Start of the new Master of Science course in Aachen

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_**On 26 September 2011** the 14th master course "Lasers in Dentistry" started in Aachen, Germany. This postgraduate Master of Science programme has been offered since 2004 at the RWTH Aachen University.

The Rector of RWTH Aachen University, Prof Dr Schmachtenberg, welcomed the 24 curious dentists who will get a taste of student's life again. He introduced the University of Excellence where they will study extra-occupational for the next two years.

The participants come from 12 Nations: Germany, the European countries, Turkey, Iran and Saudi Arabia but also from Hong Kong. Some of them have already been working for decades as successful dentists in their countries. They have come to Aachen because they are persuaded that laser dentistry is the future in dental medicine. After the official enrolment at the RWTH Aachen University the students got to know their new study place by a bus tour. Already in the afternoon, the serious students life started with the first lecture.

During the last seven years more than 120 dentists could take their Master of Science degrees.

Dr Peter Fahlstedt, M.Sc., graduate from 2008, reports: "I will start the first Institute for Laser-sup-









ported Dentistry in the Nordic Countries with the aim to offer the highest achievable level of education in this field to dentists in Sweden and other neighbour countries. This is only possible with the extraordinary support and professionalism."

The conclusion from Dr Dimitris Strakas, M.Sc., who started his studies in 2004: "The quality of the program and its elaborate structure will certainly give you the boost that you need while using and successfully treating with lasers. I am grateful for all the things I gained and for the security I feel having a great team of colleagues beside me, as we all walk with confident steps towards the new era of dentistry."

All important theories and application options pertaining to laser use in dentistry are taught. Participants obtain sound theoretical knowledge in lectures and seminars led by renowned, competent and experienced international scientists and practitioners. Skill training sessions, exercises, practical applications, live operations and workshops with intensive assistance from scientific associates with doctorates guide participants towards using lasers successfully and professionally in their own surgeries. During the ten modules, students remain in steady contact with the RWTH Aachen University and the lecturers between attendance days via the e-learning system. This kind of segmentation allows established dentists to remain active in their clinics while getting their Master degree.

The Master course "Lasers in Dentistry" is the first accredited dentistry laser Master program in Germany and indeed the world, recognized in the EU and all countries of the Washington Accord (USA and Anglo-American nations) and of the Bologna Reform as an internationally valid academic degree.

The next course in English starts on 24 Septeber 2012 and the upcoming course in German Language begins on 1 October 2012._

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