



Satellite Symposium on Dental Adhesives, Dublin, September 13th, 2006



Dear Colleagues,

I clearly remember the moment: During a German conservative dentistry congress focusing on adhesive vs conventional techniques in 2004, one of my colleagues said: "I do not think that 'adhesive dentistry' really exists. Okay, there is even a journal named like that. I admit that there may be something like an adhesive technique in dentistry, but I don't think this is really a discipline."

Now, two years later with the previously mentioned journal having received an impact factor of more than 2.2, the world can see how important this discipline has become in the dental literature.

For decades, Dentsply has been one of the leading companies dealing with adhesion. This supplement is the scientific result of a satellite symposium held in Dublin on September 13th, 2006, prior to the annual IADR/CED/PEF meeting just around the corner from famous Trinity College. Experts from all over the world (USA, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Italy) met to exchange experiences with established adhesive materials and the most recent Dentsply develop-

ment, XP-Bond. We learned that Dentsply's Sevriton actually was the first adhesive approach, dated years before Buonocore's fundamental publication. We heard that fatigue measurement is one major tool in preclinical testing and that differences in performance during in vitro testing blur between etch-and-rinse and self-etching adhesives; it is becoming more important to look at the individual product. However, clinical trials are still the ultimate instrument to investigate dental biomaterials, such as bonded resin composites or ceramic inlays.

It is an honor for me to welcome you to this supplement of the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry, 2007. Enjoy reading!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frankenberger".

Roland Frankenberger