

## SPIRIT National Convention

Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, SRM Dental College, Ramapuram, Chennai, organized the 3rd SPIRIT National Convention on 15 and 16 July 2016, under the banner of IACDE & IES. SPIRIT acronym stands for science based on principles, inventions, research, and innovative thoughts. This program aims to bring out the hidden and latent talents, giving postgraduates an opportunity to present their investigative and analytical skills and also to interact with their fellow researchers. This unique national-level event comprises table-top model display, debate, lectures by eminent national speakers, webinars by international speakers, and quiz competition.

Mr TS Sridhar, director of Ramapuram & Trichy Campus of SRM University, presided over the inauguration. Dr K Rajkumar, vice principal, welcomed the gathering. Dr Ida De Ataide, member, Dental Council of India, and president, Indian Endodontic Society, and Dr Murali Mohan, president, Indian Association of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, were the chief guest and guest of honor respectively.

More than 25 table-top models in different categories were displayed by the postgraduates. This event inspired the participants to infuse their mind and soul with inventions and innovative ideas. The viewers and judges were impressed by their innovative ideas and enthusiastic efforts in meticulously designing the scientific models.

Webinars by Dr Claudia Cia Worschech, Brazil, on "Microscopes – A Tool for Everyone! Why, how and when to use in Dentistry" and Dr Bojidar Kefalov, Bulgaria, on "Predictable posterior and post endodontic Restorations" were interactive and well received by the audience.

The one of its kind, exclusive lecture of SPIRIT "Duet of Minds" was arranged. Professor Dr Shalini Aggarwal and Professor Dr Kanwalpreet Kaur Bhullar jointly spoke and discussed in depth on "Nature's Hand Dentist's Touch Biomimetic Remineralization of dentin". Professor Dr S Balagopal and Professor Dr Narasimhan Bharadwaj, gave an combined extensive lecture on rotary endodontics titled "Evolve & Revolve." Professional expertise of Professor Dr Yohan Chacko, who conducted the quiz competition, was an instant hit among the students. Meticulously masterminded debate by Professor Dr Arathi and Professor Dr Niveditha had around 32 participants. The finals of the program witnessed nail-biting productive arguments and counterarguments by the postgraduates.

Dr S Mahalaxmi, Head of the Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, SRM Dental College, who had organized this national event, said that as the research activities are gaining rapid momentum in the field of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, this convention, which is conducted once in 3 years, facilitates the post-graduates to participate and motivates them to improve their interest in scientific research. This program also paves way for the students and practitioners to update themselves about the current advances in the field of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics.





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