Dear readers,

The concept of aesthetic and cosmetic dentistry has evolved during last several years, involving other new concepts and trends in dentistry. At aesthetic dentistry congresses all over the world, the topics are involving concepts of minimally invasive dentistry and focusing on the differences between analogue and digital workflows. Implant placement in the aesthetic zone and soft-tissue manipulation for achieving aesthetic results are mandatory subjects among the invited speakers. A broad range of topics are taken into consideration when the scientific committee decides on the invited speakers and topics.

The same situation applies to publications in aesthetic and cosmetic dentistry. In this issue of cosmetic dentistry, the authors have approached the same concepts: minimal invasiveness in a case report of total rehabilitation in centric relation combining indirect and direct restorative solutions; looking at digital versus analogue in a case report on ceramic veneers in the anterior region; minimally invasive prosthetic procedures and digital solutions for treatment planning.

I am very pleased that this issue of cosmetic dentistry will be distributed at the 15th annual meeting of the European Society of Cosmetic Dentistry (ESCD), which is being held in Lisbon in Portugal on 20 to 22 September. It is gratifying that many of the authors in this cosmetic dentistry issue are founding or active members of the ESCD, or invited speakers to the congress.

This anniversary edition of the ESCD meeting will really be an outstanding one according to the complexity of organisation and number of participants (more than 600). There will be two main podiums and two parallel hands-on sessions over the three days. For the first time at the event, there will be a live TV studio, from where interviews with speakers, participants, members of the industry and organisers will be broadcast live on ESCD’s Facebook page. For those unable to come to Lisbon, we offer the possibility of viewing the scientific sessions online.

Self-registration will make the registration process a smooth one and the social programme throughout the event (ESCD & Friends, president’s dinner, Portuguese night) will foster further cohesion among the members of our society.

I wish you all an instructive read and that you will be inspired by the topics addressed and be able to implement the methods in your day-to-day practice. I also wish you three days of science and pleasure in Lisbon, together with the ESCD and the Dental Tribune International family.

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