"Laser Supported Dentistry" in Turkey

AALZ and Bezmialem Vakif University Istanbul cooperate

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_**"Laser Supported Dentistry"** attracts more attention in dentistry, day by day. Dental laser training and education are necessary to start laser-assisted dental therapy in order to execute dental laser applications in the most accurate and safe way.

On 5 December 2011, in accordance to a collaboration protocol for post-graduation education, signed by AALZ and Bezmialem Vakif University, the first one-year mastership certification course "Laser Supported Dentistry" was started at Istanbul Bezmialem Vakif University.

A well-attended opening ceremony was arranged in the university on 3 February 2012, which was also the starting date of the first course. University Director Prof Dr Adnan Yüksel, AALZ Director Prof Dr Norbert Gutknecht, the Bezmialem Vakif University Dental Faculty Dean Prof Dr Serdar Üsümez, other deans of the university and university academicians, dental laser distributors in Turkey, agents of visual and print media, mastership students and university students attended the ceremony. Bezmialem Vakif University Rector Prof Dr Adnan Yüksel was the first to address the audience. Rector Yüksel emphasized that the University is open for innovations and highlighted the importance of the collaboration with AALZ in his speech. AALZ Director Prof Dr Norbert Gutknecht expressed in his speech that the AALZ network is growing every day and that AALZ has cooperations with lots of universities all over the world. Prof Gutknecht also introduced the scientific co-worker group for the courses at Bezmialem, formed by Prof Dr Usumez, PhD Dr Maden, Dr Kazak, and Dr Berk, who hold Master of Science degrees and mastership certificates from RWTH Aachen University. Dentistry Faculty Dean Prof Dr Serdar Üsümez introduced the young academic permanent staff of the Dentistry Faculty, expressing that the aims of the new Bezmialem Dental Faculty are a rapid growth and to become an important scientific and academic institution.

The first module of the first mastership course started with 18 participants and took place on 4 to 5 February 2012 at Bezmialem Vakif University. Prof Dr Jörg Meister lectured the Laser Safety Officer training on the first day. On 5 February, a lecture and skill training about the construction and properties of lasers were conducted. The second mastership module was executed from 16 to 19 May 2012. The lecturer here was Prof Gutknecht himself, assisted by Dr Maden, Dr Kazak and Prof Usumez. Because of the high interest in this mastership program, a second batch will already start their first module from 28 to 29 June 2012. The "Master of Science in Lasers in Dentistry" course, which will start after receiving the approval of the Turkish Council of Higher Education, is being planned to start in September 2013._

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