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**INTERVIEW with  
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**AIM: Why did you study dentistry?**

I announced my intention to become a dentist at the age of 4, but, at that time this was only the least complicated answer to the 'big question': "What will you be when you grow up?" Of course, I had to reconsider this question in secondary school, but no matter how hard I tried, I could not imagine studying something else than the human body. Looking back, I made the best choice.

**AIM: Where do you practice dentistry and what is special about it in your country?**

I practice dentistry in my home country, Hungary. I work at a governmental clinic where I do only orthodontics with minors—orthodontic treatment in my country is only subsidized by the government under the age of 18. I also work at a private clinic where I do general dentistry. Being a dentist in Hungary, you are in quite a controversial spot. You are "almost an MD" to some people, to others you are the avatar of sadism or greed, and others will simply see you as a dentist without any mystification.

**AIM: Why do you love dentistry?**

It is, manually and intellectually, a never-ending challenge where every case presents an individual and unique task, so you are never at risk of getting bored. I like that we

have to deal with people, not inanimate objects, that each treatment is not a one-man job, but a cooperation with the patient. And I cannot think of a better feedback, than seeing that your patient has a smile full of confidence after leaving your office.

**AIM: Are you specialised or planning to be? Why did you choose this field?**

I am in my second year of specialisation for orthodontics. My good fortune fell into my lap and allowed me to apply for a job at one of the principal orthodontic clinics in Hungary. I decided to go for it and I was lucky enough to get it. I have always loved mechanics, physics and logical tasks, and orthodontics is the field of dentistry that applies these sciences the most. I love to work in order to achieve a result that is both aesthetic and well functioning.

**AIM: What does YDW mean to you?**

First of all: Friends. I love the spirit of YDW, that it gathers young professionals from all over the world, who are enthusiastic, full of energy and attitude, who are really representing the young present and the future of dentistry worldwide. It is a great achievement that YDW is creating a community of young professionals and giving them a platform to exchange knowledge, experiences and friendship on a worldwide level.