





## IDS 2011



# IDS in Cologne— A must-see for young dentists

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Everyone who is dealing with dentistry in a way has just one destination every two years in March: Cologne, Germany. This is the place where it all happens, where the newest innovations are shown, where associations meet and make politics, and where parties take place. It is all just

about dentistry in this city for some days; Cologne becomes the world's capital of teeth for a short period. More than 115,000 visitors had the possibility to see Cologne in the first days of spring with wonderful sunshine, but 1,956 exhibitors from 58 countries showed their

products at the International Dental Show (IDS) and did not give dentists much time to enjoy the city. But even with such a large number of booths and many halls full of things to see, you could meet familiar people everywhere. For all those who did not want to meet others only by accident, especially for members and friends of Young Dentists Worldwide, there was a meeting point: the booth of the German Dental Chamber (BZÄK). Together with the German Dental Students Association (BdZM) and Young Dentists Germany (BdZA), YDW had the opportunity to represent itself at this place.

During those days it was also the first time that the ALUMNI International Magazine could be read on paper. The first issue was handed out at the meeting point and at the booth of Dental Tribune/OEMUS MEDIA. The brand new magazine was one of the highlights of the IDS and the members of YDW also held their general assembly there. It took place in the building of DÄF (Deutsche Ärzte Finanz) in the city center, far away from the busy exhibition halls. The members of YDW discussed current projects and the future of YDW. One thing which was set is the next Mid Year Meeting which will be organized in Alexandria, Egypt, next March.

The German member of YDW, BdZA, also organized several events during the IDS

2011. One was the handing out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ALUMNI award, which also took place at the booth of the German Dental Chamber, and which was interesting for many visitors. Several get-togethers took place there, like the international one with participants of the World Dental Federation (FDI), the International Association of Dental Students (IADS), the European Dental Students Association (EDSA) and other organizations. The same evening became night, and later morning, for hundreds of people who partied together at the location called Roonburg at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ALUMNI Night. This party was mainly visited by young dentists and students from all over the world, and the local beer called Kölsch was the drink of the night.

For sure, the IDS is a busy week with much input, during which you barely rest, but there is no better event to meet new and old faces. At the IDS everything seems to be possible and we are already looking forward to the next one in 2013.

