Conclave discussed and brought out conclusive reports in five different categories as follows:

- A. Plaque and biofilm control - home remedies, in-office remedies, alternative remedies practiced in developing countries
- B. Periodontal therapy – mechanical treatments and antimicrobial agents (antibiotics and antiseptics) as adjuncts to therapy
- C. Periodontal regeneration - fact or fiction? Regenerative materials, graft techniques, past, present and future
- D. Implants - peri-implant (hard and soft tissue) interactions in health and disease, the impact of the explosion in the number of implant manufacturers
- E. Periodontal education - for educators, clinicians and government agencies, incorporating endodontic and restorative aspects into periodontal education, directions for research in periodontal therapy on a global scale.

The Conclave was attended by 100 delegates from nearly 25 countries. Each workgroup was comprised of an initiator, a reactor and a moderator. After the opening ceremonies, the delegates were divided into breakout sessions representing the five workgroups and presented their initial findings in a plenary to the entire group.

These workgroups met again on the third day in a final breakout session where their conclusions were presented. The initiators had submitted papers prior to the conclave and the reactors had responded to these papers. Each group also had two young periodontists/dentists working as the scribes for the groups.

- Workgroup A: Initiator – Ms. Dagmar Slot; Reactor – Dr. Thomas Van Dyke; Moderator – Dr. Sebastian Ciancio
- Workgroup B: Initiator – Dr. Magda Feres; Reactor and Moderator – Dr. Niklaus Lang
- Workgroup C: Initiator – Dr. Mark Bartold; Reactor – Dr. Joerg Meyle, Moderator – Dr. Shinya Murakami
- Workgroup D: Initiator – Dr. Saso Ivanovski; Reactor – Dr. Young Bum Park; Moderator – Dr. Jamil Shibli
- Workgroup E: Initiator – Dr. Lijian Jin; Reactor – Dr. Vincent Iacono; Moderator – Dr. A. Kumaraswamy

The concluding reports will be published shortly as a monograph and will also be available online. The papers in the monograph promise to be very useful in defining future trends in periodontal therapy as well as periodontal education.

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Further information regarding the International Academy of Periodontology can be found at:

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