Official Awarding Ceremony EMDOLA

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_All successful graduates of the programme „Lasers in Dentistry" received their certificates European Master Degree of Oral Laser Application (EMDOLA) in a joint ceremony on Thursday, 26 November 2009, at the Medical Faculty of RWTH Aachen University, Germany. This was the first and a unique European bestowal in Dentistry and was another highlight in the professional carrier as well as an extraordinary appreciation of the performance of all Master Alumni from RWTH Aachen University and from the Universities of Nice and Liège.

Since 2004 more than 100 dentists have already achieved this outstanding degree in Aachen only. For the first time, three European Universities concluded a cooperation contract in the field of laser dentistry on the basis of the accredited study programme „Master of Science—Lasers in Dentistry", at the RWTH Aachen University. The Universities: RWTH Aachen University, Germany, University of Liège, Belgium, and University of Nice, France, offer the European master programme for laser dentistry, a top-class theoretical, clinical and research oriented education. The programme does not only impact dentistry. This European education model is path breaking and was awarded with the Bronze Award of the European Union for "Lifelong learning Programmes". It is based on the idea to offer a common European study programme that is conform to the criteria of the Bologna Process (European Credit Transfer System). The aim is to provide an education that is adapted for practical dentists who would like to continue and deepen their studies of laser dentistry.

Thereby, the students at the RWTH Aachen University are awarded with the title „Master of Science" (MSc) in Lasers in Dentistry after their two years post graduate study programme. The graduates of the Nice University receive the „diplôme universitaire": At Liège University the „Certificat Universitaire de compétence" is bestowed.

The programme of this extraordinary day started with the welcome speech of the initiator of the first Master programme in dentistry, the scientific director from the Aachen Master of Science Professor Dr Norbert Gutknecht. Afterwards the more than 140 guests listened to eight chosen graduates who presented their theses in the scientific symposium:

Dr Iris Brader, MSc: "The influence of different factors on the treatment of recurrent aphthous ulcers







with the Nd:YAG laser—a first clinical investigation" (RWTH Aachen University)

Dr Jacques Berrebi: "Clinical treatment by means of CO_2 laser of exposed pulp by Direct Capping/ Pulpotomy on primary and permanent immature teeth" (Université de Liège)

Dr Elisabetta Merigo: "Effects of Low Level Laser Therapy performed with KTP laser on proliferation and differentiation of murine bone marrow cells" (Université Nice)

Dr Peter Kleemann, MSc: "Bactericidal Effect of the Pulsed Nd:YAG Laser on Prevotella intermedia and Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans. A Dosimetric in vitro study" (RWTH Aachen University)

Dr Ryan Seto, MSc: "Predictability of using Er:YAG laser to prepare bone for dental implant placement—A preliminary study" (RWTH Aachen University)

Dr Paolo Vescovi: "Nd:YAG Laser, quantic moleular resonance (QMR) scalpel, and traditional lancet: A clinical and histomorphometric analysis of the surgical treatment of oral benign fibromatous lesions" (Université Nice)

Dr Marc Tielemans: "Comparison of microleakages of photo-cured composites using 3 different light sources: Halogen lamp, LED and Argon laser: An in vitro study" (Université de Liège)

Dr Gabriele Schindler-Hultzsch, MSc: "The Laserkids" concept—Treatment concept for laser-assisted pediatric dentistry" (RWTH Aachen University)

After this scientific session all attendees were welcomed by the rectors and deans of all universities. Before Prof Dr Norbert Gutknecht, Prof Dr Samir Nammour (Liège) and Prof Dr Jean-Paul Rocca (Nice) personally presented their successful graduates with the certificates, they gave entertaining and fascinating insights and aspects of the history and development of the master programme „Lasers in Dentistry".

The solemnly ceremony with accompanying family and friends was continued with a festive Gala Dinner at the Aachen City Palais in the evening. The graduates, who have not seen each other for several years and arrive to Aachen just for this ceremony celebrated and share their experience the whole night._

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