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Review & outlook

Dear colleagues,
Dear laser society members,
Dear friends of laser technology,

With this year's last issue of *laser* international magazine of laser dentistry, I would like give a brief summary of the most important events in 2016. Without a doubt, this year's highlight was the WFLD World Congress in Japan with Prof. Kenjy Yoshida as the scientific head. Both scientists from various colleagues and laser users from the dental practice met here in order to discuss the latest research results, therapy concepts and practical experiences.

What took the international stage in Japan was transferred to many smaller venues in various countries around the world. All these events illustrated how new wavelengths have been introduced to dentistry and, moreover, how the already established lasers systems can be applied in new therapeutic fields.

With respect to 2017, I am looking forward to seeing which technical innovations from the field of laser technology will be introduced to the market at IDS (International Dental Show, Cologne, Germany).

In the meantime, the old year will come to an end and a new year is going to start, which is why I would like to send you my best wishes for 2017.

In addition, I would like wish all readers of *laser* international magazine of laser dentistry celebrating Christmas peaceful and blessed Christmas Holidays.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Gutknecht'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'N'.

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