OUR MISSION

This is our mission – it’s simple.

ALD is devoted to clinical education, research and the development of standards and guidelines for the safe and effective use of laser technology. Through our educational offerings and credentialing program, we provide valuable expertise in the field of lasers in dentistry - expertise that ultimately benefits the patients we serve. We are improving patients’ health and well-being, every day.
Founded in 1993 following the merger of three societies, the Academy is the largest international organization devoted to laser dentistry. Its members include general dentists, pediatric dentists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, orthodontists, endodontists, periodontists, prosthodontists, hygienists, and others interested in the field of laser dentistry. Our membership also includes many commercial manufacturers of lasers, laser accessories and high-tech products.

The Academy of Laser Dentistry is committed to oral health through laser technology.
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MESSAGE FROM
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A litmus test of a great organization is the ability to change while staying the same. In other words, being able to adapt to a changing environment while maintaining its core values and principles. That is exactly what the ALD is doing as we continue paving the way to success in 2024 and beyond.

Throughout this report, you will read about the IMPACT the Academy of Laser Dentistry has had on our dental profession over the recent 30 years. In 2020, the arrival of COVID 19 caused the cancellation of the 2020 San Diego Conference. Everyone everywhere started thinking differently in business and in our personal experiences. In 2023, we are excited to be in-person again for ALD’s 30th Annual Conference & Exhibition celebrating 30 years serving dentistry.

ALD members together recognize colleagues for their laser knowledge, clinical skills and contributions to laser research. Members together encourage laser certification prior to use. Donors together have raised scholarship funds allowing ALD to add research grant-giving to selected Universities.

Our members show commitment to changing dentistry with the proper and safe use of laser technology in everyday dental treatments for patients.

While the numbers presented represent ALD’s commitment to dentistry, it is the impact on patients and on dental practices globally that are both personal and meaningful. ALD’s commitment to students as the future of dentistry embodies the generosity and caring spirit of the ALD community. ALD’s commitment globally increased international chapters and study clubs from 7 to 13 since 2020.

As we now can see beyond the pandemic pivots, we are grateful to our members for 30 years of membership support and dedication to the ALD mission.

We are changing dentistry with the delivery of gentler, less invasive laser treatments.

We are building patient confidence and trust which increases treatment acceptance and return on investment (ROI).

We have an impact.

ALD will continue its commitment to oral health with laser technology stronger than ever.

We thank you.

Be well,

Gail S. Siminovsky, CAE
Executive Director

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BY THE NUMBERS

ALD MEMBERSHIP Stands Strong

7% INTERNATIONAL

93% USA

1600 MEMBERS

18,000 Certified Dentists and Hygienists

SCHOLARSHIPS

$125,000 Awarded

RESEARCH GRANTS

$56,000 Awarded

13 Study Clubs Around the Globe

SILENT AUCTION

$31,000 RAISED

96 Items

PROCEEDS

175 People Invested

$237,000
ALD MEMBERSHIP REACHES 1600 MARCH 7, 2023

ALD has 18 corporate members.

54% DENTISTS
35% RDH ASSOCIATES
9.5% STUDENTS
1.5% OTHER

ALD has 18 corporate members.
AROUND THE WORLD
INTERNATIONAL STUDY CLUBS 13

- ALD Gulf Chapter - Qatar headquarters
- ALD UK Chapter – Baird headquarters
- ALD Southeast Asia Chapter – Indonesia headquarters
- ALD Study Club / Algeria
- ALD Study Club / Australia
- ALD Study Club / Canada
- ALD Study Club / Italy
- ALD Study Club / Libya
- ALD Study Club / New Zealand
- ALD Study Club / The Philippines
- ALD Study Club / Poland
- ALD Study Club / Tunisia
- ALD Study Club / Turkey
30 LASER DENTAL CONFERENCES

400 AVG GLOBAL ATTENDANCE
25 AVG VENDORS
AWARDS

Colleagues honored with the Dr. T. H. Maiman Research Excellence

Colleagues honored with the Dr. Leon Goldman Clinical Excellence

Colleagues honored with the John Sulewski Distinguished Service for the Academy of Laser Dentistry

Colleagues honored with the Dr. Glenda Payas Outstanding Educator Award

2022 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Leon Goldman Clinical Excellence Award
Lydia Atkinson, RDH

John Sulewski Distinguished Service Award
Dr. Larry Kotlow

Dr. Glenda Payas Outstanding Educator Award
Dr. Shigeyuki Nagai

Gail S. Siminovsky, CAE
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Dr. Walid Altayeb

John Sulewski Distinguished Service
Dr. Raminta Mastis

Dr. Glenda Payas Outstanding Educator
Angie Wallace, RDH
GRANTS

Funding Laser Research

$56,000

to 6 Researchers at 4 Universities

GIVING FUTURE

ALD expanded the scholarship options to include Research Grants by encouraging dental laser research projects. The Research Grants program strengthens the Academy of Laser Dentistry’s role in fostering a positive impact on dental laser education and research.
Almost 20 years ago, in 2004, ALD introduced the Dr. Eugene M. Seidner Scholarship Program. This scholarship program is named to honor the memory of Dr. Eugene M. Seidner, ALD’s President 1996-97. Dr. Seidner is most aptly described as a pioneer for his early use of lasers in his dental practice and for his contribution to the formation of the Academy of Laser Dentistry. Known as a “giver,” Dr. Seidner conveyed his broad vision to all who knew him in a manner that was uniquely warm and generous. The Academy is proud to honor his memory in this way. In 2012, the Academy achieved its $100,000 development goal established for this program. The funds continue to grow, are temporarily restricted and only the interest earned plus a small percentage of annual contributions are earmarked for yearly use to propel the program and safeguard its future. Since the 2004 inception, 39 dental students have earned ALD’s Dr. Seidner Student Scholarship honor.

$125,000
ALD SPEND
to bring 39 students from 6 Countries: Australia, USA, Japan, India, Turkey, United Kingdom
RECOGNITION

2018  McPherson College
      Mary Lynn Smith, RDH

2018  University of Tennessee Health Science Center
      Dr. Juliana Falk, Dr. Cozi Ruan

2019  Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU)
      Dr. Sayaka Katagiri

2020  University of Texas Health Science Center
      at Houston School of Dentistry
      Dr. Marcos Garcia

2020  Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU)
      Dr. Yoshin Ohsugi
SILENT AUCTION

All proceeds of the Silent Auction are donated to the Dr. Eugene Seidner Student Scholarship and Research Grants Programs.

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175 People Invested $237,000

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Academy of Laser Dentistry
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