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_**The past days** 12 and 13 February was held, with notable success, the Xth Congress of the Spanish Society of Laser in Dentistry SELO in Santiago de Compostela. In the main auditorium of the Faculty of Medicine Santiago over 180 dentists and 109 dental hygienists and assistants gathered in the town of Compostela which this year celebrates the Holy Year Compostela, Xacobeo 2010.

Those attending the congress could hear during the two days of congress Lecturer of both national and international prestige. During the Pre-congress different papers relating to the subject of bisfosfonates and their impact on dentistry have been presented and discussed. The national speakers were Dr Jose Vicente Bagan (Professor at the University of Valencia and current elected president of the European Association of Oral Medicine), Dr Miguel Angel Macias (Chef of Service Risk Assessment, Division of Farmacoepidemiology and Farmacovigilance, Spanish Agency of Medicines and Spanish representative in the European working group Farmacovigilance in the European Medicines Agency), Dr Javier Junquera (Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Oviedo) and Dr Paolo Vescovi (Professor of the Oral Surgery Department, University of Parma, Italy) which is also the coordinator of the study of osteonecrosis bisfosfonates-Hospital University of Parma since 2005. All were moderated by Prof Dr Juan Seoane, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Santiago de Compostela.

The different applications of lasers in dentistry were exposed by Spanish Lecturers among whom were Dr Antonio Spain Tost, Prof Cosme Gay Escoda, Prof Juan Ramón Boj, Dr Manuel Serra. We also had the pleasure to talk with professionals from Portugal through the cooperation of Dr Tony Rolo who represented the Ordem dos Médicos dentists in Portugal.



Dr Mario Trelles which is the current president of the Spanish Society of Medical-Surgical Laser presented us with a fantastic presentation of the applications of lasers in facial aesthetics.

The international speakers who provided a high level scientific meeting came from different countries such as Germany, Turkey, Israel and Italy. Prof Dr Norbert Gutknecht, Director of the Master of Laser Dentistry, University of Aachen (Germany) and current president of the World Federation of Dental Laser WFLD, discussed the scientific evidence on laser dentistry. We also had the opportunity to listen to Prof Dr Adam Stabholz who is an eminent scientist on issues related to laser treatment in endodontics and is currently the dean of the Hadassah University in Jerusalem, Israel. Dr Sevil Gurgan who is the heat of the Department of Conservative Dentistry of Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey, and Dr Carlo Fornaini Masters Coordinator EMDOLA Laser Dentistry, University of Parma, Italy, presented lectures on laser applications in Conservative Dentistry and the new KTP laser. Dr Francesco Saverio Martelli of Italy presented his studies on applications of lasers in periodontics, and Dr Frilander talking about the advantages of laser applications on a daily clinical basis.

Also on Saturday morning was developed with a large influx of attending the Fourth Meeting of SELO for dental hygienists. Over 100 attendees at this meeting confirmed the great interest that these kind of new technologies have in the field of dental hygiene.

In short, a wide range of speakers who kept the attention of all present and as in previous meet-

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ings of SELO have succeeded in increasing the knowledge level of everyone attending the conference. The Organizing Committee with its President Dr Gonzalo Lopez de Castro succeeded in making this SELO meeting the one with the greatest participation of all that have been celebrated until today. His work has been widely recognized by all the attendees who have shown great appreciation for all aspects of the conference, both scientifically and socially.

The participation of the industry on the other hand has been very important because we could count on most commercial houses both Spanish and international that are related to the field of laser applications in dentistry. There were also some new trading houses involved that joined our conference. All of them had a large influx of attendees because all breaks and lunch took place on the same area of the exhibition.

Social events prepared by the organization had a large influx of participants. During Friday night held the feast of the industry in which all participants could enjoy the best traditional Galician cuisine, pastries, Pulpo a feira Caldeiro meat or ending the event with a queimada which was accompanied with a "Conxuro" as witches. The whole evening was enlivened by a group of Galician folk music. One of the most important events was held Saturday afternoon at the Cathedral of St. James, where there was held a Jubilee Mass with Botafumeiro. During the Masses Congress President Dr Gonzalo Lopez de Castro read the offering of all members of SELO to the Apostle Santiago. At the end of the event all attendees were able to attend the exhibition of one of the best known and most popular symbols of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, the Botafumeiro that only happens in the Eucharist of the pilgrim and most solemn Masses.

The Congress ended with the gala dinner held at the Hotel San Francisco in the refectory of the convent dating back to 1726. In this majestic frame the participants were able to taste the best dishes of the local seas, ending the act with the delivery of plaques of appreciation by the presidents of previous SELO congresses: Dr Marcela Bisheimer (Madrid 2006), Dr Luz Aguilo (Valencia 2007), Dr Maria Perez (Salamanca 2008).

Finally all participants before they parted were reminded that the next Congress of SELO will be held in Seville on February 2011._

