



IAOMS Educational Course on Cleft and Craniofacial Deformity Held on April 7-10, 2011

Organizers: International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Foundation
Malaysian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia

The future of cleft and palate management was the topic of in-depth discussions among local and international speakers in Kuala Lumpur recently. From the 7-10th April 2011 the Malaysian Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (MAOMS) in collaboration with International Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (IAOMS) organized the Cleft and Craniofacial Deformity Course. Altogether 94 participants comprising of Oral & Maxillofacial surgeons, Trainees, Orthodontists and ENT surgeons from the various parts of Malaysia and Philippines attended the course which was held at Tuanku Mizan Army Hospital, Kuala Lumpur.

Present was the President of MAOMS, Dr Thomas Abraham who welcomed all participants including Brig Gen Dato' (Dr) Haji Muhamad bin Abu Bakar, the Commanding

Officer of the hospital who officiated the event.

Participants had the benefit of lessons shared by Mr Wilfred A. Borstlap, Deputy Head of the Department of Oral & Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery in Nijmegen who explained the concepts and evidence in craniofacial surgery. Professor Piet Eduard Haers, Clinical Director and Cleft Surgeon *Dr. Thomas Abraham* of the South-Thames Cleft



Participants and speakers at the April 7-10, 2011 IAOMS Continuing Education program in Kuala Lumpur.

Team at Guy's Hospital in London and Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon at the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford discussed the embryology, genetics and genomics of cleft lip and palate deformity and the multidisciplinary management of cleft patients. The two renowned speakers managed to encourage further discussions between surgeons and orthodontists about the future of cleft lip and palate management in Malaysia and the importance of multidisciplinary approach for the cleft patient. Following the course, a fellowship dinner set the scene as another informal platform for the participants to network and further discuss the topics in less formal setting.

The course was sponsored by Socius.



Speakers for the Cleft Course

Malaysian Association Election Held

The Malaysian Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons held its 15th Annual General Meeting in February 2011 and the office bearers of 2011/2012 are as following:

President: Dr Thomas Abraham

Vice President: Dr Ha Kien Oon

Secretary: Dr Sharifah Tahirah Aljunid

Treasurer: Dr Nur Ikram Hanim



Attendees at the Cleft Course



Guest speaker Piet Haers, UK