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Millions of happy smiles

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With the theme "Making millions smile together", the Ukrainian city Kharkov hosted this year's DGZI Dental Days from 2 to 4 June 2016 at the Palace Premier Hotel.

Next to Kiev, Kharkov is the second-largest city of the Ukraine at 1.4 million inhabitants (2015). With 42 universities and academies, the city also forms the most important science and education centre of the country. Kharkov is situated in Northeastern Ukraine, where the River Charkiw flows into the River Lopan and the River Lopan flows into the River Udy. The city also is an industrial centre for electrical, food and chemical industry as well as engineering and rail vehicle manufacturing. Featuring six museums, Kharkov also is a cultural focal point.

The congress in Kharkov from 2 to 4 June 2016 marked the beginning of a new era in Ukrainian dentistry. Kharkov Dental Days were organised by the Association of Private Practice Dentists of the Ukraine (APPDU), represented by its president Taravnekh Shaker. The event's main aim was to provide a stable basis for high quality standards in dentistry in the Ukraine to accommodate international standards.

Latest trends in dentistry were presented to the attending Ukrainian dentists.

Dr Rainer Valentin and Dr Mazen Tamimi represented the DGZI at this year's Dental Days in Kharkov, in cooperation with the company Sprint Dental. A similar agreement was formed with regard to the relations to the Ukraine.

The DGZI specialist speeches were received with great interest and enthusiasm, which will result in more Ukrainian representatives being present at DGZI events.

Dr Mazen Tamimi addressed problems in the management of the severely atrophied mandible, while Dr Rainer Valentin reported on his success story of more than 30 years of practicing sinus lift procedures. Other speakers had travelled to Kharkov from Spain, Greece, Turkey, Russia and Germany. The event also featured a dental exhibition in which various international companies presented their products. An evening gala completed the DGZI Dental Days, uniting participants from different countries and the dentists from the Ukraine with a family feeling.

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Figs. 2 & 3: DGZI representatives Dr Rainer Valentin and Dr Mazen Tamimi are presented their certificates of appreciation.

Fig. 4: The Dental Days gala evening formed the event's grand finale.

