

Cologne in the eyes of laser dentistry



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Dear readers of **laser** international magazine of laser dentistry,

I must confess that the headline of this editorial is a little presumptuous—and of course, not only is Cologne in the focus of the dental community, but the whole dental family is watching the city on the Rhine. This time, for sure, it is not because of the carnival, but because of IDS, International Dental Show, which starts only shortly after.

Although we have experienced this dental trade show for decades, it still radiates a hard-to-describe mixture of curiosity, thirst for knowledge and fascination.

IDS has always been a special event for laser dentistry, if not even the motor of this incredible and sometimes turbulent development this dental specialty has undergone since the early 1990s.

Judging from the hype triggered by the first Nd:YAG lasers presented in Cologne as well as the "all new" area of laser-supported hard tissue therapies and photodynamic therapy, laser dentistry has brought about a multitude of both new and aspiring laser users: IDS has always proved to be the perfect place for laser dentistry!

As the dental laser industry is well aware of this fact, all important manufacturers and distributors are represented with stands, staff and equipment and even with an entertaining programme.

Of course, dear reader, I am not yet able to predict if the time-honoured Cologne exhibition halls will witness a new laser hype, but you will certainly encounter state-of-the-art dental lasers at IDS. Therefore, I wish you as well as our editorial team much fun at IDS 2013!

Independently from whether or not you will be able to visit Cologne, I hope that all readers of **laser** international magazine of laser dentistry will enjoy this issue!

Warm regards,

Georg Bach