

DGL and its role in evidence-based dentistry



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Dear colleagues,

In order to fulfill its claim to be a scientific-oriented, science-based dental society, the German Society for Laser Dentistry has chosen the motto "Evidence-based Dentistry" for this year's annual congress. It is undisputable that laser application has not met the qualitative demands of evidence-based dentistry for many years. Instead, laser dentistry has developed from therapeutically useful and successful applications. In spite of this, already since it was founded, DGL has always aimed at supporting scientific-based laser applications in dentistry. This objective, the associated efforts and gradual successes have finally led to DGL being fully integrated within the German Society of Dental, Oral and Craniomandibular Sciences (DGZMK) which is the scientific umbrella organization of all dental societies.

DGZMK can thus be trend-setting for all societies of laser dentistry which want to gain support and recognition by the established dental societies of their countries.

Last year, DGL supported in an exemplary way the scientific work of colleagues who have been busy revising investigations in evidence-based dentistry which were conducted in 2006. Therefore, this year's congress features scientifically established national and international speakers, who will provide both DGL members and visitors of the congress with the state-of-the-art of evidence-based laser applications in dentistry.

With this in mind, I wish the German Society for Laser Dentistry all the best for their upcoming annual congress.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Gutknecht', written in a cursive style.

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