



## European Medical Laser Association Newsletter



Official newsletter for EMLA members

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**Dear EMLA Members,**

Let me wish all of you, as well as the European Medical Laser Association, all the best for the new year.

European Medical Laser Association is entering into the twenty seventh year of its existence, and I hope 2009 will be as fruitful and successful as the years before. In 2008 EMLA has strengthened its scientific and international position, continued in revitalizing its structure. During the previous year more than 50 new members have joined the Association. Thank you for your work and support!

Last year EMLA was officially represented in several important laser conferences in Europe, North America and Africa. At the end of August the Association held its 13<sup>th</sup> International Laser Congress in the Congress Hall in Helsinki, Finland. Following our rule of organizing a congress every second year in Prague, we are preparing our next 14<sup>th</sup> International EMLA Congress to take place in the beautiful capital of the Czech Republic in May.

For the first time ever, Laser Prague 2009 is organized as a sister society meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> Intl. Congress of Dermatology - World Congress of the International Society of Dermatology.

For years and years lasers and dermatology, or in other words light and skin have been very close issues. Prior to laser therapy, medical lasers have firstly been introduced in skin indications. Boundaries between surgical high power lasers and low power therapeutic lasers have become more and more imperceptible. These three are just some of the reasons for joining the dermatology conference, a forum with estimated FIVE thousand, or even more, participants from all over the world. And I hope that you will also come to join EMLA!

I am sure Laser Prague 2009 will be a good forum for all laser specialists to exchange their views, share new ideas, learn innovative methods. However, Laser Prague 2009 will also be an important meeting for the future life of the Association.

The Executive Committee has been working on new By-laws of the Association. EMLA General Assembly will discuss these new By-laws and approve them. Furthermore, new specialized Standing Committees will be created to handle scientific, medical, and other vital issues. Last but not least, the Members of EMLA Parliament will be elected in order to pursue the interests of national societies or groups from individual countries, for EMLA is European only from the historical point of view, having been established in Europe now EMLA has active members from many non European countries.

One more time, let me thank prof. Anu Makela, the President of EMLA, prof. Jana Hercogova, the President of Laser Prague 2009, the entire Executive Committee, and all active members of EMLA for their contribution, efforts and support. 2008 was a good year for the Association, and let us hope that 2009 will be even better.

**Premysl Fryda**  
**CEO EMLA**

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

Membership fee payment: NOW !

Congress application deadline  
(with reduced fee): April 30, 2009 !

Abstracts deadline: February 15, 2009!

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular membership fees represent the basic source for the financing of the life and work of the Association. We are glad to have been able to keep the fees as low as possible for several years. Also in 2009 membership fees remain unchanged.

I would like to remind those who have not done so yet, to pay their membership fees. The fee for regular membership is as follows:

- € 40.00 - for 1 year
- € 70.00 - for two years
- € 100.00 - for three years

Members are asked to add € 3.00 for postage and handling.

Membership fee is payable NET  
(i.e. with all bank fees fully covered) to:  
account No.: 35-640 923 0247/0100  
IBAN: CZ6701000000 35 640 923 0247  
Bank: KB Praha 3  
SWIFT code: KOMBCZPPXXX

Do not forget to state your full name and address on the money order, as well as to send a short note to [pof@volny.cz](mailto:pof@volny.cz) stating the amount paid, the date of payment, and giving the postal address for sending your original membership certificate. And do not forget, only uninterrupted membership for at least three years gives you the right to be elected in the boards, the Parliament, or the Executive Committee.

## Laser Prague 2009

The 14<sup>th</sup> International EMLA Congress Laser Prague 2009 is organized by Guarant Inc. All applications and related correspondence with the organizers of the Congress should go through the official website of the Intl. Congress of Dermatology:

[www.icd2009.com](http://www.icd2009.com)

Apart from that, all applications may also be sent through email [pof@volny.cz](mailto:pof@volny.cz)

Do not forget to state in your correspondence that you are an EMLA member as EMLA has managed to negotiate special favourable conditions for its members. When filling in the on-line application, do not forget to state your EMLA membership!

**The congress fee for EMLA members is € 350.00** So another reason for sending your due membership fee NOW!

Application deadline is April 30, 2009!

We look forward to see you in Prague !!!

## Call for Abstracts

Laser Prague program 2009 is as follows

Day 1: Wednesday, May 20, 2009

- Registration
- Joint Opening Ceremony

Day 2: Thursday, May 21, 2009

- Laser Safety
- PDT in Experimental and Clinical Applications

Day 3: Friday, May 22, 2009

- Laser and Light Biomodulation
  - LLLT in Clinical Applications
  - Laser Diagnostics and Research
  - Clinical Applications of High-Power Laser
- (Other laser presentations will also be included in the ICD program with free access for EMLA members)*

**Deadline for sending your abstracts is February 15, 2009**

To submit your abstract, log in to the on-line system for abstract submission (using password you have received after filling in the Personal Data Form on [www.icd2009.com](http://www.icd2009.com))

On the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the Abstract Submission Form choose option: „I am going to enter an abstract for Sister Societies Meeting” and then select EMLA from the menu.

