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Welcome...

...to the new world laser community journal of the World Federation for Lasers in Dentistry (WFLD)

The WFLD is the membership organisation representing the specialty of laser-applied dentistry worldwide. The WFLD is structured into five major divisions, which are the North American, South American, European, Middle East and African, and the Asian Pacific division. Within these five divisions a number of national societies and individual members are incorporated.

The mission of our society is to stimulate the research in the different fields of laser-applied dentistry, to coordinate long-term clinical studies using lasers as main instrument during the treatment, and to establish an educational foundation for dentists who are intending to use or are already using lasers in their daily treatments. One of my main targets for this presidential period is to promote laser safety regulations worldwide, especially in those countries not having yet laser safety regulations in their national health programs. Furthermore it is my intention to support the integration of national dental laser societies in their national dental associations, in order to promote the beneficial use of lasers in the different dental disciplines.

The scientific strength of the WFLD is the huge worldwide network of universities, institutes and specialists working in the different research areas of laser dentistry. The strength of private practitioners, being member of the WFLD, is to be supported by evidence based treatment concepts, which have been developed by a team of WFLD specialists.

Being the responsible editor-in-chief of this new journal, it is my wish and desire to fulfil the expectations of our members and readers to establish this journal as the most important communication tool in the world community of laser dentistry.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norbert Gutknecht', written in a cursive style.

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