

## Forthcoming CME/CPD Events

Due to the prevailing situation in Kuwait, many of the CME/CPD events that had been registered to be held during the forthcoming period have been postponed. Practitioners who wish to attend any of the activities listed are advised to contact the respective seminar or conference organizers (or the CME/CPD officers, if organizers are not given) for details on scheduling, venue, registration procedure, and other aspects. This announcement is based on the information the CME Center had received up to the time of going to press.

### April 2003

*Update in otology*  
19 to 22 April 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Khairy Abu Shara  
Tel: 4816367, Fax: 4818971  
Email: khairy86@hotmail.com

*8<sup>th</sup> annual HSC Poster Day*  
21 to 23 April 2003  
Organizer: Prof. Abayomi O. Akanji  
Tel: 5319476, Fax: 5338905  
Email: posterday2003@hsc.kuniv.edu.kw

*Gastrointestinal cancers: from prevention to early detection and better treatment*  
21 to 23 April 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Labiba Temmin  
Tel: 4821362, Fax: 4810964  
Email: labibakccc@hotmail.com

*Update in endocrinology and metabolism*  
26 to 27 April 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Kamal Al-Shoumer  
Tel: 5319596, Fax: 5340549  
Email: kshoumer@hsc.kuniv.edu.kw

*Update on orbit and oculo-plasty*  
26 to 30 April 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Subhas Goswamy  
Tel: 4834820, Fax: 4811314

*Update on genito-urinary cytology*  
28 to 30 April 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Kusum Kapila  
Tel: 5319476, Fax: 5338905  
Email: kkapila@yahoo.com

### May 2003

*Symposium on diabetes and pregnancy*  
5 May 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Afaf Al-Adsani  
Tel: 4812000 Ext. 4632, Fax: 4883418  
Email: amsaladsani@yahoo.com

*Mental health care practices in the Gulf*  
27 to 29 May 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Jude U. Ohaeri  
Tel: 4899315, Fax: 4899315  
Email: judeohaeri@hotmail.com

### September 2003

*Ortho-surgery considerations*  
7 September 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Rashid Al-Azemi  
Tel: 5325094, Fax: 5316837  
Email: asnandenta@yahoo.com

### October 2003

*Oral traumatology*  
1 October 2003  
Organizer: Prof. Lars Anderson  
Tel: 2664502 Ext. 7106, Fax: 2634247  
Email: lars.anderson@hsc.kuniv.edu.kw

*Orthodontics and orthognathic surgery*  
5 October 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Rashid Al-Azemi  
Tel: 5325094, Fax: 5316837  
Email: asnandenta@yahoo.com

*Recent advances in ENT*  
7 to 9 October 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Khairy Abu Shara  
Tel: 4816367, Fax: 4818971  
Email: khairy86@hotmail.com

### December 2003

*International conference on oral health in the Eastern Mediterranean and African regions*  
2 to 4 December 2003  
Organizer: Dr. Eino Honkala  
Tel: 2664502 Ext. 7107, Fax: 2634247  
Email: eino.honkala@hsc.kuniv.edu.kw



## Maintenance of Professional Competence CME Program of KIMS renamed MPC Program

The Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialization (KIMS) launched the CME Program in September 2000 with the aim of assisting health professionals to engage in continuing education. The scheme, which covered physicians and dentists at its inception, is now being expanded to include pharmacists.

The overall goal of all continuing medical education (CME) and continuing professional development (CPD) activities is that health professionals keep abreast of the advances in their specialties and related disciplines, and are aware of their implications in the practice of their professions. The newly-gained competencies should lead to appropriate changes in the performances, or confirm desirable practices that could be continued with. Therefore, CME/CPD should result in an optimum level of competence being maintained by practitioners, to be able to deliver health care at the expected standard.

To highlight the shift of focus as well as the changes that have been introduced recently in the program, the CME Center has released *Manual on MPC Program*, which constitutes a new edition of the previously-published *CME Program*. The publication, in addition, incorporates those considerations that are of special significance to pharmacists. Specific information is available on registering in the MPC Program, organizing and participating in CME/CPD activities, CME/CPD Providers, the administration of the MPC Program including the roles of CME officers, CME/CPD categories, and the CME/CPD credits scheme. Interested readers may download a copy from [www.kims.org.kw/cme](http://www.kims.org.kw/cme), the website of the CME Center.

Any future updates on the implementation of the MPC Program would appear at the CME Center website.