On 4 and 5 July, the 2015 Bio-Emulation Colloquium was held in Berlin in Germany. The event, which was organised by the Dental Tribune International team in close collaboration with the Bio-Emulation Group, attracted more than twice the number of participants compared with last year. Overall, more than 300 dentists and dental technicians attended the extensive programme on biomimetics in dentistry, including 16 lectures and 13 workshops.

After the successful première of the Bio-Emulation Colloquium last year in Santorini in Greece, this year’s meeting was held under the
theme "Bio-Emulation Colloquium 360°". Key opinion leaders in adhesive and restorative dentistry educated the participants on methods and techniques to achieve high aesthetic standards and emulate nature using a histo-anatomical approach.

During the sessions, particularly the workshops, attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the mechanical and optical properties of natural teeth and gain knowledge on using existing techniques and materials. A considerable number of workshops were fully booked; for instance, Dr Pascal Magne’s session on dental morphology function and aesthetics was among the most requested.

Over 95 per cent of attendees who took part in a representative evaluation survey said that they would definitely recommend the event to others. They were most satisfied with the choice of speakers and topics in particular.

Many of the participants took advantage of the networking opportunities offered on the two evenings of the meeting. Each day, about 200 people attended the social events.

This year’s colloquium was held at the European School of Management and Technology, a historical site in the centre of Berlin, next to the office of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The building, which has landmark status today, was once the state council building of the former German Democratic Republic. After a lavish refurbishment in 2004 and 2005, it was transformed into the current private business school.

Dental manufacturer GC Europe was the main sponsor and Shofu was the official partner of the event. In addition, the colloquium was sponsored by Ivoclar Vivadent and CROIXTURE, and supported by American Dental Systems, anaxdent and Velopex International.

At the closing session in Berlin, members of the Bio-Emulation Group announced that the next colloquium will take place in Barcelona in Spain. Details will be made available in due time at www.bioemulationcampus.com.