

Happy Birthday DGL!



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Twenty years ago, the DGL (German Society for Laser Dentistry) was founded in Stuttgart, Germany. The DGL was the third laser society to be founded following the foundation of the ISLD (International Society for Lasers in Dentistry) in 1988 in Japan and the ALD (Academy for Laser Dentistry) in 1990 in the US.

In addition to the formation of international and regional societies, the establishment of national societies is one of the most important promotion activities in the field of laser dentistry in order to explain and promote the use of lasers in the daily dental office. Furthermore, national laser societies can establish positive relationships with national dental associations in order to dispel long-existing prejudices resulting from a lack of information.

The integration of the DGL into the German Dental Association (DGZMK) might prove to encourage all the other laser societies worldwide to continue developing a network with the dental associations and universities in their respective regions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norbert Gutknecht', written in a cursive style.

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