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## Together towards a **bright** future

Dear friends and colleagues,

I believe that all of us dental laser users worldwide would love to see a bright future for laser dentistry. Your participation in our International Society for Laser Dentistry (ISLD), German association for laser dentistry (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Laserzahnheilkunde—DGL) and World Academy for Laser Education and Research in Dentistry (WALED) congresses, held from 6 to 8 June in Plovdiv in Bulgaria, was essential for strengthening not only the ISLD but also the participating national societies, which are constantly striving to enrich the knowledge of their members and to promote professional excellence in the use of dental lasers through research and education.

Plovdiv, the oldest city in Europe, has been designated the 2019 European Capital of Culture. It was, thus, only natural that the city, founded 4,000 years ago, had unanimously been selected as the venue for the 17<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the ISLD, the 28<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the DGL and the 7<sup>th</sup> WALED Congress. Our Organising Chairman, Dr Georgi Tomov, his team and the entire Bulgarian Society for Laser Dentistry did a fantastic job

in hosting more than 250 laser enthusiasts from around the globe in their beautiful city.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who attended our congress in Plovdiv and joined us for an outstanding event that brought technology and culture together to create an unforgettable experience.

I am already looking forward to our next World Congress, to be held from 1 to 3 October 2020 in Cairo in Egypt. Save the date and join us for yet another great celebration of laser art and science, helmed by the ISLD—the leading society worldwide for laser dentistry.

Yours

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