Conveners and Focal persons of all the five disciplines of Dentistry, i.e. Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Orthodontics, Periodontology, Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry met on 10th December 2015 to update the College with the revision/review of Curricula and Structured Visual Display Charts for FCPS, IMM and MCPS and view the progress on strengthening MCQ Bank.

The Faculties also had the agenda to discuss and review, if necessary, the examination dates, selection of examiners and other ancillary issues to the examinations. College also wanted to have the input of the Joint Meeting in examining and reviewing of accreditation criteria forms of the relevant institutions and units too.

President in his introductory remarks told the meeting that HSE of Ireland has accepted and is conducting training of CPSP trainees, screened by CPSP and finally selected by HSE Ireland after interviews. Training our residents on CPSP curricula and Visual Display Charts, there at Ireland, is a step to still greater international acceptance of our competency model. President went on to inform that the acquisition of competency is possible only when it is evidence based. To ensure appropriate acquisition of competency, we need to monitor the performance of the resident. The E-log developed by College IT department is a great advancement and worthy tool in monitoring their performance. Now the College does get almost daily feedback from its residents from all over Pakistan and even from abroad.

President informed that about 97% of over 21,000 residents do submit their performance but it is rather sad to note that the percentage of the Supervisors who are required to verify the performance, of their trainees; is low and touching to the alarmingly lows numbers.

Coming back to development of MCQs the President told the meeting that DME has developed and facilitated a workshop on how to develop MCQs. Those who have yet to be benefited from such workshop may ask DME to facilitate one for them too. Dr. Imran Siddiqui gave his presentation to the joint meeting.

Prof. Riaz Ahmed Warriach, Convener Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery complained that Dentistry does not get appropriate coverage in College Bulletin and thus Dentistry is not appropriately reflected in College activities. He informed that in his specialty the number of MCQs is so limited that the questions get repeated so often. He informed that examiners have been earmarked by his faculty. He suggested that Faculties should make a list of eligible examiners and share it with examination department, leaving the final selection for a particular examination on the discretion of the examination department itself. He suggested that for FCPS I, his discipline should have independent examination.

Prof. Shahjahan Katpar, Focal person of his discipline too was present in the meeting.

Prof. Ambreen Afzal, Convener, Orthodontics suggested that reaccreditation of institutions and units is very important as the College should ensure after every 5 years if the unit has the appropriate staff and the equipments to train the residents.

Prof. Khurram Ata Ullah, Convener Periodontology suggested that review of MCQs be allowed at the Regional Centers too. The President informed that he is too willing to meet this desire and added that once the Senior Registrars of any unit has participated in the workshop of MCQ development, they too can be involved in MCQ development.

President added that he would suggest that each discipline may invite their supervisors at the respective Regional centers of the College and let the Faculty meet and interact with all the supervisors through the Video link facility. The Faculty may make a request to DME to organize such a meeting for them.

Prof. Abdul Mueed Zaigham, Focal person Prosthodontics, Dr. Muhammad Bader Munir, Convener Operative Dentistry, Dr. Muhammad Nadeem Pasha, Focal person Periodontology, and Prof. Iffat Batool Syed, Focal person Orthodontics also presented the performance of their respective disciplines/Faculties.