



Hola Barcelona!

Dear Colleagues,

While reading this issue of JOLA, you are hopefully spending some pleasant, interesting, inspiring, but nevertheless relaxing days in Barcelona, attending the 3rd ESOLA Congress.

We hope to have provided a program that covers all matters of interest and answers all your questions. Selecting the locations of the opening ceremony and the gala dinner was not easy, with so many fantastic, historically and culturally relevant places to choose from. We think you have the chance to see some of the most spectacular places in Barcelona.

Let me take the opportunity to thank all of you for attending the conference and for your contributions, which will make the 3rd ESOLA Congress a remarkable meeting. In the tradition of our Society, colleagues from countries all over the world, working as practitioners, scientists or teachers will exchange experiences in all fields of laser dentistry during these days.

Lasers are no longer experimental in dental treatment, but have become a standard element in the modern dentist's repertoire. The "golden standards" presented at the 2nd ESOLA Congress in Florence for each indication, found after extensive discussions between renowned experts, ensure that experienced laser users have been on the right track and give the newcomers to laser dentistry a safe background for their start.

For some years now, ESOLA has been running a very successful postgraduate educational program by the ESOLA Academy. The intention is to give participants the opportunity to reach a high level of knowledge in this exciting discipline without investing a great

amount of time. This meets the educational needs of colleagues whose free time is in short supply because they have to keep their offices running.

We hope you have the chance to visit the session of the ESOLA Academy Alumni Club, presented at this conference for the first time. The graduates from ESOLA Academy have set up their own studies and research programs and will present the first results. You might even be inspired to become a member of the Academy to spread the knowledge and teach young colleagues about this real future prospect of our profession.

It's one of ESOLA's aims not only to encourage research and science but also to spread the latest findings to everyone interested in our special subject.

We all are looking forward to meeting you on one of the next occasions for collegial discussions, perhaps at the next ESOLA Symposium on Mauritius in March 2006 or at the Mediterranean Conference in autumn 2006.

In the meantime, let's keep JOLA the platform for a lively exchange of ideas and viewpoints, as we have done in the past years. Because you continue to submit your manuscripts, we will keep this Journal growing and prospering as a voice of Europe's laser dentistry heard worldwide.

Yours sincerely,

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