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Jean-Paul Rocca new President of IPTA

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Prof. Rocca, new President of IPTA (right), with Prof. Vaitkuviene, Past President (center) and Prof. Oshiro, Treasurer (left).

On the 19 and 20 of September in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, the "World Laserology Congress" was celebrated with the participation of the most important scientific societies involved with the utilisation of the laser technology in medicine: ISLSM (International Society for Laser in Surgery and Medicine), IPTA (International Photo-Therapy Association), WFLSMS (World Federation Societies for Laser in Medicine and Surgery), WFLD (World Federation for Laser in Dentistry) and EMDOLA ACADEMY.

The President of the Congress, Prof. Aurelija Vaitkuviene, also President of IPTA, decided to propose a program based on the interaction of physics and medicine in all the specialities and, for these reason, she invited as speakers people who are among the best experts of the field in the world.

So, Prof. Toshio Oshiro from Japan, General Secretary of WFLSMS and Editor of the journal "Laser Therapy", Prof. Jouzas Vaitkus, President of the Lithuanian Physical Society, Prof. Leonardo Longo from Florence, President of WFLSMS and IALMS, Prof. Juanita Anders from Bethesda University, President Elect of the American Society for Laser in Medicine and Surgery, Prof. Chang Jen Cheng, President of Laser and Photonics Medicine of the Republic of China, Prof. Krishna Rau from India, Past President of

WFLSMS, Prof. Carlo Fornaini from Italy, President Elect of WFLD and Prof. Jean-Paul Rocca from France, Past President of WFLD and Honorary President of EMDOLA Academy, showed to the participants the state-of-the-art of the application of the laser technology in each medical and surgical field by several important lectures.

Among others, lectures were held on the therapy of LLLT on the paresis of facial nerve (Anders), the laser effect on the cerebral palsy (Asagai), the laser treatment of scars (Oshiro), the laser action on the regeneration of the mandibular nerve lesions (Longo), The IntraOral Laser Welding (Fornaini) and the Educational Program in Laserology (Rocca).

During the congress, the assembly of IPTA elected the new president in the person of Prof. Jean Paul Rocca, the director of the TELEO Laboratory of the University of Nice, an expert on the interaction between Er:YAG and hard dental tissues.

Prof. Rocca, in accepting of the new position, announced that the next IPTA Congress will be held in Nice in June 2015, joint to the Emdola Academy Congress. All our good wishes for a good and successful work in the association go to Prof. Rocca and the new Board of IPTA.