

# Light to **brighten** the future



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Dear readers of *laser* international magazine of laser dentistry,

We sincerely welcome all of you to Nagoya, Japan, on the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Federation for Laser Dentistry from July 17 to 19 2016 in Nagoya, Japan.

The WFLD is held every two years, and this is the third World Congress held in Japan, following the first congress in 1988 in Tokyo under the presidency of Professor Hajime Yamamoto, and the second congress in 2002 in Yokohama, hosted by Professor Isao Ishikawa.

Themed "Light to Brighten the Future", the congress aims at moving forward from existing laser dentistry and dental care as well as seeking the new developments through extensively incorporating light into diagnosis and treatment of patients. The congress features a varied programme, including lectures, a symposium, workshops, oral and poster sessions, exhibitions and seminars. Each programme will bring light to the future laser specialists in engineering and various medical fields, including dentistry. Presenters from all around the world will deliver their latest findings and scientific knowledge. It is our deepest aspiration that the congress will also be an opportunity for further advancement of academic research activities and clinical improvement, as well as herald the beginning of a new development of medical devices and expansion of the industry in Japan.

Apart from the scientific programme, opportunities for social activities, including a welcome-drink reception, Japan night and banquet during the congress. We hope the congress will be a place to acquire the latest information and knowledge and to extend your scientific networks for your future careers and research.

We are sincerely looking forward to seeing all of you at the WFLD2016 in Japan.

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