

## Together – Not Apart



Dear Colleagues,

Hopefully you spent a relaxing time during the summer, and can bring new impressions, good memories and a lot of power with you to start into the coming, work-filled months.

We are satisfied to report on a very successful meeting in Barcelona in May. Four hundred seven participants from all over the world shared the experience of an interesting, high level meeting on oral laser applications.

We are proud to have the official and even very personal support of the entire ISLD board. All the well-known names one associates with lasers in dentistry were on the participants list at Barcelona: Prof. Powell, Prof. Rocca, Prof. Ishikawa, Prof. Loh, Prof. Eduardo de Paula, Prof. Gutknecht, Prof. Romanos, Dr. Nammour, and so many others.

Once more, ESOLA wants to thank all of them for their support.

The success of the ESOLA conference in Barcelona gives us motivation to continue our work in the sense of ESOLA; together, not apart we can show the world the tremendous development laser dentistry has made in the past years.

During the Barcelona congress, SELO decided to have JOLA as its official publication and to affiliate the SELO members to ESOLA. We are very encouraged by the continuing growth of the “ESOLA Family.”

This success also means a great liability. It is essential to focus our efforts on the introduction of lasers in all fields of the dental profession. We must be present at scientific events and conferences. We got the chance to correct some of the very widely held, but nevertheless

sometimes false statements which have kept lasers from being a success in some dental specialties, for instance, periodontics. You may not believe it, but there are still some representatives of national professional institutions who are dead certain that laser dentistry has no scientific background! Let's join efforts to convince them of the contrary.

There should be far more than enough references in the literature on the scientific relevance of lasers in dentistry to document that laser dentistry has already left the realm of experimental medicine. Not only during major conferences with their sophisticated scientific lectures, but also from day to day practice we know the benefits of our speciality; from the participants in the ESOLA Academy program as well, we receive a great deal of well-documented treatment protocols during the postgraduate educational courses. The colleagues' experiences and documentations are worth being seen by all interested dentists.

So – dear colleagues out there in your offices – show them to the world!

We cordially invite you to submit your records for publication in JOLA.

Yours sincerely,

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