So you are reading a document about a dental meeting organized by Riyadh Colleges of Dentistry and Pharmacy. The meeting took place on December 16, 2010, and included presentations from various attendees, including Prof. Abdullah Al Shammery, Dr. Paul Brandt, and others. The minutes cover the attendees present at the meeting and their affiliations.
Agenda:
1. Working plan to change the status of the section to division.
2. Election of new Board Members.
3. Any new business.

1. **Brief History:**
The chairman of the meeting, Prof. Al Shammery welcomed all the attendees and expressed his thanks to them for accepting his invitation to the meeting. He acknowledged all the attendees and commended his secretary who was responsible for arranging the meeting and who was expected to follow up events after the meeting.

2. **Discussion and Decisions:**
2.1 Prof. Abdullah Al Shammery mentioned the agenda of the meeting and gave Dr. Paul Brandt and gave him to address the meeting in his capacity as the Chairperson of IADR-African Middle East Region and to discuss his opinion the status of our area.

2.2 Dr. Paul Brandt thanked Prof. Al Shammery for the invitation and introduced himself as the Chairperson of the IADR-AMER. He mentioned the following points:
2.2.1 The importance of dental professionals in KSA to become active members of IADR. He remarked that there are so many Saudi postgraduate dental students in USA, Europe, Australian and other parts of the world which assures an active IADR Division in KSA in future.
2.2.2 The need for IADR to be firmly established in the Middle East given the growing number of dental school and dentists, general and specialists, in the Region. Already Section of IADR exist in Iraq and Egypt. It will be good to have an active Division established in KSA.
2.2.3 Active IADR Division in KSA, which should be able to boast of a large number of younger generation will bring international recognition and fame to dental research in KSA in particular and the Middle East in general.

2.3 Prof. Al Shammery thanked Dr. Paul Brandt for his remarks and noted as follows.
2.3.1 This particular meeting was to strengthen IADR in KSA. It was not about the Middle East at large although a strong IADR in KSA will impact the Middle East IADR. He emphasized the need for members to pay their annual IADR dues and enjoy the benefits of being active members of IADR.
2.3.2 In particular, Prof. Al Shammery noted that the younger generation of dentists, who become paid-up active members of IADR have much to gain or benefit from the IADR-journals, website, meetings, research etc. In this regard, dental students in Riyadh Colleges of Dentistry and Pharmacy are being encouraged to become student members of IADR.
2.3.3 The need for KSA section of IADR to become Division, having been Section for many years. To begin the process, membership must be more than 50 being the minimum number required by IADR regulations (excluding students or retired members) who have paid IADR dues as a Member for two consecutive years.
2.3.4 He suggested a Thursday meeting in future for the next meeting of KSA IADR, either February 10 or 17th, 2011.
2.3.5 He further suggested that if an Ad Hoc (Emergency) meeting of KSA IADR Section could be held during the next Conference of SDS, which January 24th, 2011, there was the possibility of many dentists attending such a meeting because dentists from Riyadh and outside Riyadh attend the conference in good numbers.

2.4 Prof. Amjad Wyne, a pediatric dentist from King Saud University, College of Dentistry enjoined the younger dentists to join IADR and suggested that election of officers could even hold that same day.

2.5 Prof. Al Shammery did not recommend that an election be held at the meeting. He preferred the meeting to hold in January 2011. He hoped that IADR in KSA will become stronger with the participation of the younger dentists.

2.6 Many others present at the meeting expressed their thanks and appreciation for the invitation to attend. Prof. Al Shammery specifically asked dental interns present to talk and many did. Dr. Dalal Al Qahtani, a lecturer in King Saud University, College of Dentistry, spoke about her exciting experience presenting a paper orally at the 2010 Barcelona Meeting of IADR. Prof. Mosadomi was in favor of holding a meeting of IADR during the SDS Conference at which time an election should be held. But if this could not be, a special meeting of IADR could be called later for election of officers.

2.7 Dr. Paul reminded the meeting that the Deans of Dental Schools in the KSA could be contacted to give support to IADR growth in KSA.

2.8 Prof. Al Shammery thanked all present again. He reiterated the need to move from Section to Division status and that such change of status should promote dental research, collaboration and professional activities in KSA. Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at about 12:50 PM to allow participants to attend the next sessions of the 5th Riyadh International Dental Meeting & Exhibition.

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