

Sociedad Española de Láser Odontoestomatológico— IX Congreso de la SELO

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_This past November (28–29 November 2008) we celebrated the IX SELO Congress 2008 in the city of Salamanca. More than 150 professional—dentists, hygienists, and assistants—took part in the conference held at the Alameda Palace Hotel located in the center of the historic city of Salamanca. This was the first time that the Sociedad Española de Láser Odontoestomatológico worked together with Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas has organized the First Laser Meeting Hispano-Luso, in part because of the close proximity of Salamanca to Portugal. We also celebrated the 3rd edition of the meeting for the hygienist and dentist assistants. In this occasion we spoke about the basic laser knowledge for them and also talked regarding laser secu-

city norms, bleaching and Hipersensitivity. This 9th edition of SELO Congress was presided over by Dra Maria J Pérez Rodríguez and her organizing committee. She worked exhaustively in order to make a successful congress. The congress was inaugurated with the course of accreditation on the basic knowledge of laser for dentists. During all morning the doctors Antonio España Tost and Josep Arnabat, revised all the physics bases of the laser, the different types of lasers, as well as the security measures that are needed when you work with a laser in a dental clinic. When the course finished they took a test exam so as to obtain the SELO certificate in accreditation on the basic knowledge in dental laser. During Friday's morning there were also presented dif-

Fig. 1 _Dr Josep Arnabat and Dra Amelia de la Ballina.

Fig. 2 _New Board: Dr Antonio España Tost, Dr Antonio Bowen, Dra Maria Perez, Dr Josep Arnabat, Dr Gonzalo López de Castro, Dra Isabel Sáez de la Fuente, Dra Marcela Bisheimer, Dr Daniel Abad.





Fig. 3 Award to the best oral communications.

Fig. 4 Gala diner: Dr Roeland De Moor, Dr Carlo Fornaini and his wife, Dr. Antonio España, Dr. Joao Barga and Dr. Josep Arnabat.

ferent oral communications, as well as posters. All of them with a high scientific level. So as to the participation we can remark the different speakers who exposed their conferences on Friday's afternoon as well as Saturday morning and afternoon. Dr Enrique Conejero exposed in an easy way all the laser physics fundamentals and Dr España cleared us the ideas in reference to the use of laser and the dentin adhesion. Dra Amelia de la Ballina introduced us in the kinesiology and the laser. To end the day Dr Gonzalo López Castro showed us the utilization of the laser in implantology. During the Saturday morning reports we had the pleasure to be able to have some lecturers of a great prestige at an international level. As in the previous SELO meetings the international lectures gave a great prestige to the meeting showing a great scientific level. The doctors Dr Carlo Fornaini, Dr Roeland De Moor and Dr Olaf Oberhorfer showed us part of their investigation and demonstrate to be professionals of great level and prestige in the field of the dental laser. During the Saturday evening we had the experience of being able to count with Drs Joao Barga and Dra Alexandra Vinagre de Portugal, and with Dr Antonio Bowen who spoke respectively about laser applications in oral surgery and in implantology. The final session ran in charge of Dra Isabel Saez de la Fuente who analyzed the applications of the laser in periodontics.

The gastronomic tradition of the organizing city, Salamanca, has left a pleasing memory in all the assistants. The organizing committee and its president the Dra María J Pérez Rodríguez has delighted us with some fantastic and splendid dishes. All the work foods were excellent without lacking

the famous Ham of Guijuelo of course. Elegance's dinner took place in the historical Palace of Figueroa's (old casino of Salamanca) being an unforgettable veiled so as to his gastronomic level but also to the relationship among all the assistants of the congress.

Of a great importance was the commercial exhibition that was carried out because of the SELO Congress. It is necessary to remark that this year the SELO has gotten the presence of entirely all the brands who commercialize different types of lasers in our country. The commercial houses have been represented are: Biolase, Casa Schmidt, Group Fadente, KaVo, Master dental, Fotona, DEKA, DiB; Periowave, and also other brands as MozoGrau, Gazeta Dental, Previson Sanitaria Nacional and Normon.

To all them, the directive meeting of SELO thanks its participation and the carried out effort. Without their collaboration these scientific acts would not be possible to carry out concluded the congress, it took place the ordinary general assembly and later the extraordinary assembly in which the new directive board of SELO was chosen. Once carried out the voting the results were the followings:

- _ Dr Josep Arnabat as President
- _ Dra Isabel Sáez de la Fuente as Vice-president
- _ Dra Marcela Bisheimer as Secretary.
- _ Dra Maria Perez as Treasurer
- _ Dr José M^a de la Fuente Llanos as Vocal
- _ Dr Antonio Bowen Antolin as Vocal
- _ Dr Gonzalo López de Castro as Vocal
- _ Dr Antoni España Tost President Scientific board
- _ Dr Daniel Abad Sánchez as Web Manager.



Fig. 5 Gala diner: Dra Isabel Sáez de la Fuente, Dr Antonio España Tost, Dra Maria Perez, Dra Luz Aguiló, Dr Gonzalo López, Dra Marcela Bisheimer, Dr Josep Arnabat.

Fig. 6 University of Salamanca.