

Dear EMLA Members,

Established in 1982 in Locarno, Switzerland, European Medical Laser Association is now entering the 28th year of its life. EMLA has grown up, learnt how to walk and talk, passed a couple of examinations, and now is enjoying its adult fruitful life.

A lot has been achieved in the last few years. EMLA has concentrated on its main objective which is supporting laser medicine and science regardless to frontiers. The Association really holds its old motto „*viribus unitis*“, gathering members from more than 30 countries, from all five continents. The word European in its name does not prevent non-Europeans from joining us, but it only symbolizes the tradition, reminding us of the place where the Association once was established.

In the course of the last five years, the number of EMLA members nearly doubled when compared with situation in 2000. In the last five years EMLA organized five international laser congresses. The Golden City of Prague has been chosen as EMLA's permanent basis, setting up a tradition of Prague hosting an EMLA Congress every second year.

This year, the 15th International EMLA Congress „Laser Helsinki 2010“ will take place in the capital of Finland at the end of August. Apart from that, EMLA is giving an official scientific guarantee for a new

Congress Laser Bucharest 2010 to be held in November. We also negotiate official participation in Laser Europe in Tarragona, Spain.

EMLA has adopted its new By-laws giving the Association a potential to be a modern flexible organization. In order to reflect its multi national character EMLA has established the Parliament consisting of representatives of individual countries EMLA members come from. This gives the Association a possibility to react quickly to national burning issues, to work in a more flexible and effective way and, last but not least, the system guarantees members in different countries a quick exchange of information. EMLA has also created a system of official training laser courses with an international EMLA guarantee.

A lot of work has been done in the past, however much has to be done in the future, too. Due to technical problems (as we are experts mainly in lasers) we had to recover our website which is now coming up. We truly hope that the new www.emla-laser.eu will become your favourite.

I also have to mention membership fees which have remained unchanged for five years. May I ask those who have not paid yet to do so soon? Payment details can be found on the next page. Thank You.

Přemysl FRYDA

Chief Executive Officer of EMLA

The fee for regular membership is as follows:

€ 40.00 – for 1 year

€ 70.00 – for two years

€ 100.00 – for three years

Members from EU countries are asked to add € 3.00 for postage and handling of certificates. Postage to other countries may be more expensive (please check required sum beforehand).

Membership fee is payable NET (i.e. with all bank fees fully covered) to:

European Medical Laser Association
Account No.: 35-640 923 0247/0100 or
IBAN: CZ 6701 0000 0035 6409 2302 47
SWIFT code: KOMBCZPPXXX
Bank: KB Praha 3
Address: Komerční Banka,
Konevova 91, Prague 3, CZ

Do not forget to state your full name and address on the money order, as well as to send a short note to info@emla-laser.eu stating the amount paid, the date of payment, and giving the postal address for sending your original membership certificate.