"Tomorrow's dentistry today"

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_From 2–4 April 2010, the Indian Academy of Laser Dentistry (IALD) held its 4th International Conference in Mumbai, India. This event was perfectly operated by the organizing committee under the leadership of Dr Suchetan Pradhan, MSc, President of the IALD and Director of Pradhan Dental Centre, Mumbai (India).

Location of the conference was the brand new "Courtyard Marriot" hotel near Airport Mumbai, which had opened its doors just one day before the congress started. This was certainly a good choice by the organizers because service and catering were excellent.

The pre-conference course on 2nd April, under the topic "Fun with Lasers", was a promising lead up with already 75 participants. After a general introduction of laser history, laser physics and an overview of indications, a wide spectrum of treatment cases was shown and discussed. Afterwards a couple of workstations were waiting for the participants to get a picture of practical laser treatment by hands- on experiences with different types of lasers. The demand on the workstations and booths of the additionally held dental exhibition remained high the following two days and was accepted by the exhibitors with great pleasure.

On 3rd and 4th April the main conference offered a wide range of lectures covering scientific reports, case studies, facial rejuvenation and marketing of all laser systems used in dentistry. To ensure a great variety the lectures were held by international presenters and professors from India, Israel, Canada, USA and Germany.

The audience, at least more than 250 dentists per day, followed the lectures highly interested and a whole bunch of questions was waiting for every speaker after he ended his/her lecture. The atmosphere was very good and familiar and everybody was very active to help the beginners in laser dentistry making their way in becoming specialists in this unique and extraordinary field of dentistry.

As a consequence of the conference a large part of the audience requested further education in laser dentistry. Many of them were informed by Dr Ralf Borchers, MSc (Germany) about the postgraduate master program "Lasers in Dentistry", which is offered in Dubai (UAE) and Aachen (Germany) by the worldwide well known AALZ Aachen Laser Center (Germany) with its Scientific Director Professor Dr Norbert Gutknecht, President of the German Society for Lasers in Dentistry (DGL) and Executive Director of the World Federation for Laser Dentistry (WFLD).

Additionally, the Pradhan Dental Centre, Mumbai (India) is offering a laser education program of constitutive modules in cooperation with the AALZ Aachen and experienced laser dentists from Germany. It was a successful conference which made every participant leaving with a smile and an improvement of knowledge in laser dentistry._

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