

# 13<sup>th</sup> WFLD World Congress in Barcelona

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**Fig. 1**\_Dr Carlos Eduardo de Paula (President of the Scientific Committee), Dr Antoni España (President of the Congress), Dr Aldo Brugnera (Elect President of the WFLD) and Dr Josep Arnabat (SELO's President).

**Fig. 2**\_Dr Josep Arnabat, Dr Antoni España.

\_From 26 to 28 April 2012 the 13<sup>th</sup> WFLD (World Federation for Laser Dentistry) World Congress will be held in Barcelona. The Hesperia Tower hotel is the conference venue, placed near the international airport of Barcelona. Specialists and speakers are invited to meet in Barcelona and talk about lasers in dentistry. More than 40 speakers from more than 20 different countries will give more than 150 lectures to show the latest advances in this field.

The WFLD will take place in two main rooms of the hotel: firstly, the most general lectures will be held in the "Auditorium", where a simultaneous translation from English to Spanish is given. These lectures have been selected for providing the listeners with all necessary information to include this new technology into their daily practice. The lectures will be also useful for those who want to know about the current situation of laser technology in everyday dentistry. Advanced aspects about the use of different types of laser will be exposed in the "Jupiter" room. These sessions will have a

highly scientific content, dealing with the latest advances of laser and taught by the internationally renowned scientists. Besides, there will be two additional rooms, which are going to be used for oral presentations and posters illustrating each speech.


The organization has furthermore proposed a scientific committee to evaluate the various oral presentations and posters, with the purpose of rewarding the best oral presentations and posters exhibited at the Congress. The committee has selected the lecturers with the aim of showing a wide range of topics, scientifically as well as clinically. The Congress programme has then been meticulously organized and the sessions have been divided into six specialities in order to avoid overlaps: periodontology, endodontics, oral surgery, implantology, restorative dentistry and low-level laser. Another important part of the Congress is the commercial exposition, which is going to be one of the most extensive of the WFLD so far because of the generous support by the Congress' sponsors.

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Social events will also be a decisive aspect of the Congress' success. Barcelona is a city with a vast cultural, artistic and culinary richness. Gaudi's architecture with the Sagrada Familia and Parc Güell, as well as the different museums and the best restaurants and culinary offers make Barcelona a special city. More than 20 restaurants in Barcelona are currently awarded with a Michelin star.

The Gala dinner is expected to be in the old bullring of the Arenas in Barcelona, which has recently been remodelled into a shopping centre. On its top floor, you can find the "Cupula de las Arenas", a fantastic stage where you can enjoy the beautiful view of Barcelona and the splendid fountains of Montjuïc. The dinner brings the WFLD Congress to a closure with an extensive programme consisting of different shows.

We encourage everybody to participate in this great experience of the World Federation Laser of Dentistry Congress: we hope to see you in Barcelona!\_

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