

Uniting the dental laser world

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On 22 and 23 September, the 6th European Division Congress of the World Federation for Laser Dentistry (WFLD-ED) took place in Thessaloniki, Greece. Although, the congress has closed its doors long since, the taste left to all is unforgettable. The congress was unanimously characterised as maybe the most successful event in laser dentistry during the last years.

With more than 400 participants from 34 countries, about 100 oral presentations in two main halls and four satellite rooms, 30 e-poster presentations, eight workshops and 23 sponsors in a 500 m² exhibition area, the event was a total success. The sunny and lively city of Thessaloniki, and the incomparable location of the five-star venue of Makedonia Palace hotel, aided also to the success of our congress.

It was a two-year work that led to this great event, and we are proud that many new dentists have entered the world of laser dentistry through this. The scientific and social programmes were meticulously planned and executed in order to have a balanced and



Fig. 1: Scientific committee of the 6th WFLD-ED congress.



Fig. 2

Fig. 2: Dr Dimitris Strakas opened the 6th WFLD-ED congress in Thessaloniki, Greece. – **Fig. 3:** More than 400 participants came to the congress on 22 and 23 September 2017. – **Fig. 4:** Participants had the opportunity to discover new laser devices and technological improvements at the exhibition.

a full-speed rhythm throughout the congress. World opinion leaders, clinicians and young researchers presented their work and the audience was packing the halls to absorb as much information as they could.

Moreover, new laser devices and technological improvements in all available wavelengths in dentistry were exhibited, and everybody had the opportunity to discuss, learn and test these devices with the representatives of the companies.

We are delighted that the "Laser Party" we had planned was a success as well, and a new network has been created with many parts involved. The goal was always one: To unite the dental laser world, and to elevate the level of such congresses in a way that almost all participants will be eager to anticipate the next event.

As the Chairman of WFLD-ED, I would once more like to thank all of those who have witnessed and been part of the 6th congress in Thessaloniki, and I urge you to expect more of the upcoming World Congress of WFLD held next year from 1 to 3 October 2018 in Aachen, Germany._


Fig. 3


Fig. 4

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