Laser dentistry and Implantology Symposium in Gaziantep a great success!

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_The first Idealclub Knowledge Sharing Days and Gaziantep Implantology and Laser symposium, in cooperation with Aachen Dental Laser Center (AALZ) and International Implant Education Center (IFZI), from June 4–6 in Gaziantep was a great success. Due to the timeless efforts of Hülya Kazak (President of Idealclub, founded by AALZ and IFZI) and her organizing team the symposium hall was with 250 participants from Turkey, Syria and other border countries fully booked, and many more interested dentists had to be disappointed because the congress was sold out! The symposium was held in the brand new hotel Novotel in the center of Gaziantep.

The symposium program was focused on the up-to-date and fascinating combination of oral implantology and the support of laser dentistry in daily clinical practice, and the participants got their money's worth with the excellent scientific program, the national and international outstanding presentations and the execution of after-congress postgraduate courses in laser dentistry and oral implantology. The industrial exhibition was very well attended and the companies were leaving very satisfied at the end of the event.

Under the presidency of Prof Dr Aslihan Üsümez and Dr Zafer Kazak MSc the first day was more focused on oral implantology with presentations from well known lecturers, like Prof Dr Manfred Lang, Prof Dr Aslan Gökbuget, Prof Dr Selim Pamuk, Prof Dr Cetin Sevük and Dr Gassan Yücel. The importance of state-of-the-art oral implantology in daily practice was demonstrated in the presentations, where the auditorium appreciated the clinical integration of the different in the implantology market represented systems.

The second day was focused on the use of laser dentistry in daily practice and the mountain of advantages by using the several laser wavelengths in the right way. Prof Dr Norbert Gutknecht, Executive Director of the WFLD and President of the DGL, started this day with his—as usual—outstanding presentation about evidence based laser dentistry in daily practice. The fully packed auditorium appreciated highly his clear message concerning the evidence based use of the different wavelengths in the several fields of laser supported dentistry. Also the other presentations from Prof Dr Aslan Üsümez, Prof Dr Serhat Yalcin, Prof Dr Hakan Ozyuvaci and Dr Ilay Maden MSc showed the advantages of the supporting use of









lasers in the several fields of dentistry against classical treatment methods. The big amount of questions after the presentations and the lively discussions showed the interest of the auditorium in the topics and the intention to learn more about this exiting therapy technology.

The big advantage of having two different main topics in this symposium was certainly the introduction of a new therapy to those dentists who were interested in the "other" subject. Furthermore the presentations, which showed laser supported oral implantology cases were very much appreciated, especially when showing not only the medical advantages but also the financial advantages for the business of a dentist.

Another benefit for the audience was certainly the possibility to have discussions with two pioneers of implant and laser therapy, Prof Gutknecht and Prof Lang, especially for those dentists, which use these therapies in their practice having the possibility to share their experiences with them of these outstanding scientists.

The hotel venue was perfectly suited for the symposium because the convenient location in the center of Gaziantep provided all possibilities for short excursions to the old town and his historical sites during the breaks and after the programs. Also the cultural program was exiting.

After a visit to the Gaziantep national mosaic museum the organizers invited on Saturday for a dinner party in a historical venue of the old town with the, especially in Turkey, very famous Gaziantep food specialties and traditional Turkish dances. During this evening we saw "one" big implantology and laser family enjoying the excellent food and dancing.

On the days after the symposium Idealclub and AALZ executed the modules 3 and 4 of the mastership course "Laser Therapy in Dentistry" certificated by RWTH Aachen University. This mastership course is a one-year clinical specialisation course in laser dentistry, running in different countries around the world by AALZ. The second version of this successful Turkish Mastership Course will start on Friday, October 1, 2010 in Istanbul._

We thank the organizers and the symposium presidents for offering such a highly professional symposium in the beautiful city of Gaziantep.