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Introduction

The 29th Laser Florence International Medical Congress was held 9-11 November 2017 in Florence. This year’s conference was particularly important, because it was a joint conference with three international congresses: IPTA (International Photo Therapy Association), ISLMS (International Society for Laser in Medicine and Surgery) and WFSLMS (World Federation Societies of Laser Medicine and Surgery).

The 2017 program level was very high, as was the quality of the speakers. About 250 participants from 35 countries and five continents were divided into nine 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 Injures, Laser Rehabilitation, and a poster session.

The high scientific level of the program was testified by the achievement of 16 credits by the North American and European CME Program (UEMS—Union European Medicine Specialists) for all the participants to the Congress, as well as by the publication of the Proceedings by SPIE.

The presence of a great number of young lecturers and poster presenters was very positive, thus showing that Laser Florence Congress is considered one of the most important scientific events also by the young researchers and clinics who choose it for presenting their works.

The event was officially opened by Prof. Leonardo Longo, Congress Chairman, followed by three leading lecturers: Dr. R. Lanzafame, “Laser applications in medicine: an evolution”, Prof. P. Manzelli, “Laser therapy: equivalence between biophotonic field and thin energy in the coherence’s reactivation of life energy,” and Dr. D. Sliney’s presentation, “Photobiological dosimetry of tissue exposure.”

Prof. Longo and Prof. Sharon Krishna presented an important and significant remembrance of two IALMS members who recently passed away, Prof. Mario Postiglione and Prof. Venkatasami Jeganathan.

Many lecturers followed on the networks in real time by streaming, with more than 10,000 visualizations. The slides of the congress lectures are available on the website www.ialms.international, in the area members, covered by password.
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Inside the congress, the executive committees and the general assemblies of IPTA, ISLMS, WFSLMS, and IALMS were also held where some important decisions were reached:

1. Prof. Toni Pinheiro from Brazil was elected President of IPTA. He replaces Prof. Cheng-Jen Chang from Taiwan
2. Prof. Longo replaced Dr. Sharon Krishna as President of ISLMS
3. Prof. Carlo Fornaini replaced Prof. Mariano Postiglione as Treasurer of IALMS.

The locations and times of the next Congresses were established:

1. The next congress of APALMS will be 19-21 October 2018 in Bangkok, and will be organized by Prof. Apirag Chuangsuwanich and Prof. Bounmas Pichansak.
2. The next congress of WFSLMS, IPTA and ISLMS will be in June 2019 in Taiwan, and organized by Prof. Cheng-Jen Chang and Prof. Ming Chen Kao.
3. The next Congress of ISLMS and WFSLMS will be in Toronto in 2021, organized by Prof. S. Yang.

Traditionally, the gala dinner marks the end of the Laser Florence Congress, and this year the final was 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. Laser Florence is a great family where everybody may appreciate the spirit of authentic friendship!

See you in Laser Florence 2019, November 7–9!

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