



President's Message

The Academy of Dental Education was formed to encourage and provide an avenue for the undergraduate dental students to contribute to the professional literature and otherwise share their academic knowledge and skills with their fellow students. The membership to the Academy of Dental Education is open to all Professors of Dental and Medical Colleges who teach B.D.S. students. The Academy was started by the initiative of 9 Founder Fellows on April 07, 2013 with the Head office situated at Salem, Tamilnadu. The Academy of Dental Education is registered under the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 27 of 1975, with Registration No.87 / 2013 on 07/06/2013 at Salem. To meet one of the objectives, it was decided to publish a Journal exclusively for Dental students, titled "Journal of Academy of Dental Education", every six months to start with. The publication of the inaugural issue of the Journal has made this dream come true. The salient feature of the "Journal of Academy of Dental Education," is the fact that the first author, at the time of submission of the article, should be an undergraduate dental student.

As a new initiative, a photograph on nature, taken by an undergraduate dental student will be published in the front cover page of the Journal. The student should identify his/her name, place where it was taken and details of the picture, which will be printed inside. To meet another one of the objective, a "Nail Art Competition" was held at Salem on October 19, 2013. Twenty Students from 5 Dental Colleges took part, to paint tooth No.11 in their nail. This became the first academic activity of the Academy of Dental Education, after its inception.

The Academy of Dental Education has plans to conduct a two day academic meet for presentation of papers and posters exclusively from undergraduate dental students. The Academy expects active participation from students to take this forward as one which you will cherish and remember in the years to come.

I quote the Father of the Nation, "You must be the change you wish to see in the World". However, please remember "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, and then you win". I sincerely hope that the Academy of Dental Education shall provide you with this rare opportunity and I invite you to make use of this in toto and become a success in your professional career.

To conclude, in the words of Benjamin Franklin,

*"Either write something worth reading
or do something worth writing".*

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President