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If somebody would have told me years ago that I will be facing now the strange but very interesting feeling that sometimes the world is not enough I would have started laughing for sure. How can you describe in words something that you can consider part of yourself without being neither boring nor superficial? I think it's indeed a difficult mission but a mission which must be accomplished.

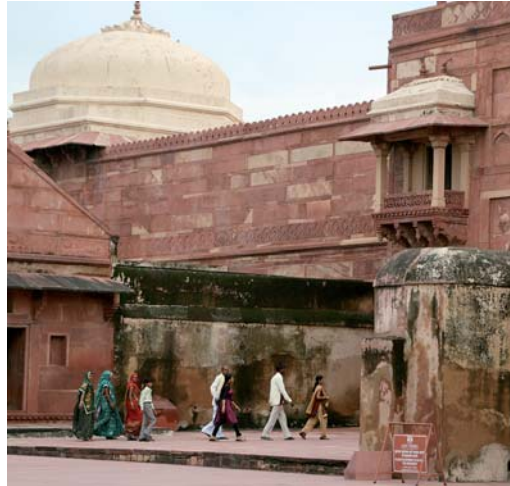
A very special congress

International Association of Dental Students (IADS) & Young Dentists Worldwide (YDW), the sister organizations which are actually leading and changing the new dental community, had this year's annual meeting in New Delhi, India. 2011 is a very special year for both associations, because IADS is celebrating 60 years of existence and YDW 20 years of activity. This year's meeting was organized and hosted by the Dental Student Welfare Association of India (DSWAI) under the chairmanship of Dr. Chandresh Shukla. The event began with an impressive pre-congress in Agra. The pre-congress is usually more informal and has a mainly social-tourist dimension. For two days the participants could familiarize themselves with the Indian culture and traditions.

The organizers provided a full tourist programme, including the famous Taj Mahal and the Fort of Agra. We were overwhelmed by the diversity of the places we got the chance to see in such a short time. The pre-congress was also the first opportunity for the participants to meet the famous Indian cuisine.

Special days in New Delhi

After the pre-congress we departed to New Delhi, in order to attend the 58th IADS & YDW Annual World Dental Congress. Such a successful pre-congress announced early to us that an amazing congress is about to begin. The participants were accommodated in a very nice hotel in New Delhi and the entire congress was scheduled to take place in the resort, in order to avoid transfers between



different places. The special guest star of this event was, without any doubt, Dr. Roberto Vianna, the president of the World Dental Federation (FDI). Dr. Vianna found time in his busy schedule to join us, because, as he said, dental students and young doctors are very important to him. The FDI president was invited by our colleagues from DSWAI, who surprised everybody with such a remarkable guest. The scientific part of the congress was a piece of contrast in the programme. Both, well known Indian and international lecturers, were invited and their presentations opened new perspectives to the dental students and young dentists. It was our personal honor that a former IADS President and Honorary Lifelong Member, Dr. Mark Antal from Hungary, was invited to give a lecture during this exclusive scientific meeting. The traditional

SCORE Lecture Contest was won, for the first time in IADS history, by an Indian student. This fact brought even more joy in our hosts' hearts.

„Old friends pass away, new friends appear. It is just like the days. An old day passes, a new day arrives. The important thing is to make it meaningful: a meaningful friend—or a meaningful day.“ (Dalai Lama)

General Assembly, the heart of each congress

The most important part of the congress, the IADS General Assemblies, took place



in the hotel where the guests were accommodated and revealed once more that, behind the friendly and sincere atmosphere, there is also a huge amount of hard work involved. The democratic spirit, the will of rational debates and the reciprocal respect of opinions were the attributes that characterized the GA's. The most awaited moment of the congress was probably the election of the Executive Committee for the term 2011–2012. The results of the elections revealed that the new Executive Committee will be formed by:

President: Stefania Rado (Hungary) / **General Secretary:** Pavel Scariat (Romania) / **Treasurer:** Babak Sayahpour (Germany) / **Editor:** Karolina Florykova (Czech Republic) / **International Scientific Officer:** Magdalena Wilczak (Poland) / **International Exchange Officer:** Cristiana Focseneanu (Romania) / **Immediate Past President:** Ionut Luchian (Romania)

Another important aspect of the congress was the Young Dentists Worldwide General Assembly. The YDW GA underlined the

need of filling the gap between fresh graduates and experienced dentists. They encouraged all fresh graduates to join YDW and contribute, in order to improve the international status of young doctors. If you ask me, the new concept of „young dentistry” is the only one that will achieve major positive changes in the dental world.



Experiencing Incredible India

All participants had the opportunity to visit the main landmarks of Delhi and to experience true Indian atmosphere. India was indeed an inspired choice for the 2011 annual meeting and we all hope to come back, because it has so many faces. This convinced us that each visit to this amazing country will be a different experience. For some of our readers, the IADS & YDW congresses might seem a bit over-rated or unrealistic.

I just want to say that IADS gave me the chance to reinvent myself and to see the world from a different perspective. Last but not least, IADS kindly offered me the unique chance to meet my brother. In conclusion, I would like to invite you to join our meetings, grab the spirit and allow us to change your life!

See you soon in Egypt for the 2012 Mid Year Meeting and in Romania for the 59th IADS & YDW Annual World Dental Congress!

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