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Dear colleagues,

When I first learned about the content of this issue of *laser* international magazine of laser dentistry which you are now holding in your hands, the following famous quote by Galileo Galilei came to my mind: When leaving the court of inquisition, where he was forced to renounce the Copernican world view, he notoriously whispered, "And yet it moves"!

In this line, I would like to tell you that, after all, laser light does make a difference by setting things – and sometimes even people—into motion. I highly recommend this issue of *laser*; it proves a good read and illustrates this sentiment perfectly. The removal of melanin hyperpigmentation, the treatment of recurrent aphthous stomatitis or tissue biomodulation—this large of variety of laser applications leaves no doubt that laser therapy is an enrichment to dentistry. Even if our immediate environment—which forms, by the way, yet another interesting parallel to Galilei and his time—may not always be ready to accept these findings, I am convinced that the application of monochromatic and coherent light has been a substantial enhancement of the scope of dental therapy in the past decades. This is, indeed, a therapeutic gift!

The current issue of *laser* is an eloquent testimony to this view on laser dentistry. If you wish to learn more about the rich spectre of laser dentistry, you will be given ample opportunity in the upcoming weeks, as two assets of modern laser dentistry have organised exciting events this year:

On the one hand, the 15th WFLD Congress will be held in Japan, and on the other hand, DGL will host its 25th anniversary congress in Munich, Germany, in autumn. Both of the two events feature high-calibre speakers and will guarantee an excellent scientific programme within an attractive setting. Make sure to use these opportunities!

Thus, I hope you will enjoy reading this issue of *laser* with a maximum gain in knowledge and that, furthermore, laser light will give many beneficial impulses to you and your day-to-day work.

Warm regards

Your colleague

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