

Conference Report

1st IACDE Zonal Conference (South) – Conference Report

Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics Association of Tamil Nadu (CEAT) hosted the First IACDE zonal PG conference (South) held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu from August 9th to August 11th 2018. Postgraduate conference of this format was the first of its kind that was envisioned to encourage more number of postgraduate students to present at a national forum. The conference was well attended by more than 800 delegates including postgraduates, teaching faculties and practicing endodontists across South Zone. It was the biggest zonal conference among the five zones that had delegates from 111 dental colleges from the five southern states of India, viz. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala.

Six pre-conference courses were conducted at five dental colleges across Chennai and approx 150 delegates participated in the well-crafted and conducted courses. Pre conference course on Warm vertical obturation was held at Thai Mookambigai Dental College, Research methodology – a key to successful research was held at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College, Advanced microendodontics was conducted at Saveetha Dental College, Occlusion—the gateway to success was conducted by Sathyabama dental college, Porcelain Laminates with digital smile design concept was held Balaji Dental College and Esthetic indirect restoration—A biomimetic approach was held at Chettinad Dental College.

The students' scientific paper presentations were scheduled on 10th and 11th August at Hotel Savera, Chennai. There were 430 papers and 168 poster presentations. Around 50 Chairpersons from various colleges across South India scrutinized the papers and posters. Twenty five best papers and 30 best posters were selected for presentation at the National conference to be held at Vijayawada which will compete with best papers and posters selected from other four zones of India.

The inauguration of the Conference took place on 10th August. It was presided by IACDE President, Dr Kidiyoor, IACDE and Secretary, Dr Mohan B. Organizing Chairman, Dr MR Srinivasan, Organizing Secretary, Dr. M. Kavitha, South Zone Co-ordinator, Dr. M. Rajasekaran., National Zone co-ordinator, Dr.Prasanth Dhanapal, Head of the Departments of all south zone colleges, Staff and Students participated in the inauguration.

The keynote lectures by four renowned national speakers were planned in the morning sessions for both the days. Dr. Vineeta Nikhil, Dean, Subarti Dental College delivered a lecture on direct posterior restorations. Deepak from Dental Bloom, Bengaluru spoke on Anterior esthetics- Exploring restorative possibilities with composites.



Fig. 1: Dr Kidiyur, President IACDE releasing the conference souvenir and Dr B Mohan, Secretary IACDE receiving the copy along with conference committee members



Fig. 2: Section of Principals, Head of the departments, staff, students and speciality practitioners

Dr. Kundabala Mala, Professor, Manipal College of Dental Sciences delivered her lecture on Irrigation — A final solution to root canal disinfection. Dr. Justin Jacob enlightened the gathering on Digital Operating microscopes in restorative dentistry.

The evening progressed with 2nd Annual CEAT Award Ceremony followed by a grand gala banquet. The Conference concluded with the valedictory function, where the prizes for the best papers in the category of Conservative Dentistry, Endodontics and Dental materials, e-posters for each session were given away.

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