

USSI EDI founded in Novi Sad, Serbia

BDIZ EDI welcomes new partner association

On the occasion of the 2nd Promodentis Dental Congress in Novi Sad in June 2010, the congress organizers founded a new implantological association to represent the interests of Serbian dental implantologists. This new association, **Udruzenje Stomatologa Implantologa Srbije EDI (USSI EDI)**, thereby also becomes a new BDIZ EDI partner association.

After the 5th Promodentis – Novi Sad, a new congress series was inaugurated. The Vojvodina congress and trade fair will be held in even years and the seminars will be held in odd years. The congress and trade fair was thus held on 5 and 6 June this year at the modern Nis Centre at Novi Sad. Politicians and academic representatives of the medical and dental faculties of Balkan universities had followed the invitation to attend the 2nd Promodentis Dental Congress. It had been organized by the Serbian Medical Society (VSLD, founded in 1872), by the Serbian Association of Dental Technicians and by the partner association of BDIZ EDI, the newly founded USSI EDI.

Dental implantology in the Balkans

During the two days of the congress, 19 experts from Serbia, Germany, Romania and Croatia presented innovations in dentistry and dental technology in their respective countries. The 690 congress participants were able to sample an overview of dental developments in Europe, at the same time demonstrating that the field of dental implantology has now become firmly established in the Balkans. Germany was represented by BDIZ EDI President *Christian Berger*. He spoke about the dynamically divergent and reuniting fields of endodontics and dental implantology, presenting examples from his own practice.



Board members of USSI EDI: Dr Branislav Kardasevic and Dr Dusan Vasiljevic.



Dental exhibition in Novi Sad.



Presentations in other languages were interpreted simultaneously.

Gipsy tunes on a boat on the Danube – welcoming the USSI EDI in style.



Reason to celebrate – the USSI EDI has been presented. (Left to right): Professor Vitomir Konstantinovic, Dr Branislav Kardasevic, Dr Dusan Vasiljevic, Christian Berger, Dr Zoran Marjanovic and Professor Srecko Selakovic.



In addition to the presenter sessions, there were 27 poster presentations. Of course, attendees had the opportunity to visit the Promodentis – Novi Sad dental exhibition on both days of the congress.

BDIZ EDI had given practical assistance to the newly founded partner association USSI EDI, whose bylaws close resemble those of the European association. *Christian Berger* promised those interested dentists who had come to Novi Sad to attend the presentation of the new association the support of BDIZ EDI in organizational matters, especially in continuing education, and welcomed the new member of the BDIZ EDI family.

Together with the Presidents of the USSI EDI, *Dr Dusan Vasiljevic* and *Dr Zoran Marjanovic* and board members *Dr Branislav Kardasevic* and *Professor Vitomir Konstantinovic*, the BDIZ EDI President had come so far as to be able to inaugurate phase 2, which includes the conceptual development of curricula to be recognized by BDIZ EDI. This implies that not only the speakers and examiners, but also the planners of the symposia must comply with certain guidelines. *Professor Vitomir Konstantinovic* of the University of Belgrade will represent the academic side and play an important role in this endeavour.

An initial report by the Presidents of the Serbian association indicates that interest is running high. Within only a week, almost 400 dental implantologists had expressed an interest in becoming members.

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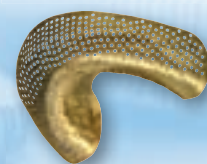
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