Laser Therapy IS NOT THE ONLY THING ON THE MOVE!

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It is amazing how time flies ... by the time your read this, faithful *Laser Therapy* readers, it will be the end of June, midsummer's (or midwinter's) day will have passed depending on which hemisphere you inhabit, and the year is half-way through. Things other than time don't stand still, which of course includes *Laser Therapy*, but which also includes the Japan Medical Laser Laboratory (JMLL) where the journal Editorial Team has its heart.

The JMLL was first founded by the author in Shizuoka in 1975, where the author was investigating pigmented nevi, their etiology and treatment, in his color clinic. In 1977, the author moved the JMLL to Tokyo as a research and development arm to support the Ohshiro Clinic, which was founded in the same year, and both were housed on the 6th floor of the Kioicho TBR Building, Tokyo, with the Hotel New Otani as a neighbor. With rapid expansion of both the clinic patients and the needs of the JMLL these premises became too small, so in 1994, JMLL and the Ohshiro clinic moved to a new location, a spacious, bright and freshly rebuilt suite of consultation rooms, treatment rooms and offices on the second floor of the Japan Railways Shinanomachi Station Building, with panoramic views over Meiji Jingu Garden and opposite the prestigious Keio University Hospital. This constitut-

ed a "return home" for the author, as he is a Keio University School of Medicine Old Boy, and currently a visiting Professor in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Expansion of the Ohshiro Clinic led to relocation of the JMLL to the 4th floor of the Shinsei Kaikan building, just around the corner from Shinaomachi Station.

JMLL has continued to expand, and has now outgrown the existing premises. Accordingly, JMLL, and the editorial offices of *Laser Therapy*, have moved since the end of April of this year to a much larger and very elegant premises in the Shinanomachi Rengakan. This is a really interesting comparatively new building of architectural significance (as illustrated) which was built to complement the older buildings of the Keio campus, of which it forms part, and the newer University Hospital. JMLL has many prestigious medically-related neighbors in its new home, such as the International Medical Information Center (IMIC), and the editorial and business offices of several leading Japanese and International medical journals, including the *Keio Journal of Medicine*, the *Japanese Society for Neurochemistry* and the *Journal of Physiological Sciences* and now of course joined by *Laser Therapy*. The new address for your records is JMLL, 4th Floor, Shinanomachi Rengakan, 35 Shinanomachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160-0016 Japan. The telephone number remains unchanged at +81-3-5269-1403.

***Laser Therapy* Fully Archived on J-STAGE**

The archive of all of the volumes and issues of *Laser Therapy* on the Japan Scientific and Technical Information Aggregator-Electronic, J-STAGE, is now complete. This means that all articles, Editorials and other information pieces published in *Laser Therapy* over the past 26 years since John Wiley & Sons' first Pilot Issue of the journal in 1988 are now comprehensively searchable online by key word, title, volume and issue, or authors. As *Laser Therapy* main-

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tains the open access principle, this means that all original articles, reviews and brief communications older than 6 months are available as a free full text PDF from 1988 up till present. Articles younger than 6 months are available on a pay-per-download basis. The *Laser Therapy* Editorial Team would like to thank the J-STAGE staff for all their hard work, especially for the older volumes of the journal which were not available on electronic media and had to be scanned in from the hard copies, page by page.

***Laser Therapy* voted the official journal of the European Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ESLAS)**

At their 14th Annual General Meeting during ***Laser Europe, 2014***, in the Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky, Amsterdam, Holland, the ESLAS membership ratified the decision by the new ESLAS Board to approach *Laser Therapy* to be the new organ for the Society.

ESLAS, which held its first meeting in Athens in 1997 and is the oldest European society dedicated to aesthetic laser surgery, is under the umbrella of the European Laser Association (ELA) and the WFSLMS, and has the following aims:

- To serve as a medium for practical instruction in the use of light and lasers for application in Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery
- To encourage and support research and exchange of scientific knowledge related to the above applications of phototherapy and photosurgery
- To offer an open forum for questions and answers, comments on and discussion of results, ideas, practical tips and hints and any problems related to lasers and lights in aesthetic surgery

The new ESLAS Board for 2014-2018 is as follows:

ESLAS Honourary Presidents: Dr Mario A Trelles, Spain, and Dr Vakis Kontoes, Greece; ESLAS President: Dr Dana Jianu, Romania; ESLAS Vice President: Dr Chris Ladas, Greece & South Africa; ESLAS Secretary-General: Dr R Glen Calderhead, UK & South Korea; ESLAS Membership Secretary and Treasurer: Dr Spiros Vlachos, Greece; ESLAS Scientific Secretary: Dr Claudia Van der Lugt, Holland. Readers will see several regular contributors to the journal among the ESLAS Board, and the *Laser Therapy* Editorial Team is delighted and honoured to add ESLAS to the list of Societies looking to the journal as their official organ.

15th Congress of the Asian-Pacific Association for Laser Medicine and Surgery (APALMS), Singapore, November 7th-9th, 2014 – Call for Abstracts

Prof. Fong Poh Him, the Congress President and President-Elect of the APALMS, has provided some details regarding the forthcoming meeting in Singapore on the above dates in November. This promises to be an extremely exciting and vibrant meeting, with the addition of an optional Laser Competency Course to the main congress programme. The congress will highlight advances and the state-of-the-art in Acupuncture, Dentistry, Dermatology, Low Level Light Therapy (LLLT), Ophthalmology, Laser-related Research, and Aesthetic/Cosmetic Surgery.

The host society under Prof Fong, the Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (Singapore), has chosen the luxurious Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel as the congress venue. Located next to the river, with stunning river or city views from guestrooms, the hotel is only 5 minutes away from Singapore's shopping Mecca, Orchard Road and has first class congress facilities.

Please note that the Organizing and Scientific Committees have issued the Call for Abstracts. For further details and to submit your abstract online, please keep visiting <http://www.apalms2014.com.sg>. The website is currently under construction and all information will be available very shortly, including information on the meeting, registration and accommodation. Please see the First Announcement and Call for Papers elsewhere in the journal.

4th Course for Certification under the International Laser Licence System (ILLiS)

During the 15th APALMS in Singapore, another opportunity will be given to candidates who wish to participate in the one-day course for certification in laser safety and applications. The time and date will be announced in the APALMS Final Announcement which will be published in *Laser Therapy* 23:3 out at the end of September, before the meeting takes place in November.

For full information on ILLiS, including the various grades available and entry requirements and so on, please see 145-148p for further information. The course consists of a thorough and intense didactic session given by pioneers in the field which is followed

by a hands-on opportunity with lasers, and finally a written multiple choice examination. Successful candidates will then receive their ILLiS certification at the appropriate grade. Prospective candidates are urged to apply as soon as possible, as places are limited. In the first instance, for an application form and information, please contact JMLL for further information (secretary@jml.co.jp).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CURRENT IMeLaS CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

To all those who obtained their International Medical Laser Specialist (IMeLaS) certificates in 2009, you now **need to renew your certificates** in order for them to remain valid. Validity will cease on November 26th, 2014: doctors and other specialists wishing to renew their certificates must contact JMLL for further information (secretary@jml.co.jp).

End Notes

“*Summer is icumin in*” (“Summer has arrived”, Old English poem) ... definitely so here in Tokyo with our rainy season just around the corner. For those

of you in the Southern climes, it must now be cooling down pleasantly after your hot summer. Wherever you are, no matter what the weather, please set aside some time to write down your clinical or basic trials, or your treatment experience, in the form of a submission to *Laser Therapy*! May I remind you to keep sending in your papers? The journal cannot exist without your input, and it benefits all of us, especially as all articles published are now listed in PubMed Central and are searchable online. However, perhaps even more importantly than getting your paper published in a PubMed-listed journal, you should remember that you now have **two** chances to win a valuable prize for your article if you are under 40, because of the **Ming-Chien Kao Award** (open only to authors under 40 year of age), and of course our existing and extremely valuable ***Laser Therapy* Best / Good Paper Awards** are available for all articles published in this volume 23 of the journal, irrespective of the age of the author. You have 6 months left ... get writing!

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