

4th International USSI EDI Congress and 6th International Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina

International congress in the Balkans

The 4th International USSI EDI Congress and the (already!) 6th International Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina were held in mid-May in the modern NIS Centre in Novi Sad (Serbia). The joint congress is traditionally held under the auspices of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina. Participants included physicians, dentists, dental assistants and dental technicians.



(From left:) Professor Thomas Fortin, Dr Dušan Vasiljević, Vesna Šaranović, Professor Tamara Terehova, Christian Berger, Professor Irina Konstantinovna Lutskaya, Vladan Vasiljević, Dr Radmila Notaroš, Dr Zoran Marjanović, Dr Georg Bayer, Dr Branislav Čukić, Professor Rolf Ewers and Professor Hakan Özyuvacı.

The core of the 4th USSI EDI Congress was a very comprehensive scientific programme with renowned speakers, consisting of three workshops and ten poster presentations. On the first day of the congress, live surgery was successfully performed – which was a first for Serbia. The procedure took place at the Oral B clinic and was broadcast to the NIS Centre via videoconference, so some 300 participants were able to witness this scientific debut of USSI EDI, which had organized this broadcast in cooperation with bredent, Gold Sponsor of the congress. USSI EDI President *Dr Dušan Vasiljević* commented on the proceedings for the participants, while his son *Vladan Vasiljević* was present at the Oral B clinic. Six implants were inserted in an edentulous maxilla and restored immediately with a fixed immediate bridge using the Fast&Fixed concept. The oral surgeon was *Dr Georg Bayer*, Germany; *Vladan Vasiljević* commented from the operating theatre and interpreted for the participants. *Bayer* had previously held an introductory lecture. After the operation he joined *MDT Stephan Adler* in the prosthetic rehabilitation, which the two presented and commented on at the NIS Centre after the procedure was finalized.

The second day of the congress included the following presentations: *Christian Berger*, President of BDIZ EDI, updated the audience – for the eighth time in this setting – on the work of BDIZ EDI and gave an update on consensus statements and clinical recommendations for the prevention and management of biological and technical implant complications. *Professor Rolf Ewers* (Vienna) spoke on the placement of short and ultrashort implants. *Professor Hakan Özyuvacı* (Istanbul) discussed the viability of new surgical options in oral implantology. *Vladan Vasiljević* (Friedeburg, Germany) addressed anterior aesthetics and gingival management. *Dr Dušan Vasiljević* (Friedeburg, Germany) spoke about available options within modern oral implantology. *Dr Thomas Fortin* (Lyon, France) compared bone remodelling around short anterior mandibular implants using splinted versus non-splinted fixed dental prostheses.

Dr Marco Lolli (Bologna, Italy) focused on the use of overdentures in the treatment of edentulous patients with removable overdentures. *Dr Miha Kočar* (Ljubljana) introduced the audience to the history of the periosteal flap. *Dr Hrvoje Starčević* (Zagreb) spoke about implantological solutions for edentulous patients and compared several implant systems. *CDT Mihael Skaza* (Celje, Slovenia) pointed out the advantages of milled compared to conventional cast superstructures.

The 6th International Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina proudly presented 21 speakers from Russia, Belarus, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia. The four-day congress drew 1,100 attendees. This continuing professional development (CPD) congress ranks highly in a European context, not least thanks to the partner associations, BDIZ EDI and DGOI.

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