CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

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To: Prof. Toshio Ohshiro
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Both the International Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (ISLSM) and the Asian-Pacific Association for Laser Medicine and Surgery (APALMS) have long and well-established histories, and have held an unbroken series of biannual meetings since their respective inceptions in 1975 and 1985. I had the great honor of hosting the 10th ISLSM congress in 1993 and the 9th APALMS congress in 2002, both in Thailand, and both of which I can safely claim to have been a great success. As a past president of both these venerable societies, I sincerely congratulate the *Laser Therapy* Editorial Board members, and the members of both these societies on the occasion that the journal, *Laser Therapy* has become the official Journal of both the ISLSM and APALMS.

I have had the pleasure and honor of being a friend and colleague of Prof. Toshio Ohshiro for three decades, and I recognize both his medical and surgical laser expertise, which he was kind enough to share with me in the early days, and his fighting spirit, the strength of which has enabled the journal *Laser Therapy* to rise like a phoenix from the ashes after its apparent demise. Dr. Ohshiro was the Founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal back in 1988, when it was boldly launched by the internationally renowned publishers, John Wiley and Sons of Chichester, UK. Now in its 18th volume, and with Dr. Ohshiro once again at its helm, the journal is stronger than ever, and with its widened scope I am sure it will continue to go from strength to strength and be an excellent forum for all of us working in the medical and surgical laser field.

It is my earnest hope, and I am sure that speak for the Membership of both societies, that this Journal will continue to grow and maintain its good direction so as to serve both the ISLSM and APALMS, in addition to the other societies for which *Laser Therapy* is the official journal, with the ultimate beneficiaries being not only the societies' Membership, but especially our patients, worldwide.

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