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TWO DAYS COURSE ON 'PRELIMINARY RECTANGULAR WIRE BENDING IN STRAIGHT WIRE TECHNIQUE'

A two days hand on course on "Preliminary Rectangular Wire bending in Straight Wire Technique' was held by the Department of Orthodontics, Modern Dental College & Research Centre, Indore on 29th & 30th September, 2008 under the Continuing Dental Education and Research promotion programme of the College.

The course was conducted by Professor Dr. Ashima Valiathan, the Chairperson of Pierre Fauchard Academy, India Section. Professor & Head Department of Orthodontics and Director P.G. Studies. KMC College of Dental Surgery, Manipal along with her team of faculty members Dr. Sivakumar and Dr. Sumit Gandhi. The course was attended by 40 postgraduate students from various Dental Colleges of Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Chennai, Bhopal and Indore.

Dr. Ashima Valiathan was also the Chief Guest at the inaugural function which was attended by elite of dental profession of Indore and Bhopal.

Dr. Valiathan in her inaugural address said that the continuing dental education programme are the need of the time and appreciated the efforts of the college management especially the initiative taken and incentives offered in this direction by the Chairman Dr. Ramesh Badlani.

Feed back questionaire received from participants revealed an encouraging response and sense of great satisfaction from the participants. Most of the participants expressed that such hand on courses be conducted more frequently and could be of one week duration or even more and held across the country involving more institutions.

PEDODONTICS UPDATE -2008

I.T.S. CENTRE FOR DENTAL STUDIES & RESEARCH

A scientific program for updating the knowledge of Pediatric Dentistry experts and general dental practitioners was inaugurated by ***Brig. (Hony.) Dr. Anil Kohli***, President, Dental Council of India, at the ITS Centre for Dental Studies and Research, Murad Nagar, on 18th Aug, 2008.

Dr. P.B. Sood, Principal, ITS-CDSR, welcomed the participants and informed that this update comprises of very senior experts in various specialities of dentistry. There were Vice-chancellors, Deans, Principals and Head of Departments among the panel of experts addressed the two day gathering in the institute. He also informed that the participants of this update are from north to south and each part of the country. **Dr Hari Prakash**, Director-General, ITS Group of Dental Institutions apprised the gathering about importance of such programs on over all development of the speciality and finally to give benefit to the society.

Dr Ashok Utreja, Guest of Honour, and Head Oral Health Sciences Centre, PGIMER, Chandigarh, stressed the need of interdisciplinary interactions between various specialities of dentistry for enhancement of skills and knowledge and to give benefit to the patients.

Dr Anil Kohli, Chief Guest, President, Dental Council of India, released a publication of DCI entitles 'DENTISTRY INDIA' continuing Dental Education, 2nd issue and a book on Paediatric Dentistry authored by ***Dr. Shobha Tondon***, Dean, College of Dental Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education. After inaugurating the Update, Dr Kohli expressed his eagerness to make the dental institutions better for the students and patients.

Dr. S. G. Damle, Vice Chancellor, Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Mullana, Ambala, elaborated on **Oral Health and Fluorides** while ***Dr. Shobha Tondon***, Dean, College of Dental Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, gave clinical tips on **Smile Enhancement in Pediatric Patients**.

Others who spoke on Pedodontics Update incoude Dr Usha Mohan Das, Dr L K Pandit, Dr P.B. Sood, Dr. Y.C. Mishra and Dr. Sandeep Goyal.

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