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4. Certification laser course
5. Lectures & workshops
6. Launch of new laser equipments
7. Use of lasers in medicine

Date & Location

Date : 28th - 30th July 2008

Location : L'Hotel Ninaet Convention Centre & Prince Philip Dental Hospital

Registration Method

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THE VIEWS AND VISIONS OF OUR PRESIDENT SAMIR NAMMOUR



The past two WFLD meetings, Berlin 2006 and Sao Paulo 2004, have been very successful with a high number of participants. Hong Kong is a much smaller place and it is located on an island. Do you think we can expect the same amount of participants from Hong Kong?

Even if Hong Kong is a small island, it is a well-known island. Hong Kong is a place of choice for the location of a congress in Asia. Researchers from Asia are active in Laser dentistry, so, we will have a high number of participants coming mainly from Asia and it is one of our objectives in the WFLD trying to arrange an international meeting each 2 years in a different continent in order to encourage researchers from each continent to participate massively.

What is your vision of the role of WFLD in laser education? In what way

should this role be developed in the near future?

Our Federation the WFLD has several roles in laser education. We believe that the main role of education in laser dentistry is related to Universities in each country. But unfortunately, Universities are not actually ready to assume their role because of different reasons. Basing on this reality, dental associations for laser dentistry in each country, divisional and international as well as WFLD have the responsibility in the education field to temporarily replace Universities by organizing certification courses on basic level. The high level as Master degree should be arranged by universities. The role of the WFLD is certainly to serve as a non-profit academic medium for exchange, advancement and dissemination of scientific knowledge in Laser dentistry, share expertise, sensitize practitioners about different available techniques and certainly encourage young researchers to continue to progress with perseverance in their field of research by facilitating their access and the submitting of their articles to scientific journals. The aim is certainly to involve in our WFLD a maximum of experts in laser dentistry in order to allow exchange of knowledge between them and being able by this way to progress faster in laser dentistry. All of us believe that to unite is better than to isolate.

Many members have let us know that they would like to have a chance to get more basic hands-on tuition with the different lasers. Is the biennial WFLD Congress the right forum for that kind of schooling or should there be occasions for schooling organised more often?

One of the objectives of the biennial general meeting of the Federation is to allow participants to update, discover and share the latest new researches and clinical techniques in laser dentistry. The design, accomplishment, analyzing results and taking out conclusions of research project consume and need several months of work. So, by organizing

a general meeting each year, the WFLD will have many difficulties to offer to participants (coming from all around the world) a high number of studies in different fields of laser dentistry. On the other hand, several participants may not have the financial support to participate to a general meeting in a different continent each year. For these reasons, the WFLD prefers to hold a great general meeting each 2 years. But in the aim to continue to support our members, we encourage each Division of the WFLD to call a divisional meeting in the year between two general meetings. By this way, we continue to offer to our members and participants a continuous schooling by organizing one general meeting each 2 years and the divisional meetings in different continents during the year following the general meeting.

WFLD has announced to be prepared to send a "Team of experts" to help the national organisations in their task in educating and examining their members. How has this been realized and welcomed by the member organisations?

The WFLD is receiving a big demand from different national organizations to organize certification in the field of laser dentistry. The experts of the WFLD are actually participating with enthusiasm to all demands. The demand is increasing and the feed back from participants to the certification is still positive. We believe that our duty as World Federation for laser dentistry is to assure temporary this role of education waiting universities' intervention.

Your period as the President of WFLD will end in Hong Kong. When you look back at your time as President is there anything you would like to change or still achieve?

To achieve all my projects, I need more than 2 years. But at this moment, the main points of my reforms are achieved. Actually, I have the satisfaction to say that the reform is on the rails and is

functioning well. I am happy to say that the future president shares my vision of the future projects and the reform. So, I will finish my mandate with enthusiasm about the successful and great future of our WFLD.

What has been your biggest challenge as President of WFLD?

I had several challenges in my reforms:

- Creation of an official scientific journal: We started in the beginning of the year 2007 our collaboration with the journal "Laser in Medical Science". All the abstracts of our divisional meetings and the general meetings are and will be published in our official journal.
- Starting the activities of 5 Divisions of WFLD: Each Division started working actively.
- Permanent secretariat of WFLD to accelerate communications and diffusing of information: Since the beginning of 2007, we have a permanent secretary (Miss Marianna Krause Dirickson) helping the general secretary of WFLD.
- Adaptation of the bylaws of the WFLD to the reform: This point was possible because of the help of specialized lawyer. The bylaws will be published after the future general assembly in Hong Kong 2008.
- Permanent update of the Website of WFLD and the continuous diffusion of WFLD Newsletter: our website is already existing and continuously updated.

I mentioned some important challenges I met during my mandate. I am happy to say that all of these challenges were reached because of the precious help and support of WFLD members.

What are your future plans as Past President after Hong Kong convention? Are you still going to serve the WFLD organisation actively and in what way?

I think that the role of any past president is to continue to support the president and the rest of executive structures of the WFLD. I am happy to serve our WFLD and I will continue to support our federation. The future challenges will be the concern of the new executive members of WFLD, the role of any past president is to give help if needed.

The Newsletter Editor wishes to thank Mr. President for sharing some of his precious time with us. The Editor congratulates him for his valuable work for the benefit of lasers in dentistry and looks forward to seeing him in Hong Kong!

WFLD EXECUTIVES CHOOSE CONGRESS VENUE IN HONG KONG

WFLD officials visited Hong Kong in July 2007 and met the Hong Kong congress local organizers. The discussions took place at L`hotel Nina Congress Center. The Exos and the local leaders had vivid discussions of the practical arrangements of the congress. A vote had to be taken among others on choosing the congress venue. WFLD executives made it clear that they will give all possible support needed to the local organization committee.



WFLD executives with their spouses meeting the local organizers.



WFLD President Samir Nammour (center) at work with President Elect Norbert Gutknecht (left) and Secretary Aldo Brugnera Jr. (right).



The Executive Committee Members Luomanen, Rocca, Gutknecht, Nammour and Brugnera Jr. at work.



Drs. Wong and Luk are introducing their preliminary plans to the Exo's.



President Elect Norbert Gutknecht is giving a lecture at the The Hong Kong Dental Association Monthly Meeting.



Drs. Ishikawa, Nammour Jr., Rocca, Heysselaer, Luomanen, Gutknecht, Nammour, Brugnera Jr., Zanin, Loh Hong Sai, Romanos and Wong after the meeting.

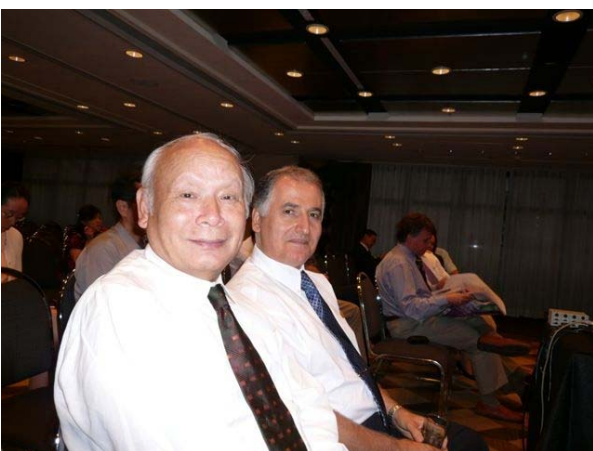


WFLD visiting The July Monthly Meeting of The Hong Kong Dental Association.

INTERESTING SIGHTS IN HONG KONG



World's biggest sitting Buddha in bronze.



President Nammour and Past President Ishikawa paying attention.



A beautiful view from the statue of the Buddha.



Young maidens giving their precious gifts to Buddha. In front of the statues Newsletter Editor Luomanen and Executive Member Romanos.



The night lights of Hong Kong.



A monk from the Po Lin Monastery.



A ferry boat on Hong Kong bay.



Ceremony decorations in one of the temples.



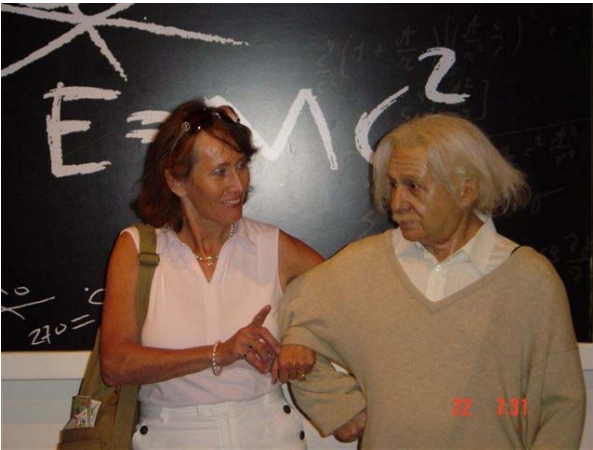
A cable car taking visitors to Victoria Peak.



A panoramic view from the Victoria Peak.



Prof. Jean Paul Rocca, Prof. Ferda Tasar, Prof. Marina Consuelo Vitale, Prof. Cem Sener



Newsletter Editor sharing views with Albert at the Wax Museum.



The invited speakers relax after the congress.

FIRST TURKISH LASER CONGRESS IN ANTALYA, ON OCTOBER 15th-19th 2007

The first Turkish Laser Congress was organized by Prof. Ferda Tasar, Prof. Sevil Gurgan and Prof. Cem Sener in the wonderful landscape of the region of Antalya. The excellent organization invited international speakers (Norbert Gutknecht, Carlos Eduardo De Paula, Jean Paul Rocca, Samir Nammour, Marina Consuelo Vitale, Giovanni Olivi) to discuss about different topics.



Prof. Sevil Gurgan, Prof. Marina Consuelo Vitale, Prof. Ferda Tasar, Prof. Anne Fucks.



Prof. Samir Nammour, President of WFLD with his wife (second left). Prof. Anne Fucks (third left), Prof. Marina Consuelo Vitale (third right), Dr. Giovanni Olivi (second right) and Prof. Ferda Tasar (right).

AIOLA-SILO LASER CONGRESS IN ITALY, FLORENCE, ON OCTOBER 19th-20th 2007

Two of the three main laser societies in Italy **AIOLA** (Accademia Internazionale Odontoiatria Laser-Assistita) and **SILO** (Società Italiana Laser in Odontostomatologia) organized the first National Congress in conjunction. The venue of the Congress was Florence, with his charming atmosphere on October 19th-20th 2007. Professor Antonio Luis Pinheiro gave a wonderful lecture about low level laser therapy and bone regeneration and more than 300 participants had the possibility to exchange ideas, clinical studies and discuss protocols of research.

The presidents of the two societies, Dr. Ercole Romagnoli for AIOLA and Prof. Claudia Maggiore for SILO, confirmed their purpose to cooperate to divulgate the correct knowledge of laser application in dentistry.



Prof. Romano Grandini, Dean of Faculty of Dentistry, University of Florence; Prof. Claudia Maggiore, President of SILO, Dr. Ercole Romagnoli, President of AIOLA.



The invited speaker, Prof. Antonio Luis Pinheiro between Prof. Marina Consuelo Vitale, Responsible for the AIOLA International Network and WFLD Country Representative for Italy, and Prof. Claudia Maggiore, President of SILO.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Attention, get ready for**

July 2008

WFLD – 11th International Congress of World Federation for Laser Dentistry

Hong Kong, China

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thank you for introducing all the interesting hobbies of our members in your previous Newsletters (Autumn-03, Autumn-04 and Spring-06). The minimal cost of those hobbies encouraged and inspired me to introduce my own dear hobby.

My special hobby has been for years skateboarding! Even though I am now much older than when I started my hobby, I have not given up this dear hobby of mine. I spend several hours daily after my work practising. My wife, who first was against skateboarding, has also picked up the hobby. So now we can do it together after work in the evenings.

Unfortunately we live in a part of the world where we have snow in the winter. During the winter we have not so far been able to continue with this hobby and we have been obliged to wait for the spring. But recently I saw on TV somebody snow-skateboarding! I immediately searched up the company on the internet who is manufacturing snow-skateboards. As an explanation to the readers a snowboard is quite different from a snow-skateboard! The snow-skateboard is much smaller than a snowboard and it is like a mini size double snowboard. In summertime the board is equipped with small wheels

GREAT! Now we are able to skateboard in wintertime too. This hobby keeps us fit all year around. I warmly recommend skateboarding (snow-skateboarding) to all my fellow-members of WFLD!



A snow-skiboard from beneath.



The snow-skiboard from the top.

Best regards to all fellow members of WFLD!

“The skateboarding couple”

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