

16th World Congress of the WFLD

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After the huge success of the WFLD-European Division congress in Thessaloniki, Greece, just some weeks ago, the preparations for the upcoming 16th World Congress of the WFLD in Aachen, Germany, are running at full speed. The local organising team with Prof. Dr Norbert Gutknecht as Chairman and Dr Dimitris Strakas, Leon Vanweersch and additionally Dr Stefan Grümer from the German Association of Laser Dentistry (DGL) as Vice Chairmen, is hard working to make this congress the best visited in the history of the WFLD.

The World Federation for Laser Dentistry (ISLD before 2006) has been founded in 2008 and its aim is to serve as a non-profit medium for the exchange, advancement and dissemination of scientific knowledge, related to the use of lasers for application and research in the oral and dental environment. Since many years, the WFLD is the most important international society in the field of lasers in dentistry. Their congresses are held every two years, and attract international delegates from around the world. The German DGL is the sec-

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The World Federation for Laser Dentistry

dgl Deutsche Gesellschaft für laser Zahnheilkunde e.V.

AALZ
World Academy for Laser Education in Dentistry

ond oldest dental laser society worldwide and was founded in 1991. The already 27th annual meeting of the DGL will be held as a joined meeting with the WFLD. The same counts for the 6th International WALED (World Academy for Laser Education & Research in Dentistry) Congress, the alumni association of the Mastership and MSc programmes in Lasers in Dentistry of the RWTH Aachen University.

For many laser dentists worldwide, this WFLD World Congress will be a "coming back home to Aachen", and therefore the organisation expects a big amount of participants even up to more than 500. Beside the "laser dentists", the scientific board also expects a good number of participants who will have a first contact with Laser Dentistry, being future users of lasers, because the new set up of the scientific programme will be highly attractive for this group of participants.

Organising this congress in the RWTH Aachen University Hospital will give the organisation the unique possibility to upgrade the congress structure with life patient demonstrations during keynote lectures and during workshops. This will underline the new structure of this world congress, making it a much more clinical orientated congress.

The congress will integrate science and practical experience on different levels of presentations and demonstrations, like:
- high ranked international keynote speaker lectures
- on stage life patient demonstrations
- oral presentations combined with clinical relevant skill training sessions
- interactive poster presentations
- short presentations of latest research findings
- clinical case presentations
- rotating company supporting workshops, gaining continuous education certificates
- certification workshops before, during and after the congress.

Of course, the local organisation will ensure outstanding social events in Aachen during the congress days. On Monday 1 October after the first congress day, a very promising get-together meeting will be organised, and the WFLD dinner party will be on Wednesday 3 October in the "Schloss Rahe" castle, of course with several special surprising acts. The fees for this congress will be very affordable for a greater amount of dentists worldwide. Additionally, there will be very interesting package offers for societies and companies.

Beside the congress, for many visitors it will be a pleasure to visit Aachen, the city of Charlemagne (Carl the Great). Housing one of the most significant cultural monuments of the world, Aachen is the most westerly city in Germany. In the 1st to 4th century AD, the Romans were already building baths and temples on its hot springs. From 790 AD, construction work began on the palace chapel and when Charlemagne dies in 814 AD, he was buried there. Aachen is full charm. Let it captivate you! A wide variety of shops, quaint streets and welcoming cafes, typical of the central area around the Cathedral, invite to linger.



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Before or after the congress visitors can easily organise additional trips to the capitols of surrounding countries, like Brussels (45 min. per train) within 120 km, Amsterdam (2 hours per train) within 200 km, Paris (2,5 hours per Thalys train) within 400 km, or even London within 500 km (4 hours per Thalys/Eurostar train or 45 min. flight). Old historical cities in Germany, like Cologne or Düsseldorf, are within 100 km (45 min. per train) distance from Aachen.

The local organising committee believes that the participants of the 16th WFLD World Congress will have a very successful time in the European city of Charlemagne.

Looking forward to welcome you this time in Aachen, the heart of Europe!_

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