



Extraordinary statement of the WFLD board- Aachen Congress, October 1-3, 2018

Dear WFLD Country representatives and members

Thank you for your tremendous supports in World Federation for Laser Dentistry (WFLD) and your continuous contributions as our country representatives and members. Over the last three decades, WFLD has been taking the leading role in the scientific research and development of laser in dentistry, and become famous as a non-profit organization with a huge and solid academic constituent in laser dentistry, worldwide.

On behalf of the WFLD, as the WFLD President, I regret to inform you with this letter of “Extraordinary statement” which relates to the upcoming 16th WFLD Congress that will be held in Aachen, Germany in October 1-3, 2018.

This year marks the 30th years of commemoration of WFLD (Formerly, International Society for Laser Dentistry- ISLD). The WFLD Board of Directors has made a substantial effort to celebrate this occasion, including launching the first edition of WFLD textbook and promoting the 16th WFLD congress. The success in commemoration of our 30 years of achievements, in terms of scientific program and unity, during this 16th WFLD Congress in Aachen, Germany, would be our main focus and concern.

Since the last 15th WFLD Congress in Nagoya, the WFLD Board of Directors had asked German- Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the 16th Congress to collaborate and disclose the scientific program to the WFLD Board of Directors for approval, prior to speakers’ invitation, as always been our WFLD’s tradition. Despite of such efforts, the preliminary program was announced late, at the end of April, without any consultation or approval from the WFLD Board as always happened in the previous editions.

Unfortunately, this preliminary program did not reflect and fulfill the values of the parent organization of the congress which is the WFLD. As a result, the WFLD Board

with the majority (9 votes from 11votes) demands an emendation of the scientific program to preserve our traditional WFLD's values, to the German LOC with an official letter dated 13th June, 2018.

However, German LOC had ignored and rejected WFLD's Board demands. The WFLD Board has no other choices and to exercise the following options and to consult a professional lawyer.

1. The majority of the Board will not participate in the Congress of Aachen. (This decision was immediately accepted by German LOC).
2. The Board decided to cancel all official activities of the WFLD during the congress of Aachen, including cancellation of the WFLD General Assembly and all divisional meetings.

After a consultation with a Belgian lawyer, he confirmed the WFLD Board's decision that the Congress in Aachen is NOT an official congress of WFLD.

The General Assembly will be held in late 2018 (respect to the Bylaws: every 2 years). The details of the venue and time will be announced to all our members and country representative shortly.

Together, we will preserve our WFLD traditional values for a brightest future of WFLD.

Best regards

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The President of the WFLD



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