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**T**his issue focusses on paper presentations and conference. These are about research and research is an imperative area in not just the field of academia but in other fields as well.

It is an investment in the individual, your career and the faculty. It primarily focuses upon improving quality and is a search for knowledge, net workings and renewing motivation and confidence.

Research is becoming increasingly important within the institutes of higher professional education both within the curricula and outside the teaching-context. Teaching and research can be said to be complementary, and for that reason research is much emphasized and encouraged by MAHSA University and by the faculty.

Another highlight of this 5<sup>th</sup> edition is the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement. As skills get increasingly specialized, collaboration as a practice becomes more important than ever. Collaboration breaks down some walls in the organization and opens up new channels for communication, connections and new endeavors.

# Dr Fareez in Seoul Korea

Dr Muhamad Fareez Ismail received a Travel Award of USD 500, inclusive of three days and two nights' accommodation from the Korean Society of Lipid & Atherosclerosis (KSOLA) under the Youth Investigator Program.

From 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 800 delegates from 28 countries participated in the 8<sup>TH</sup> International Congress on Lipid & Atherosclerosis (ICoLA 2019) and the 58<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Korean Society of Lipid & Artherosclerosis (KSOLA). Dr M Fareez was one of 60 lucky participants who presented on a moderated poster presentation entitled 'Microencapsulation improved survivability of *Lactobacillus plantarum* LAB12 and conferred advantages to its cholesterol lowering effect *in vivo*'.

He not only represented MAHSA University but also was the sole representative of Malaysia. Congratulation s Dr. Fareez, Faculty of Dentistry is proud of you.

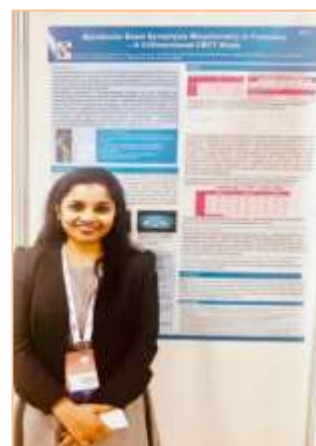


# Espana here I Come

Hola -greetings from Dr Prashanthi Chippagiri from Espana. She was in the cosmopolitan city of Madrid, Spain attending the Oral Health Research Congress organized by the Continental European Division (CED-IADR) together with the Scandinavian Division (NOF) of the International Association for Dental Research.

The main element in the three-day agendas, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September was to advance research and increase knowledge in order to improve Oral Health.

Dr Prashanthi's abstract was accepted after being peer reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the 2019 CED-IADR/NOF Oral Health Research Congress. Her poster presentation was on 'Mandibular Basal Symphysis Morphometry in Forensics – a 3 Dimensional CBCT Study'.



# Training Workshop on Orthotopic Colorectal Cell/Tumour Transplantation in Mouse Model

**23<sup>rd</sup>** September 2019 marked another successful workshop conducted by Faculty of Dentistry. It was a training workshop on “Orthotopic Colorectal Cell/Tumour Transplantation in Mouse Model”. This workshop was introduced to provide fundamental knowledge in the successful conduct of animal orthotopic colorectal cell transplant surgery which features cancer cells growing in their natural location, replicate human disease with high fidelity, as an ideal alternative to subcutaneous xenograft model. Participants were medical staff and undergraduate biomedical science students.

An Overview of Colorectal Cancer Research Models, was presented by Dr. Ooi Der Jiun. He stated that there are plenty of colorectal cancer research models available but emphasized that researchers should choose the appropriate cancer research model based on: study objective, budget, timeline, facility and expertise available.

The workshop was followed by Dr. Fareez Ismail’s presentation and demonstration on orthotopic colorectal transplantation in mouse model. Some participants were also allowed to have some hands-on experience in performing the orthotopic colorectal transplantation.

The workshop ended with an interesting and active session whereby the participants discussed the practical benefits of the technique and the opportunities offered.



# 13<sup>th</sup> Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology (APSP)



Heartiest congratulations to Prof Dr Tara Bai Taiyeb Ali and her committee members for having successfully organized the 13<sup>th</sup> APSP held at Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur from 27 September – 29 September 2019. The theme for this year’s meet was “Exploring Innovative Frontiers in Periodontal Health and Implantology”.

Three of MAHSA’s Periodontist Prof Dr Tara, Dr Padmini and our part-time lecturer Datuk Dr. Ahmad Sharifuddin represented the University for this International Event which is held biennially. They not only represented MAHSA but they were the key personnel for this prestigious event.

Prof Dr Tara was the organizing chairperson, while Datuk Dr Ahmad is the President of Malaysian Society of Periodontology (MSP) and Dr Padmini was the country speaker and a committee member. The conference was officiated by Dr Doreyat bin Jemun, Principal Director of Oral Health.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology Meeting is a premier forum for the presentation of new advances and innovative frontiers in the fields of periodontology and implantology. The conference brought together local and international periodontists, general dental practitioners, leading researchers and scientists, and students in the domain of interest from around the world.

Participating countries were Australia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia.

Topics of interest in the field of Periodontology included:

- Basic research
- Clinical research
- Clinical case report
- Literature / systematic reviews related to periodontology and implant dentistry

Prof Dato Dr Wan Mahadzir participated and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the “Clinical Case Report “category.



# Dental Camps

On 19 & 20 October 2019, Dental Faculty MAHSA University, conducted two more community service to the people of Klang. This outreach program was a complete entanglement between the Klang community and the MAHSA University and brought again the spirit of camaraderie among lecturers and students.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019, our dental team in collaboration with other health teams conducted a free oral health screening at Kolej Vokasional Klang. A group of nine year 5 students were on duty together with six lecturers headed by Dr Govind.



On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019, our dental team together with another group of year 5 students went to Kampung Baru Pandamaran Klang to demonstrate their good cooperate citizenship. These dental camps create the basis for university social responsibility, and the Faculty of Dentistry is responsible for developing and fostering the students towards being responsible that addresses the public health concerns and the needs of the community.



# MoA Signing Ceremony

On 14 October 2019 MAHSA University had achieved another collaborative partnership with India. MAHSA University signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Access Dental Institute, India. Dr. Narasimhan Bharadwaj, MDS signed the MOU for Access Dental Institute while Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Ishak bin Abdul Razak, signed for MAHSA University.

A passionate & prolific clinician, Prof. Dr. Narasimhan Bharadwaj is the Founder-Director of Access® Dental Institute – Root Canal Center (Estd 2001), a specialty Dental Clinic cum Advanced & Microscope Enhanced Root Canal Training center, Kilpauk, Chennai.

This collaboration is valid for 5 years and under this collaboration Dental Faculty MAHSA University will be able to award Advanced Fellowship certificate in Endodontics to Dental graduates.



# Dental Research Wizard 2019



**C**ongratulations to Dr Sulagna Gupta for being the 2019 research wizard of the Dental Faculty. To date – October 2019, she has 16 articles published and accepted in Scopus and ISI journals and one accepted in book chapter.

The Faculty is extremely proud of Dr S Gupta's achievement and she is ever so grateful to her colleagues and the Deputy Dean of Research for their encouragement and of course to the Dean Prof Dr Rosnah for her continuous drive, support and blessings during her struggles.

There were a few other accepted and published articles from the faculty members and to name a few Dr Nazmul Haque and Prof Dr Phrabha who are also much into research. The faculty would like to express her congratulations and to others who have contributed to Faculty research achievement

