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Laser **application** in modern dentistry

Dear colleagues and DGL members,

laser dentistry in Germany has made quite extraordinary progress. The German Association for Laser Dentistry (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Laserzahnheilkunde—DGL) was founded in 1991 in Stuttgart, Germany, as one of the first expert societies dedicated to laser dentistry. During a time when lasers were often frowned upon and viewed with incomprehension, practitioners and scientists engaging in research at universities focused their efforts on this topic. Painstakingly, one indication after another was integrated into practice workflows and treatment processes by means of scientific studies and clinical experiences. Ultimately, this scientific approach led to the DGL being admitted into the circle of organisations associated with the DGZMK (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Zahn-, Mund- und Kieferheilkunde).

With its multidisciplinary approach, DGL is an ideal cooperation partner for other dental expert societies. I am therefore particularly pleased that the 2020 annual congress of DGL will be held in cooperation with the German Association of Dental Implantology (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Zahnärztliche Implantologie—DGZI). Being Europe's oldest professional association for den-

tal implantology, DGZI celebrates its 50-year existence this year.

We as scientific organisers will create an outstanding training event together with renowned speakers and our partners from the industry, in both a joint conference programme as well as the specialist main podium dedicated to laser dentistry. It goes without saying that your attendance is a key prerequisite for making our 29th International Congress a one-of-a-kind training event that is distinguished by the central values of DGL, namely: innovation, professional knowledge transfer, collegiality and friendship.

It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome you cordially to this year's annual congress of DGL, taking place on 6 and 7 November 2020 in Bremen, Germany.

Yours

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