

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Christmas and New Year are just around the corner. It is time for the editors of JOLA and the members of ESOLA family to look back on the last year with all its events. Without exaggerated pride, we can say that it has been a very successful year for our constantly growing society. The third ESOLA conference in Barcelona, in cooperation with the Spanish and Italian societies for laser dentistry (SELO, SILO), was of course the unsurpassed high point, which convincingly proved the ever-increasing importance of laser dentistry. In times of difficult economic circumstances and decreasing numbers of participants in scientific conferences around the world, we actually increased the number of doctors, dentists, and exhibitors participating in this event. The high scientific level of the congress itself, the cooperative spirit of laser companies, and the noticeably harmonious atmosphere during the three days were praised in many letters of thanks.

But it was not only this congress that highlighted 2005. We saw a tremendous interest on the part of different European countries in cooperating with us, organizing satellite events, and founding their own societies in their home countries. As an example of recent activities, I would like to mention the congress of the

Romanian Society (SRLS), perfectly organized by its president, Professor Carmen Todea, in Timisoara, and the inaugural meeting of the new Czech Society organized by Professor Pavel Polenik in Prague.

This brings me to the outlook for 2006. In February, the third ESOLA Symposium in Mauritius will take place – already firmly established in the calendars of our colleagues, and visited not only by experienced laser users.

In September, we are looking forward to organizing the First Mediterranean Laser Congress in Rhodes, together with the very active Greek Society (HEL SOLA).

As you can see, much work lies ahead, but with your help and continuing interest in our work, we will make every effort to realize all these ambitious plans.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Moritz'.

Prof. DDr. Andreas Moritz  
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