



Commonwealth Dental Association

Working for Oral Health in the Commonwealth

Preliminary invitation to a Workshop and the CDA Triennial General Meeting

Singapore: Saturday September 5th 2009

The CDA is holding its next training workshop “*Cross Infection Control in a Rural Setting*” in Singapore on Saturday September 5th 2009. Following this, later the same day, the CDA will hold its Triennial General Meeting, to which all Commonwealth NDAs are invited to send representatives. Full details of both programmes will be available later, in May or June.

The events will be held in the same venue and during the 2009 FDI Congress.

There is some funding available from the CDA **for dentists from developing countries**¹, to assist with the bulk of their travel costs and also to pay for their accommodation for up to 3 nights. This financial support will be restricted, in the first instance, to one dentist from any one developing country. **Funded participants must have support from their relevant dental association, if there is one.**

This is an excellent opportunity for a (limited) number of Commonwealth dentists to attend the FDI Congress with some financial assistance.

A very active scientific discussion on the subject will be expected from the participants in our workshop. Therefore it is expected from the NDAs that an appropriately knowledgeable person be nominated for sponsorship. The participants selected for sponsorship will be requested to orientate themselves by replying to a short questionnaire that will be sent by the CDA some weeks beforehand and they also may be requested to do a short (5 to 10 minutes) presentation on a situation analysis of their country.

If any of your members would like to receive funding to attend this workshop, please ask them to get in touch with Ulrike Matthesius, the CDA Administrator, at administrator@cdauk.com by May 1st 2009 (when the first allocations of funding will be made). It is very important that they also **copy their application** to the CDA Treasurer, Dr Anthony Kravitz at treasurer@cdauk.com .

They will need to supply:

- Their name, qualifications and the name of your country
- An outline of their intended route to fly to Singapore, including the date they would leave the home country and the date they would return²

¹ Under the rules of our principal funding sponsor this excludes dentists from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK

² You will need to research this using the internet or by using a local travel agent. Good search tools are www.opodo.com or www.expedia.com

- An approximate cost for this air travel
- Confirmation that they have identified whether they need a visa or not, and if so, some details of how they need to obtain this
- a description of how they would intend using and dispersing in your country the knowledge gained from the workshop

If all available CDA funds are not taken up initially, further requests for financial support from a dental association with an already supported participant will be considered. So, **it is important for all potential participants to apply as early as possible and for the dental association to indicate an order of priority.**

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