



**CHAIRPERSON**

17th Dental Student's Scientific Conference



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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and warm greetings

This year marks the 17th year of continuous effort by the Faculty of Dentistry to incorporate research into its undergraduate curriculum. This scientific conference represents the culmination of almost one year of research effort by the final year students where they are given the opportunity to present their research findings.

Research-based learning has enabled our students to develop not only their intellectual skills of critical analysis but also other valuable skills such as group work, time- and resource-management, as well as data handling. Students are also encouraged to be involved in applied research to find solutions to "real life" situations as the utility of any research findings would ultimately be within the community it serves. Hence we have chosen the theme "Serving Community through Research" to reflect the need for community engagement and to make our research findings relevant to community needs.

The organising committee has done its utmost to ensure the standard of the conference is maintained this year inspite of the very challenging economic environment. I would like to express my gratitude to the team for their dedication and hard work in ensuring the smooth running of the conference thus far. Let us all forge ahead by embracing TEAM spirit of "Together Everyone Achieve More"