XI Congress of SELO

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_On 11–12 February, the XI National Congress of the Spanish Society of Laser in Odontostomatology (SELO) was held in Seville, with the title: "Excellence in operating lasers".

The President of the Congress, Doctor Isabel Sáez de la Fuente, with Doctor Daniel Torres Lagares, coordinator of the area of Oral Surgery of the University of Seville and Vice-President of the Congress, and the rest of the organising committee (Patricia Bargiela, Paloma Montero, Betina Pérez, Eloy Cano, Carlos Valdivieso, Rocío Velázquez and Ignacio Arregui) organized a scientific programm of a high level that was of interest to all participants of the Congress. It achieved accreditation from the Agency of Medical Care s side of Andalucia, meaning that the training given at this event is considered as credits for continuous training in the national system. The Congress was held in the hotel Silken Al Andalus Palace and attended by 200 assistants, including dentists, hygienists and students. There were many commercial companies who displayed the latest laser technologies to the assistants.

During the inauguration, carried out by the Honorable Rector of the University of Seville, the importance of technology in the improvement of the daily practice was emphatisized. Institutions with scientific boards should approve the incorporation of this in the dental office. This message was emphasized by members of the inaugural table: the Rector of the University of Seville (Joaquín Luque), the Director Manager of the Andalusian Service of Health (José Luis Gutiérrez Pérez), accompanied by Silvestre Ripoll (Member of the Scientific Commission of the School of Dentists of Seville), Josep Arnabat (President of SELO), the teacher Cosme Gay Escoda (President of the Scientific Committee of the Congress) and Isabel Sáez de la Fuente (President of the Congress).

Moving onto the scientific program, the pre-congress course took place on Friday morning attended









by the doctors Francisco Enrile and José Miguel Romero (Huelva), Pedro Buitrago (Valencia), Ignacio Arregui (León) and Ignacio Sanz (Madrid).

The rest of the scientific program was concerned with current matters: treatment of periimplantitis and periodontal treatments (Georgios Romanos, Francesco Martelli, Vanessa Ruiz, Antón Sculean, Gerd Volland and Jan Tuner), aesthetic dentistry and adhesion (Martín Jorgens, Henrik Holm, María Pérez and Carlo Fornaini), oral surgery (Rolando Crippa, Antonio Bowen, Antonio España, Gonzalo López and Patricia Bargiela Pérez). To sum up, the scientific program, was attended by speakers of great national and international prestige.

Simultaneously, the V meeting SELO for hygienists and assistants was celebrated, to which came near to 50 of these professionals interested in the study of the physique bases of laser, its utilization in areas of odontology (periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, aesthetic, etc) and its integration in he daily office. The speakers Cristina Vaquero, Daniel Abad, Marcela Bisheimer, Sofia Raja, Luis Suárez, Rocío Velázquez and Ángela Rodríguez talked about these topics throughout the morning.

The social program was very successful among the assistants. The speaker's dinner took place in the restaurant Casa Robles in the Placentines street, and the dinner gala in the Exhibition Casino. The dinner was livened up with a jazz group, and later a flamenco dance performance, which was to the liking of all the assistants.

Without a doubt, the organisers of the Congress agreed that of having a city like Seville as a venue, was key to the success of this Congress, preparing the sphere for the next big event related to laser dentistry that will be celebrated in our. The 13th World Congress of the World Federation Laser Dentistry will take place in Barcelona the last week of April 2012, organized by Doctor Antonio España, where we look forward to seeing you soon again._