

# ESCD congress in Zagreb a “truly international meeting”

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Caps & Gowns ceremony - a tradition during each annual meeting

ZAGREB, Croatia: The 14<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the European Society of Cosmetic Dentistry (ESCD) celebrated the discipline with an exceptional scientific programme that featured 32 speakers from 17 countries and a diverse audience. Among the social highlights was the society's welcome of new ESCD members with a traditional cap and gown ceremony at the presidential dinner.

Among the highlights of the scientific programme were the lectures by Prof. Anton Sculean from Switzerland and Dr. Marius Steigmann from Germany, who discussed treatment concepts for soft-tissue defects around teeth and dental implants, as well as the presentation by US dentist Dr. Henry Salama on the extraction site management in the aesthetic zone. Dr. Stefen Koubi from France and Dr. Josef Kunkela from the Czech Republic updated the audience about new smile design techniques and approaches.

“This year, the ESCD congress became a truly international meeting. We had participants from more than 38 countries, with two important delegations from China and India,” ESCD President Dr. Florin Lăzărescu said. “The success of ESCD is due to the backbone of our society, the national study clubs. We are now present in 28 countries through our country chairpersons and we have 12 active study clubs,” he added.

In addition to a range of social events, such as the presidential dinner at the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel,

a guided tour through Zagreb and a 1920s-themed party at the Johann Franck club, the ESCD again held its traditional certification ceremony for new members at the event. To be granted membership, nominees have to demonstrate competence in the field by completing a number of highly aesthetic treatments and presenting at least one of these cases at the annual meeting. During the ceremony, successful candidates are then presented with a certificate of membership and the designated membership pin. This year's new ESCD members were Dr. Alessandro Iorio from Italy, Dr. Abby Abraham from India, Dr. Ivan Puljić from Croatia, and the German dentists Dr. Alina Lazar and Dr. Jan Kurtz-Hoffmann. More information about the certification process can be found at [www.escdonline.eu](http://www.escdonline.eu).

Jointly organised with the Croatian Dental Chamber, the congress took place from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017, its theme being “Heart of Esthetics” in Zagreb. “The Croatian Dental Chamber continues to cooperate with organisations and partners that in our profession represent the top of dentistry in Europe and worldwide. One of these organisations is certainly the European Society of Cosmetic Dentistry,” commented Dr. Hrvoje Pezo, President of the Croatian Dental Chamber, on the successful event.

Founded in 2003 by a group of practising dentists, dental technicians and academics from different universities all over Europe, the ESCD (formerly the European Society of Esthetic Dentistry) was established in response to growing public interest in cosmetic and aesthetic dentistry and to the corresponding need of European dental practitioners to enhance their skills and knowledge in the field.

This year, the ESCD will meet in Lisbon in Portugal from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.

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