2nd Congress of World Federation for Laser Dentistry— European Division

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Fig. 1_Folklore at opening.
Fig. 2_WFLD-ED reception.

_After the first international congress of the WFLD (former ISLD) in 2008 in Hong Kong, the meeting of the European Division of the WFLD took place from May 14-17, 2009, in the Harbiye Askeri Museum & Conference Center in Istanbul, Turkey. The Congress President, Prof Dr Ferda Tasar, addressed welcome messages after she succeeded in joining more then 300 people from 22 countries, under the motto "let's enlighten where the continents meet". Politician Mr Emin Alici expressed his compliments for the organisation and was pleased to welcome the participants in Turkey. The president of the WFLD, Prof Dr Norbert Gutknecht, started with a phrase of Atatürk: "the scientific and technical conditions are not given to create a modern civilisation, if men and woman are not matching together for this common goal" and mentioned in his opening lecture how Laser Dentistry and the WFLD were developed and are inerasable established all around the world, followed by the second opening lecture of Prof Dr Paul Bradley who enlightened how he came to use lasers in TMJ surgery after being unhappy about always having to cut and destroy tissue before achieving a healing. He invented the terminology LILT (Low Intensity Laser Therapy) and made us enthusiastic to be a LILTer too.

Many graduates from the MSc program of Aachen were present and besides a great number high class presentations, divided over two halls in two days, there were following keynote lectures: Prof Gutknecht (Aachen Germany) showed a long term follow up of laser assisted treatment of complicated and uncomplicated crown fractures and a new approach to laser assisted bleaching. Prof Bradley (Florida, USA) explained about laser interstitial photothermolysis for orofacial hemangiomas and tumors, and neurolysis for pain control. Prof





Fig. 2_Price giving.
Fig. 3_Gala diner.
Fig. 4_Boat on Bosporus.
Fig. 5_Speech Mr. Emin Alici.
Fig. 6_left to right:
Profs. Nammour, Rocca, Tasar, Bradley, Gutknecht, Esen.

Rocca, president of WFLD-ED and president elect WFLD (Nice, France) gave examples where Er:YAG lasers are currently used in oral surgery. Prof Strauss (Virginia, USA) brought interesting aspects of laser application in cosmetic facial surgery and management of oral leukoplakia and dysplasia. Prof Nammour, former president ISLD (Liége, Belgium) explained about the indications and limits of CO_2 laser applications in periodontics. Prof Stabholz (Jerusalem, Israel) enlightened the use of Er:YAG laser in endodontics and what's new on side firing tips. Prof Gurcan (Ankara, Turkey) showed all aspects of laser assisted bleaching. Prof Frentzen (Bonn, Germany) presented his speciality; laser as an







optical tool in diagnostics. Prof Kocaderreli (Istanbul, Turkey) held her lecture about many different indications for laser applications in orthodontics. Prof Esen (Adana, Turkey) lectured about the application of CO_2 laser in oral surgery. Prof Vitale (Pavia, Italy) presented laser supported new strategies in preventive dentistry. Prof Ilday (Istanbul, Turkey) showed applications of ultra fast fibers in laser dentistry. Prof Vescovi (Parma, Italy) explained the surgical and non surgical laser assisted management of biophosphonate associated osteonecrosis of the jaws. Dr Ingenegeren (Bottrop, Germany) presented the world wide first no anaesthesia implant bed preparation with laser, using a surgical guide.

The industry was present in the adjacent halls and many different laser systems were displayed. The gala diner took place on a boat which sailed the Bosporus along ancient monuments and under the famous bridges between Europe and Asia. Prices for the three best presentations went to Turkey, Israel and Germany and the best poster price to Italy. The president of the WFLD expressed his thanks and compliments to Prof Tasar and her crew for organising this successful and unforgettable event. Next WFLD: São Paolo 2009, Dubai 2010._

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