

# LASER FLORENCE 2017

— Joint Meeting of IALMS, ISLSM, WFSLMS —



Under the magic atmosphere of Florence, on 9-11 November 2017, the 29th Laser Florence International Medical Congress was celebrated to discuss and to confront about “laser light and drug” (this was the motto of the Congress!) in all the fields of medicine and surgery.

This year conference was particularly important: in fact, it was jointed to three more Congresses of important international scientific societies, IPTA (International Photo Therapy Association), ISLSM (International Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine) and WFSLMS (World Federation of Societies for Laser Medicine and Surgery), this making the scientific level very high, as well as the quality of the speakers representing a very large number of countries.

In the wonderful location of the “Auditorium” of Santa Apollonia” which is one the most important building of Florence, built in 1300 and painted by Bernardino Poccetti and Fabrizio Boschi, the 250 participants from 35 countries and 5 continents, were divided into 9 sessions: Laser Dentistry, Basic Science and Laser Physics, Laser ENT and Safety, Laser and Drugs, Laser/Light in Aesthetic Medicine and Surgery, Laser/Light in Surgery, Laser Biomodulation: Scientific Research and Clinical Practice, Laser Rehabilitation in Central Nervous System Injuries, Laser Rehabilitation and Poster session.

The high scientific level of the program was testified by the achievement of 16 Credits by the American and European CME Program for all the participants to the Congress, as well as by the publication of the Proceedings on peer book “Advance in Laserology”, SPIE Publisher, USA.

The presence of a great number of young lecturers and poster presenters demonstrated that Laserflorence Congress is also considered one of the most important scientific events by the young researchers and clinics

who choose it for presenting their works.

The conference was officially opened by Prof. Leonardo Longo, Congress Chairman, followed by three “Lectio Magisralis”.

Dr. R. Lanzafame talked about “Laser Applications in Medicine: An Evolution”.

Prof. P. Manzelli spoke on “Laser Therapy: Equivalence Between Biophotonic Field And Thin Energy In The Coherence's Reactivation Of Life Energy”.

Dr. D. Sliney treted the topic of “Photobiological Dosimetry of Tissue Exposure”.

An important and significant moment was represented by the memory of two people who recently passed away, Prof. Mario Postiglione and prof. Venkatasami Jeganathan, respectively celebrated by prof. Longo and dr. Sharon Krishna.

As traditionally, the best lectures and posters were selected for prizes and the jury, formed by the chairpersons of all the scientific sessions, decided the winners who were:

Dr. Salam Alakash, from Jordan, with the lecture: Fundamental applications of Er,Cr:YSGG laser in combination with diode 980nm wavelength.

Dr. Luigi Cella, from Italy, with the lecture: Laser and bioscaffolds in oromaxillofacial surgery.

Dr. Damia Mawad, from Australia, with the lecture: A suture-less conductive patch for enhancing the cardiac electric signal.

Dr. Roberto Machado, from Brasil, with the poster: Differential expression of myofibroblasts on CO<sub>2</sub> laser wounds and scalpel wounds: an experimental model.

Dr. Yuhao Bai, from China, with the poster: Er:YAG laser-activated irrigation assisted non-surgical re-treatment of maxillary first molars treated with “russian red cement”: a case report.

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Dr. Pichansak Bunmas, from Thailand, with the lecture: Innovative combination technique for lower face and neck contouring and rejuvenation.

Dr. Yulia Efremova, from Czech Republic, with the lecture: Dynamic changes in gamma-irradiated mice treated with laser.

Dr. Kitti Szenasi, from Hungary, with the lecture: Photobiomodulation of autoimmune skin diseases in small animals.

During the congress, the executive committees and the general assemblies of IPTA, ISLSM, WFSLMS and IALMS were held and some important decisions were reached, regarding the future governances and events of the societies.

Prof. Toni Pinheiro from Brasil was elected as president of IPTA, replacing prof. Cheng-Jen Chang from Taiwan.

Prof. Longo replaced Dr. Sharon Krishna as President of ISLSM.

Prof. Fornaini replaced Prof. Postiglione as Treasurer of IALMS.

Locations and times of the next Congresses were also decided.

Next Congress of APALMS will be in Bangkok on October 2018.

Next IPTA Congress will be in Taiwan on June 2019.

Next Congress of ISLSM will be in Toronto in 2021.

Traditionally, the last event during Laserflorence Congress is the Gala dinner and the 2017 edition was really wonderful!

Inside the exciting atmosphere of Villa Viviani, prof. Longo and his team prepared a dinner program rich of music, dance, typical Tuscan food and..... a lot of happiness.

I may say that Laserflorence is a great family where everybody is proud and happy to be part appreciating the smell of authentic friendship.

See you in 2019!

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