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"I want to spend the rest of my life studying light"

Munich—Venue of the 25th DGL Congress

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Born in Munich, legendary scientist Albert Einstein, made this quote in 1905, at a time when the nature of light was a highly discussed and controversial topic in modern physics and especially quantum physics. One hundred years later, the mechanisms of light have become an integral part in all aspects of society, science and especially medicine. This year's International Annual DGL Congress returns to Einstein's birthplace: From 30 September to 1 October 2016, Munich will be hosting the 25th anniversary of the event which will illuminate laser-light applications in dentistry.

The city of dreams

The city of Munich is renowned for its relaxed and joyful way of life, its big heart, its green parks and its vast cultural landscape. Founded in 1158 as Apud Munichen—Latin for "Home of the Monks"—near a Benedictine monastery, Munich today is Germany's third-largest German community. With more than 1.4 million inhabitants, the Bavarian capital is home to 2 million people in its metropolitan area alone, among them more than 50,000 students at 13 different universities and enjoys a first-rate reputation as a competence centre for science and medicine. More than 90 museums, a rich theatre landscape and, of course, the typically Bavarian beer gardens will make sure that any visitor will find a place to pass the time. Contrarily to its monastic originals, this mixture makes for anything but a tranquil lifestyle.

However, Munich is also called the German city of dreams because of its romantic landscape and architecture. This includes the many buildings designed by

Fig. 1: The 25th International Annual Laser Congress of the DGL is held in Munich during the this year's last Oktoberfest weekend.

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King Ludwig I, among them the Siegestor, the Königsplatz, and the Ruhmeshalle. Other famous Munich sites are the Old and New Town Halls, the Frauenkirche and Maximilianstraße, one of Munichs integral boulevards. Munich's modern architecture is exemplified by the Allianz Arena, the internationally renowned football stadium. In addition, Munich features an abundance of parks, among them the famous English Garden, which is bigger than New York's Central Park.

More than beer: diverse industry

Munich's vast cultural landscape is balanced by its diverse industry. The city has become a centre of banking and finances as well as print, publishing and television. Furthermore, it features manufacturers of precision instruments, optical and electrical as well as high technology appliances, among them important branches of aerospace industry. In addition, you can find one of Europe's largest wholesale markets for vegetables, fruits and animal produce in Munich. And of course, finally, the Bavarian capital is home to several of Germany's largest breweries. Industry and Munich's general joy de vivre come together in celebrating the brewery sector every year with the famous Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest

Munich's Oktoberfest originally started as a celebration of the marriage between Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese in 1810. The name Oktoberfest presumably was coined when these celebrations culminated in a grand horse race on 17 October in this year. More than 200 years later, Oktoberfest is still held at the original venue Theresienwiese, located in Munich's borough Ludwigsvorstadt-Isarvorstadt south-west of the city centre. In 2015, the site was visited by more than 6 million people from around the world. This year, even more visitors are expected.

25th International Annual DGL Congress

On this year's last Oktoberfest weekend, DGL will hold its 25th International Annual Congress in Munich. Parallely to LASER START UP, the 46th DGZI Congress, the 7th Munich Forum and the 5th Oral Hygiene Day, the two-day event will feature top-level speeches and workshops to enlighten its visitors on all aspects of modern laser dentistry. In addition, participants are invited to a culinary trip through Munich, combining sightseeing via the Munich tram, a diversity of culinary specialities and exclusive musical entertainment by a local DJ. For more information on the 25th International Annual DGL Congress, please visit www.dgl-jahrestagung.de._

Fig. 2: Siegestor.
Fig. 3: View on the Marienplatz with Munich's Frauenkirche and the new town hall.
Fig. 4 & 5: Beer-garden in the English Garden and traditional bavarian beer and brezel.

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