5th International Dental Student Congress in Ljubljana – Slovenia
For the fifth consecutive year, around 100 dental students from 12 different countries gathered in Ljubljana, the capital city of the central European country Slovenia, for the 5th International Dental Student Congress. The congress took place from 5th to 7th of April 2019 at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana, and was organized by the Slovenian Dental Students International Committee (SiDSIC).

The first participants arrived on Thursday, 4th of April, and were welcomed with a karaoke party at Foerster Bar. The next morning, the official part of the congress started with speeches by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, prof. dr. Igor Švab, Vice Dean for Dental Medicine, prof. Janja Jan, and the president of the organizing committee, Valentina Težak.

The first half of the program consisted of interesting lectures by professors and teaching assistants from the hosting. For the first time, we hosted foreign speakers, dr. Emad Youssef and dr. Fouad Abarkan, who presented a lecture on dental and orofacial pain. During coffee and lunch break, the participants had an opportunity to check out the dental exhibition by the sponsors.

The second part of the program consisted of lectures by students, which also counted as the lecture contest. In the afternoon, the participants had some free time to sightsee and explore the beautiful city of Ljubljana. Friday night called for party, so we finished the day dancing in the Shooters club!

The second day of the congress was reserved for the workshops. Each participant could sign up for two of them. Workshops focused on modern techniques in dentistry and practical approach to them, including laser dentistry, implantology, rotary endodontic tools, digital dentistry, teeth whitening and EverStick C&B fibers. After lunch break, there was a workshop for everyone about the first aid in dentistry. In the evening, we all gathered at LP bar for the Gala evening. After the performance by Anastomoza band, whose members are students of the Faculty of Medicine, it was time to announce the winners of the lecture contest. The third place went to Andrea Hrubá (Slovakia), the second place to Lea Topolovec and Luka Birk (Slovenia) and the first place to Vukašin Janjović (Serbia) who presented a lecture titled with “Evaluation of efficacy of oral appliances in the treatment of patients with obstructive sleep apnea syndrome”.

On Sunday, it was time for a daytrip to Julian Alps for those who signed up. We visited beautiful Lake Bled, the most visited place in Slovenia after our capital, and calming Lake Bohinj, the largest lake in the country surrounded by magnificent mountains.

To sum up, the three days of the congress offered dentistry students the opportunity to gain new knowledge, try modern techniques in practice, share their research with others, of course make new friends and spend some nice time in lovely Ljubljana. SiDSIC hopes to see you again next year!

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Colleagues from Dental–Art (http://www.dental-art.education/) are inviting us to their International congress, which will be hosted once again in the wonderful Florence in Italy on Saturday, 12th of October 2019. The theme of the congress will be “Innovation in Endodontics: A New Step in the Future”

The congress will host a great deal of high value international speakers, who will talk about the state of the art of Endodontics and where it is going in the next year many innovations that will simplify clinical procedures and improve the quality of the treatment will be hitting the market in the following years. The main focus of the congress will be the preservation of the natural dentition as the primary goal of the treatment. Organizers promise that it will be an inspirational congress not only for the experts but also for the younger colleagues.

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The meeting will conclude with a Gala Dinner on Saturday night on the terrace in the centre of Florence with an unforgettable and breathtaking view of the city.

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IADS and dental-art.education prepared a special opportunity for the IADS students!

- 1 student will receive a full scholarship for the Endodontics Masterclass 2019 that will cover the fee of the course (1500 €) and accommodation for 4 nights in Florence.
- 4 students will receive partial scholarships for the Endodontics Masterclass 2019 with the reduced fee of the course (1200 €, no accommodation included).

In order to be eligible to obtain the scholarship, you have to fulfill the following:
- be IADS student of the last year of study,
- like the dental-art.education’s facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/EndodonticsExcellence/),
- send motivational letter to Dr./un00A0 Claudio Farnararo (drfarnararo@gmail.com)
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Kazan is the capital of Republic of Tatarstan and the sixth most populous city of Russia having more than 1 million inhabitants. The city is well known for its religious and historic places, economy and sport events such as hosting 2018 FIFA World Cup. Kazan was definitely the perfect location for having the 63rd European Dental Students’ Association (EDSA) meeting! Greta Kersyte has attended it as a representative of International Association of Dental Students (IADS).
On the 15th of April in Kazan State Medical University meeting was officially opened with the speeches of Dean, Chairman of LOC Leisan Saleeva, EDSA President Alyette Greiveldinger and others. After that European delegates and attendees gathered in a conference room to give reports about their work during the last months. IADS was also presented the first day of the meeting. Executive Committee member - editor Greta Kersyte had introduced the history of association, its structure, aims, members of committees and the most important, events of IADS. The day was ended with a traditional EDSA event so called EDSAVision where members from different countries had to sing their traditional songs on the stage.

The next days were also full of different activities. Dr. Albert Waning had made a presentation about dentistry as business followed by a workshop where he taught how to give a speech in public. Also, there were workshops organized by Curaprox, Bien Air, DMG and other sponsors. One of the most remarkable presentation was given by Dr. Marko Jakovac about minimal invasive dentistry. Besides that, Tin Crnic current general secretary was elected as president to elect. It means that from now on current president of EDSA will start handover period which will last till August, when Tin will start his duties as a president. The meeting had been closed on the 18th of April in traditional Russian restaurant in the heart of Kazan - Bauman street, followed with a party in Bazzar club.

On behalf of whole IADS, me, Greta Kersyte, would like to say big thanks for EDSA members for such warm welcome. I definitely believe that our relationship between associations has strengthened and we will continue working hand by hand. Hope to see more members of EDSA in our next meeting in Tunisia!