



2nd IAOMS Educational Course held in Malaysia

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

The IAOMS Trauma Course conducted at Sg. Buloh Hospital from April 22nd to 24th, 2010 was the second of four IAOMS Educational Programs planned for Malaysia. The course was organized by the International (IAOMS) and Malaysian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (MAOMS) and the Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia, together with Synthes Malaysia as the co-organizer.

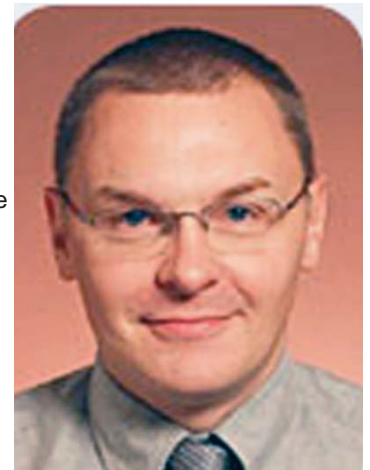
The three-day course saw a total of 92 participants in attendance mostly consultants, post graduate trainees and hospital registrars in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from all over Malaysia. There were also four participants from the Philippines and two local consultants from pediatric dentistry.

The course was initially scheduled to have two distinguished speakers, PD Dr.Dr.med. Marco R. Kesting from Germany and PD Dr.Dr.med. Roger A. Zwahlen from Hong Kong. However, due to the worldwide air traffic disruption caused by the volcano ash-cloud crisis that occurred, PD Dr.Dr.med. Marco R. Kesting was inevitably unable to travel. The topics and lectures were all subsequently covered by PD Dr.Dr.med. Roger Zwahlen. Also in attendance during the course was Prof. Nabil Samman, IAOMS Past President and the chairman of IAOMS Foundation. MAOMS President, Prof. Zainal in his speech expressed his gratitude to Prof. Samman for his continuous support and tireless effort to promote incessant educational interchange in improving the standards of training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Malaysia.

The course consisted of three days of lectures each with

question-and-answer sessions. The course of the lectures was arranged so as to refresh the participants on every aspect of trauma starting from primary to specific aspects covering surgical anatomy and techniques involved. All participants were invited to complete a 30-question, multiple-choice questionnaire at the start of the course and again at the end. The results confirmed that the overall knowledge of the group increased remarkably as a result of the course.

In general, most participants were more than satisfied with the lecture contents as well as the course organization, thanks to the local organizing committee led by Dr. Kok Tuck Choon. The course has proven to be very beneficial not only for participants to keep abreast with the current developments in maxillofacial trauma management, but also a valuable platform for exchanging ideas and sharing knowledge in Oral and Maxillofacial International Community. We definitely look forward to the upcoming series in 2011.



Roger Zwahlen