"Light Time—Good Time"

3rd European Congress of WFLD in Rome

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The 3rd Congress of the World Federation for Laser Dentistry (WFLD) will be held in Rome from 9–11 June 2011 at the Department of Oral Science of Sapienza University of Rome.



_**The WFLD is the membership organization** of the specialty of laser used in dentistry worldwide. "The mission of the society is to stimulate the research in the different fields, to coordinate long-term clinical studies using lasers as main instrument during the treatment and to establish an educational foundation for dentists who are intending to use or are already using lasers in their daily treatments", the Past President of WFLD, Prof Norbert Gutknecht said in his welcome message, one of the invited speakers presenting a topic of "Minimal Invasive Caries Treatment".

"The WFLD decided to create five divisions and the European Division demonstrated to be very active. After the successful meetings of 2007 in Nice (France) and 2009 in Istanbul (Turkey), Rome takes in charge this scientific meeting", reported Prof Jean Paul Rocca, President of WFLD, one of the main invited speakers having as topic "Diode laser may combine different wavelengths—a new technical approach" adding that "Italy may be considered an advanced country in terms of laser dentistry" and concluding that the Executive Board of the WFLD look forward the meeting in Rome.

Prof Adam Stabholz, President of the European division and an invited speaker in the Endodontic section, confirmed that "It will be a unique opportunity for researchers and clinicians from many countries worldwide, in the field of laser dentistry, to share their knowledge and to learn more about the latest advancement in this area".

It wasn't a co-incidence that for the Chairperson of the congress was chosen Prof Antonella Polimeni. She is the Director of the Oral Science Department at the Sapienza University. The answer in her welcome message is: "We choose the Oral Science Department of Sapienza University to give an Academic imprint to the congress, to provide the highest quality scientific programs and the most updated information regarding the applications of lasers to our fellow colleagues."

The Chairperson of the scientific program Prof Umberto Romeo is preparing a wide program comprehending lectures, oral presentations and posters to allow everybody to participate actively to this cultural event. The deadline for abstract submission was fixed for 15 February 2011. The program will take place in a day and a half and will be divided in five different sections of dentistry: Laser Research, Endodontics, Periodontology and Implantology, Operative and Paediatric Dentistry, Oral Surgery and LLLT. Each section will have oral presentations and one or two invited speakers. For the first time in the history of WFLD, it has been decided to have an renowned invited speaker, that will present the state of art in field of his specialty followed

by another renowned invited speaker, that will present the potentiality of laser in that field. For example in the Endodontics Section Prof Giuseppe Cantatore from Italy, one of the most important Endodontists in Europe, will speak about the last innovations in Endodontic followed by Prof Adam Stabholz, the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the Jerusalem University and the Head of the Endodontic Department, that will present the potentially of Lasers in Endodontics. "Prof Wilder Smith Petra from Beckman Laser Institute of University of California, Prof Yossi Shapira, Head of the Paediatric Dentistry Department at Hadassah University of Jerusalem and Prof Anton Sculean, Chairman of the Department of Periodontology, Dental School at the University of Bern, are among the invited speakers" reported Romeo, concluding that "contextually there will be a series of workshops organized by the leading laser companies that will take place on Thursday morning as well as the Basic Laser Course that will give the opportunity to get the certification of the WFLD"

"But what does the title of the congress say?: Light Time is for us fans of laser also Good Time ", added Prof Roly Kornblit, Chairperson of Organizing Committee. So we are preparing a social program that will exalt the beauty and the specialty of the city of Rome, demonstrating also the social and cultural characteristic of



this beautiful country, already Thursday evening, after the opening ceremony, during the welcome cocktail, typical Italian food and famous Italian wines will be served. After the cocktail it will be possible to participate to a tour by bus and see Rome by night. The social dinner was fixed for Friday evening in one of the most important monuments of Rome, the "Terrazza Caffarelli at the Museum Capitolini", an informal moment for exchanging different views of laser enjoying a unique view of Rome. For those who will remain in Rome, we are organizing a guide tour to the famous "Villas of Tivoli" and a dinner with music in a tram that goes around the city center of Rome at the end of the congress on saturday afternoon._

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