



WOMEN IN DENTISTRY

Letter's to Editor

First Meeting

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Dear Editor,

The event Women in Dentistry was a hybrid event that happened on March 6th, 2021 created for dental surgeons and dentistry students aiming at valuing women in dentistry. This first meeting was intended to facilitate the discussion on the challenges experienced and on the importance of the engagement and integration of women within the profession so that the culture and sensitivity of future generations can be changed.

Therefore, four professional women from different professions were present to speak and share with participants a little about their professional lives and how women are standing out in the job market. Besides the physical lectures, the event featured online lectures and the virtual participation of renowned professors of Brazilian and international dentistry.

The first lecture was with Cristine Thereza Lerner, Business Administrator, Lawyer, Specialist in Small Business Consulting (FIA / USP) and leader of a project with entrepreneurs in the USA. Her lecture had as its topic "The different faces

of female entrepreneurship". Cristine told a little about her story and opened the participants' minds about entrepreneurship and its importance for any type of business and profession, about how having an entrepreneurial vision boosts not only one's professional life, but also their personal one.

Afterwards, Architect-designer and businesswoman Rafaela Dal'Maso, spoke about "Branding for women in business". Her speech was an important complement to the words of speaker Cristine. Rafaela spoke about the importance of having a personal and business visual identity. She also mentioned how the architecture of the workspace becomes a key to comfort and safety for the client, as well as social networks, which are allied to this process.

Oral and maxillofacial surgeon, Dr. Renata Matalon, talked about "Quality of life in third molar and laser surgeries in dentistry - the history and challenges of women in the area of oral and maxillofacial surgery". Renata reported about her defiant history in Dentistry, mainly in her area of expertise, where women are rare. She also explained a little about some techniques

used on third molar surgeries and the use of laser for lesion regression.

The face-to-face lecture was with the gestalt therapist, Ceres Perrotti. Her lecture was based on dental arch, and how each tooth has a meaning for life. It was a incredible moment of reflection, where the participants were able to look at themselves and understand the significance in every detail of the human body and life, and how emotional equilibrium is important for personal and work relationships.

Amid physical lectures, occurred the online lectures. Dr. Renata Almeida Pedrin, Dental Surgeon, Master, Doctor and Post-Doctor in Orthodontics (FOB-USP), lectured on "Orthodontic aligners, history and challenges of women in orthodontics". Renata talked about how dentistry came into her life and about the rise of women in dentistry. She also clarified points about the famous orthodontic aligners, including successes and limitations of the technique.

The event ended with an online lecture by Professor-Master, Sandra Crivello. Dental surgeon, specialist in infectious diseases (France), Master in Health Sciences (IIER), in addition to having more than 35 years of experience in Hospital Dentistry. Her participation had the theme "Hospital dentistry in the care of patients with Covid-19 - A chat about hospital dentistry", where she talked about her history with hospital dentistry and her challenges since the beginning of her career. She also taught a class about Covid-19 and

the importance of having dental surgeons in the ICUs and in post-Covid treatment.

Another memorable point of the event was the beautiful messages sent to students and dental surgeons from Brazil and the world.

Messages of strong women that battled to conquer their space in dentistry, and messages from men who know the importance of their support for women. Sent your messages: Dra. Ana Miriam Velly (McGillUniversity, Canadá), Dr. Waldyr Jorge (USP-SP), Dra. Magda Feres, Dr. Carlos Flores-Mir (University of Alberta, Canadá), Dr. Renato de Almeida, Dra. Sandra Palomino (Universidad San Marcos, Perú), Dr. Marcio de Almeida, Dr. Fernando Pedrin, Dr. Rodrigo Foronda, Dra. Paula Cardoso, Dr. Sandro Stefanini e Dr. Luis Evaristo Volpato.

This event is pioneer in Brazil, and is part of a project designed by the dental surgeon Claudine Thereza-Bussolaro and coordinated by the dental surgeon Gabriela Salvador Barbosa. After receiving many positive feedbacks, an annual calendar was established. The project has an active Instagram account (@mulheresnaodontologia), where lives on different topics eventually occur.

Congratulations to everyone for treating the topic so lightly and for promoting the valourization of women in dentistry.