Opinion: Today international spoke with Teresa Duncan, USA, about fraud and embellishment and what dentists can do for prevention.

Plan ahead: You will find the latest update of the exhibitors list and floor plan of this year’s International Dental Meeting & Exhibition in Singapore (IDEM) in our business section.

Travel: Singapore can be best described as a unique mixing pot of Asian cultures. Besides a vibrant multicultural experience, there’s much more to discover about the city.

IDEM confirns role as major Asia-Pacific meeting
Organiser announces plans for 2012/More variety in the scientific programme

Although final participation numbers have not been announced, there is no doubt that IDEM 2010 will be considered as another record dental meeting. An improved scientific programme and a higher number of exhibitors have again drawn thousands of dental professionals from all over Asia to Singapore. Most exhibitors said that they were also content with the quantity and quality of visitors within the first two days of the congress.

In an interview, Singapore Dental Association president Dr Lewis Lee told today international that the decision to hold pre-congress courses as well Master Classes has been accepted very well by most congress attendees. Sessions were more structured and overlapped less, so participants had the chance to attend more courses this year. He announced plans to broaden the programme in 2012 in incorporating other topics like dental materials, orthodontics or oral medicine. A larger number of hands-on workshops will be offered as well, he added.

Michael Dreyer, Vice-President Asia Pacific, Koelnmesse Pte Ltd, said that despite the organisational change and the economic downturn, IDEM 2010 has been in line with the last edition in 2009. He said that his company will aim to improve the meeting further to make it available for more professional groups like dental assistants.

Visitors will have the last chance today to get their hands on the latest dental products and technology available on the worldwide dental markets. The exhibition on level 4 will be open until 16:00.

There will also be a full array of scientific sessions with speakers from Germany, Switzerland, Mexico and the United States. In addition, the Dental Tribune Study Club will be holding session from 11:00 to 14:30 in hall 401, booth 150.

Preparations for the next edition of IDEM have already begun and first speakers have been announced amongst others there will be sessions on the management of endodontic disasters, the biological effects of current restorative materials on the poly-dentium complex or current concepts in casts and cores. The next edition of IDEM is scheduled to take place 29–32 April 2012. More information on this event is available in hall 402, booth P12 or online at www.idem-singapore.com.

Scientific programme
Sunday, 18 April
8:30–11:00
Shortened Clinical Protocols—Choosing the Optimal Treatment Strategy
Dr Roland Glauser, Switzerland
Hall 404, Level 4

9:30–12:00
Dentogingival Aesthetics—An Interdisciplinary Approach to Treatment Planning
Dr Ricardo Mitrani, Mexico
Theatre, Level 3

13:30–16:00
Immediate Loading of Implants—Pros and Cons
True Progress in Complete Hypo?
Dr Marcus F. Abboud, Germany
Hall 404, Level 4

14:30–17:00
Aesthetic and Functional Concerns for Fixed Implant Prosthodontics
Dr Keith Phillips, USA
Theatre, Level 3

17:30–20:00
Advanced Technologies in Implant Dentistry—Reality or Vision?
Dr Marcus F. Abboud, Germany
Hall 404, Level 4

17:30–19:30
Tooth Wear and New Technology to Manage Dentin Hypersensitivity
Dr Fotinos Panagakos, USA
Theatre, Level 3

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Fig. 1: Visitors still register for IDEM 2010.—Fig. 2: Exhibit at the booth of Dr. Ihde Dental, Germany, in hall 402. (DTI/Photos courtesy of Koelnmesse/Daniel Zimmermann)