USSI EDI and BDIZ EDI

1st congress of USSI EDI and 3rd congress of Vojvodina dentists

The 3rd Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina was held at the main office of NIS (Oil Industry of Serbia) at Novi Sad from 19 to 20 May this year. For the third time, politicians, representatives of the medical and dental faculties of Balkan universities and, of course, about 1,200 dentists followed the invitation to attend. Two days before, from 17 to 18 May, the First Regional Congress of USSI EDI – Serbian Association of Dental Implantologists EDI – had taken place. In 2011, USSI EDI had become BDIZ EDI’s partner association.

This international congress in southeastern Europe was organized by the USSI EDI in collaboration with the Dental Section of the Society of Physicians of Vojvodina – Serbian Medical Society under the patronage of the Government of Vojvodina, Provincial Secretariat for Health, Social Policy and Demography. In addition to the presenter sessions with 35 invited speakers, there were 36 poster presentations and one workshop.

Participants gained an overview of dental developments in Europe, demonstrating that the field of dental implantology has become firmly established in the Balkans. Invited speakers were from the region and from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Macedonia, Hungary, Ukraine, Switzerland, Germany, Belarus, Poland, Austria and Italy.

As in former years, Germany was represented by BDIZ EDI president Christian Berger. He spoke about the European Curriculum, one of the key projects of the European Committee of BDIZ EDI. Many committee members were among the presenters: Professor Bernhard Bros from Villach focused on cranio-mandibular disorders, Dr Guido Schiroli from Genoa spoke about image-guided implantology, Dr Krzysztof T. Sliwowski from Düsseldorf introduced a new treatment concept in the edentulous mandible and Professor Vitomir Konstantinovic from Belgrade focused on implant placement in severe mandibular atrophy. Professor Hakan Özyuvaci from the Istanbul University lectured about benefits and complications in oral implantology. One of the guest speakers had come all the way from the U.S.: Dr Vincent J. Morgan from Massachusetts presented his short implant treatment concept.

This year the Vojvodina dentists celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Dental Section of the Society of Physicians of Vojvodina and the 140th anniversary of the Serbian Medical Society (DLV SLD).

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