

Awareness and Responsibility



Dear Colleagues,

When taking over a new position, it seems like entering a realm of the unknown and uncertain. One will undoubtedly ask oneself a number of questions: What can I expect from the new position? Will I be able to adequately fulfill the task? The answers cannot be given instantly, but time will make the picture clearer. The initial enthusiasm for upcoming challenges is often succeeded and subdued by a mixture of other feelings, such as incomprehension, disbelief, and concern for the core of a matter. Many members of the review board were enthusiastic when asked to join. Serving as a member of the review board is a great responsibility, which is often taken for granted. The core of the matter is soon easily forgotten. It is easy to accept a certain honor, but to bear the burden of that honor and all its accompanying elements is altogether a different matter. Doing the appointed job sometimes seems to be a one-way street which has to be travelled alone. But hope still remains while friends of JOLA and SOLA remain true, and then all obstacles can be overcome very easily.

A thought arose from a friendly conversation about the future of laser. It is not we who need to be convinced that lasers have already been established as an indispensable part of dentistry, but the broader public needs to be attracted and their laser consciousness improved in the near future. The cost still remains a problem for many patients. Hopefully in the future, the patient can also be approached concerning this aspect. The benefits of laser dentistry must be made apparent to the public at large. One of the ways to ensure this is by encouraging scientists from all over the world

to keep on doing good scientific work and using the mass media to present the overwhelming accomplishments of laser dentistry. Once again, I appeal to you all to support this endeavor for the benefit of the Journal, our common goal.

The year is off to a good start. Many modules have been held worldwide, attracting newcomers to the field of laser in module I and keeping experienced practitioners in the field in module III, most recently held in Vienna at the beginning of March. We congratulate the participants and hope that they will contribute to increasing the awareness of oral laser application.

We are happy to confirm that the 50th anniversary of the invention of laser will be celebrated during the International Congress taking place in Moscow on the 24th and 25th of September. The congress will be held under the auspices of the Russian Laser Dentistry Association and SOLA. We are greatly looking forward to this event.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Professor Moritz, the President of SOLA, for his support and trust.

In the hope that you will stay healthy, we wish you a successful year.

Yours sincerely,

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