

Special Focus



Dear Colleagues,

Time flies, and we have seen the first half of this year pass. Most of us have started to count the days until the beginning of summer vacation.

ESOLA held its 3rd Symposium on Mauritius with great success – you will find the Congress Report later in this issue. Since then, there has been animated correspondence going on within the working groups, trying to reach the envisaged goal – the creation of guidelines for daily laser use, applicable for everyone working with these tools. The first meeting of the group leaders at the end of May was promising; the returned worksheets from the various group members were collected and unified. The complete project, conducted by Romain Blum, ESOLA's coordinator for practitioners, will be presented during the 1st Mediterranean Laser Congress on Rhodes in September 2006. If you are interested in this project, you can find more information about the upcoming meeting on www.esola.at. But this project should not be the only reason to meet on Rhodes; the topic "Microinvasive/Esthetic Laser Dentistry" promises an interesting and up-to-date scientific program, worth being attended by everybody working with lasers. We hope to welcome YOU at this meeting!

In autumn, another exciting conference is scheduled. The 1st Congress of the Indian Society of Oral Laser Applications, in co-operation with ESOLA, will be held in Mumbai from October 27th to 29th 2006.

At the moment, there are more than 500 participants expected for the meeting. The president of the Indian Society Dr. Naresh Thukral is convinced that this meeting will be a full scientific success.

We are keen to hear about the laser landscape in India, a country renowned for its outstanding development in all technical disciplines.

Following the protocol of the last JOLA board meeting, G. Romanos (USA, Greece) was responsible for the acquisition of high-quality manuscripts for this issue. With the enormous energy typical of this laser pioneer, he managed to collect a number of high-level articles for the summer issue of JOLA. The focus lies on periodontology and all the topics related to this specialization. The provenance of the papers from so many countries worldwide reflects the scientific network ESOLA has succeeded in building up during the last years.

We hope our readers will appreciate our intention to present one special focus in every issue.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Franziska Beer". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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