14th WFLD World Congress: The ever increasing use of laser in dentistry

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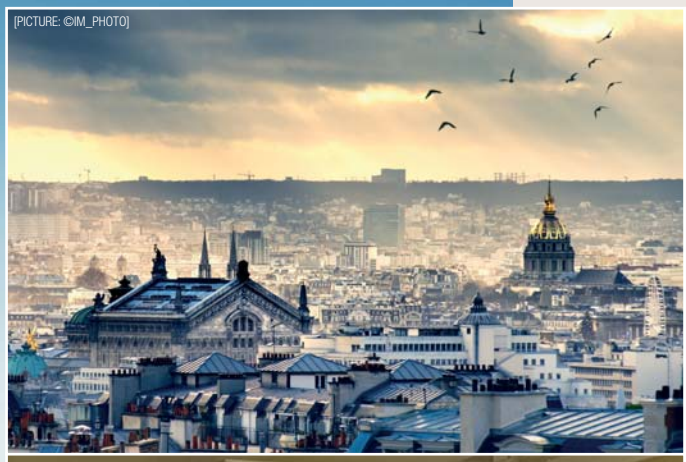
_The 14th WFLD World Congress took place in Paris on 2 to 4 July at the Maison de La Chimie in partnership with the Oral Implantology World Congress. The 2nd WFLD World Congress had already taken place in Paris in 1990, organised by Prof. Jaques Melcer. 24 years later, it was evident how much laser in dentistry has improved and developed in the Paris WFLD Congress 2014.

A satisfaction survey was taken among participants and the quality of invited speakers, oral presentations, poster presentations, environment and organisation in general were very positively assessed. The innovative subjects and topics were highlighted, since they showed the new approaches of phototherapy in dentistry as well as the prize received by five researchers and their teams in the poster session.

The ever increasing use of laser was evidenced by the presence of dozens of researchers from over 20 universities from the five continents where WFLD Divisions are present. Thereby, Brazil had the largest delegation with 37 participants, who had a remarkable participation presenting several researches of the clinical use of laser. Among them, two re-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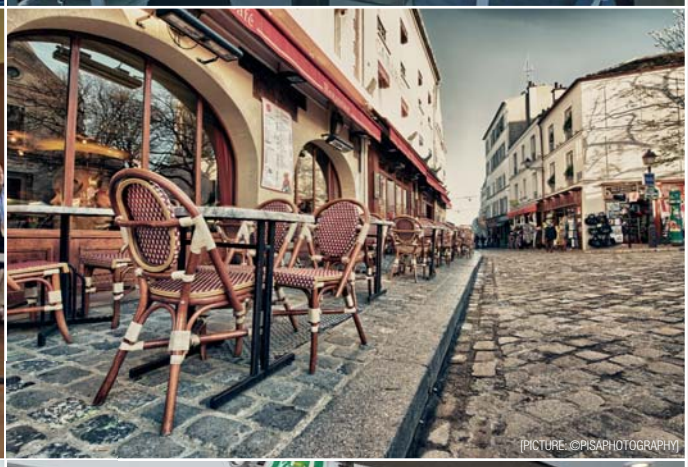
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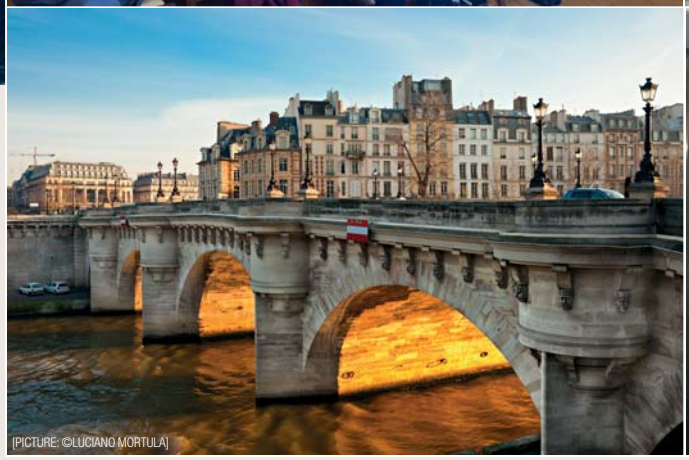
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searches stood out: The first was Prof. Marcia Marques' studies using laser therapy for stem cell biomodulation and the second Prof. Bagnato's using fluorescence in the diagnosis of bucal lesions.

As WFLD President, I was honoured by the compliments on the scientific programme and the presence of renowned professors and members of the Board as S. Namour (Belgium), N. Gutknecht (Germany), K. Yoshida (Japan), A. Stabholz (Israel), A. Chan (Australia), J. Arnabat (Spain), M. Marchesan (USA), T. Zeinoum (Lebanon), C. Eduardo (Brazil), J. Rocca (France) and many other respected researchers.

The basic course of Laser in Dentistry had over 60 participants who are interested in introducing laser therapy in their dental practice. WFLD's mission, which is to disseminate laser science, was definitely accomplished. I hereby thank of all of you as well as the WFLD General Assembly for indicating my name for re-election. I am waiting for all of those interested to be at the WFLD Division Congress in Brazil from 22 to 25 January, 2015, and at the WFLD World Congress in Japan, 2016. For more information, please visit our site:

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