**IDEALS CONGRESS 2022, Leuven, September 8-10**

IDEALS was established in 2000 In Leuven and we had congresses all over the world – we were in the UK(London), Denmark (Copenhagen), The Netherlands (Amsterdam), Italy (Firenze), Finland (Helsinki), USA (Omaha and Chicago), Canada (Toronto), South Africa (Cape Town) and this year Back to Belgium - Leuven. It provides a forum where every dentist, ethicist, philosopher, and lawyer can get in touch with colleagues from all over the world who are interested in the issues that are discussed in these congresses.

The International Congress of IDEALS will take place this year in Leuven in September 8-10, 2022. The 2022 Congress will focus on dental ethics and the evaluation of dental damage.

The main topic this year is **VULNERABILITY.**

**Thursday and Friday:**

Thediscussions will concentrate on patients with disabilities; patients with disadvantage due to poverty and displacement; patient vulnerability to overtreatment or undertreatment due to economic or evolutionary changes in dentistry.

We will go as broad as possible to include the relation between the patient, the dentist and the community. In addition to the main topic, any paper about ethical issues will be reviewed for acceptance.

**Friday and Saturday:**

Dental Damage (traffic accidents, malpractice, accidents at work) will be the focus. I will include procedures in and out of Courts; the role of the Dental experts; the role of insurance companies and their dental advisors; the rights of the victims and duties of the insurance companies. Is there such a thing as ethical rules for insurance companies? Working together with different experts, specializations in different fields, attracting victims through publicity. Actions that are legally, ethically, and scientifically correct.

**The Dental Law Partnership** will explain how they are working in defending patients in negligence (malpractice) cases in the UK over the last 22 years. The DLP has dentists and lawyers in the same group and they are very successful.

Case reports – Are there differences in the handling of claims? Is legal aid insurance important? Which system is used mostly in different countries- preference for out of court settlement or for bringing the cases to court? What is the role of the Insurance Companies? Does “Assurance oblige” still apply?

**CALL FOR PAPERS** THE BOARD of Ideals invites you to present a paper. Oral presentations in English are 15-20 minutes in length. An abstract of 250 words should be sent to yvo.vermylen2@telenet.be for review and acceptance

**ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation must be booked directly with the hotel

To find a list of Hotels and other accommodation check www.visitLeuven.be (click on "Overnight") or use TRIVAGO/ Booking.com/ EXPEDIA. If you need further assistance, contact Yvo Vermylen [yvo.vermylen2@telenet.be](mailto:yvo.vermylen2@telenet.be)

To avoid problems with cancellation due to Covid or the war in Ukraine, we advise all participants to take out a travel insurance that will reimburse the cost of your flight, accommodation and congress expenses in case of cancellation. In some hotels you have the possibility to cancel the hotel until 1 or 2 weeks before the start of the congress. Other hotels offer a kind of cancel insurance (50-60 Euro extra)