1st International Dental Students Congress for Laser Dentistry

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Sensing the increasing importance of education in laser dentistry, Plovdiv Medical University hosted the 1st International Dental Students Congress for Laser Dentistry (IDSCLD), from 22 to 23 March 2018 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, dedicated to the motto "Next-Generation Laser Dentistry". The congress was successful in gathering eminent speakers from various reputed universities and organisations and their paramount lectures enlightened the audience (Fig. 1).

The event organised in collaboration with the Bulgarian Dental Laser Society received generous response from the Bulgarian Dental Students Association, as well as expertise from academia, talented researchers and student communities from the faculties in Plovdiv, Varna and Sofia, Bulgaria.

The congress started with an opening ceremony and the special presence of the academic body of Plovdiv Medical University (Fig. 2). In his welcome message the Dean of Plovdiv Dental Faculty, Prof. Georgi Todorov (Fig. 3), said that "The dental students' educational needs sometimes go beyond the dental curriculum and clinical practice obtained at the faculty. Students feel the need to get a taste of extracurricular activities. New technologies like lasers are a bright example for next-generation dentistry and the students' interest is intelligible. Only through these activities they can become leaders of their dental student communities".

The opening ceremony was followed by keynote lectures, a poster session and a series of presentations of both honourable guests and students. IDSCLD was marked by the presence of renowned speakers from Switzerland, Turkey, Israel, Greece, Poland and Bulgaria—with thought-provoking keynote and plenary presentations the young researchers, students and


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Fig. 1: More than 250 attendants participated in the congress and the diverse scientific lectures following the motto: "Next-Generation Laser Dentistry". **Fig. 2:** Congress President Dr Georgi Tomov at the opening ceremony of the 1st International Dental Students Congress for Laser Dentistry. **Fig. 3:** Prof. Georgi Todorov, Dean of Plovdiv Dental Faculty, during his speech at the opening ceremony. **Fig. 4:** Highlight of the event: Award ceremony for the best students' poster presentation.

business delegates made the two-day event a success.

The highlight of the congress was the award ceremony for the best students' poster presentation. After careful consideration the renowned scientific jury awarded Elitza Veneva, Martin Arabadjiev and Anna Koleva for their poster entitled "Evaluation of Er:YAG laser induced analgesia in children" (Fig. 4). With more than 250 attendants, the congress was one of the most successful and productive student events in 2018.

Keeping the IDSCLD motto in mind and having witnessed the triumph of the 1st International Dental Students Congress for Laser Dentistry in Plovdiv, the Bulgarian Dental Laser Society is delighted to invite all of its members and students to attend the most significant upcoming event of the laser world—the 16th WFLD World Congress 2018 taking place in Aachen, Germany, from 1 to 3 October 2018.

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