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Fig. 1: The congress was expected to be the most successful WFLD conference ever.

International dental laser community gathered for World Congress

In October 2018, laser specialists from more than 50 countries were travelling to Aachen, Germany. Being hosted at the RWTH Aachen University Hospital from 1 to 3 October, the 16th World Congress in Laser Dentistry offered them the opportunity to share, interact and explore with practitioners, researchers, educators and manufacturers. The event, for which around 400 people had registered beforehand, saw 38 plenary speakers from all different fields of research and clinical applications. Additionally, there were 125 oral presentations, 89 digital poster presentations and an accompanying industry exhibition. “This will be the most successful, the highest scientific level, the biggest and most international World Federation for Laser Dentistry conference ever,” said Prof. Dr Norbert Gutknecht, Federation Chairman, prior to the event. He continued by saying that “this congress will integrate science and practical experience on different levels of presentations and demonstrations, including highly ranked international keynote speakers, on-stage live patient demonstrations, interactive digital poster presentations, oral presentations combined with relevant clinical skill training, short presentations on the latest research findings, outstanding clinical case presentations, rotating company-sponsored supporting workshops, and last but not least continuing education certificates.” In addition to the scientific programme, the organisers had planned a welcome cocktail event and a gala dinner at Schloss Rahe, a German castle that is one of the most remarkable historic buildings in Aachen, situated only 3 km from the city centre. While in 1988, there were fewer than 30 people worldwide exploring the use of lasers in dentistry, today there are hundreds of ongoing


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Fig. 2: From left: Dr Dimitris Strakas, Dr Riman Nasher, Prof. Adam Stabholz. **Fig. 3:** Prof. Dr Norbert Gutknecht, Chairman of the organising committee. **Fig. 4:** From left: Prof. Dr Lynn Powell, Prof. Dr Kosmas Tolidis. **Fig. 5:** Assoc. Prof. Dr Rene Franzen, member of the scientific committee. **Fig. 6:** Dr Christina Karanasiou of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. **Fig. 7:** Participants experienced a wide range of presentations and demonstrations. **Fig. 8:** A fine choice of reading material: *laser—international magazine of laser dentistry.*

research projects and thousands of practitioners trying to improve the lives of patients, according to Scientific Committee Chairman Prof. Dr G. Lynn Powell. “Come and learn from each other,” he encouraged dental professionals. “Come share, interact and explore with practitioners, researchers, educators and manufacturers from around the world.” More information on the congress can be found at www.wfld-aachen2018.com.



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