HKU Faculty of Dentistry holds scientific meeting with Sichuan University

Staff and postgraduate students from the HKU Faculty of Dentistry visited Chengdu in Sichuan Province, China, on 24-25 November 2011 to take part in a joint research conference with the Sichuan University West China College of Stomatology.

During the two-day conference — the Faculty’s fourth annual conjoint meeting with a mainland dental school — 130 dental staff and students from HKU and Sichuan University shared their latest findings from ongoing postgraduate research projects. From the total of 52 oral presenters and 75 poster presenters, the following Faculty students won research awards:

- **Miss Sarah SW Wong** (MPhil student in Oral Biosciences) won the Award for the Best Oral Presentation (Junior Category) for her research project titled “Discovery of novel antifungal small molecule for *Candida* infections”. Her supervisors are Prof Lakshman Samaranayake (Chair Professor of Oral Microbiology) and Dr C Jayampath Seneviratne (Research Assistant Professor in Oral Biosciences).

- **Miss Meng Zhang** (PhD student in Dental Materials Science) won the Award for the Best Poster Presentation (Junior Category) for her project titled “Effects of resin matrix composition on flexural properties of e-glass fiber reinforced composites”. Her supervisors are Dr Jukka Matinlinna (Associate Professor in Dental Materials Science), Dr Michael Botelho (Clinical Associate Professor in Oral Rehabilitation), and Dr Eija S Sailynoja (Honorary Associate Professor, HKU; Research Manager, Stick Tech Ltd, Turku, Finland).

In addition, Sichuan University members won the following research prizes:

- **Dr Jie-fei Shen**, Award for the Best Oral Presentation (Senior Category)
- **Dr Xu Xin**, Award for the Best Poster Presentation (Senior Category)

Also as part of the visit, senior Faculty members were invited to a Research Day at the State Key Laboratory of Oral Diseases at Sichuan University for high-level discussions on future research and academic collaborations between the two universities.

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