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## Plovdiv to become European Capital of Laser Dentistry

In 2019, the beautiful city of Plovdiv, Bulgaria, will not only become the European Capital of Culture, but also the European Capital of Laser Dentistry. After the huge success of last year's 16th World Congress in Laser Dentistry in Aachen, Germany, the International Society for Laser Dentistry (ISLD) invites participants from all over the world to their 17th International Congress, which will be held in Plovdiv this summer—from 6 to 8 June 2019. Since new technologies are rapidly evolving at the moment and new ways of applying these technological innovations in the daily clinical practice are constantly being developed, the overriding theme of the event was chosen to be "Laser Technologies and Translation to Clinical Practice", addressing two major challenges in the field of laser dentistry. International researchers and clinicians who helped shape the world of laser dentistry in the past two decades have joined their efforts to develop an exceptional scientific congress programme, which includes round table debates, workshops, and short oral presentation sessions addressing cutting edge topics. Several promising new technologies are on the horizon in laser dentistry and the congress will serve as an ideal forum for exchanging knowledge related to these innovations in order to advance and elevate the medical field. Educational sessions and practical courses will be offered on topics that are of immediate scientific relevance. In addition, being a city that is known for its art and rich history, Plovdiv offers numerous great social and tourist activities. There is plenty to discover in the second-largest city in Bulgaria: the attractions of the city, which are mostly within a few



minutes of walking distance from the conference venue, include the old town, the Roman amphitheatre and the medieval basilicas, among others.

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# VISIONS IN IMPLANTOLOGY

2<sup>ND</sup> FUTURE CONGRESS FOR DENTAL IMPLANTOLOGY

### Perio-Implantology: Implants, Bone & Tissue—Where are we today and where are we headed?

According the motto "Visions in Implantology", the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI) hosted their 48<sup>th</sup> International Annual Congress in 2018. The Düsseldorf event, which was held as "Future Congress in Dental Implantology" for the first time, turned out to be a great success.

The 250 dentists and the 120 practice employees attending the event experienced a congress that provided answers to topical issues and that pointed out new ways regarding the interaction between participants, speakers and the industry. This inherent high and new standard of content was also reflected in a completely fresh organisational concept, which will also serve as the bedrock of the 2<sup>nd</sup> DGZI Future Congress in Dental Implantology, to be held **in Munich from 4 to 5 October 2019**.

The overriding aim of the congress will be to provide top-notch practical education on the highest level and to bridge the gap between the latest scientific findings and industry innovations, with a view to the integration into the daily clinical practice of the latter. To sharpen its profile as practical and application-oriented event, the congress will no longer be split into separate speaking stages, workshops and side programmes. Instead, it will be divided into a so-called industry day on Friday featuring strategy talks, transmissions of live operations and table clinics, as well as a science-oriented Saturday. This setup guarantees that individual demands—especially from implantologists—will be met and satisfied. By using modern tools such as the Future Podium, innovative presentation techniques, an internet-based digital poster presentation, interactive solutions or a catering concept based on "flying services", the event will resemble a congress trade fair. Without there being considerable breaks between lectures, live surgeries and table clinics anymore, participants, speakers and industry representatives will be given significantly more time and space for communication.

