

# Meet the World Association for Laser Therapy (WALT)



## The association

The World Association for Laser Therapy was formed in 1994 in Barcelona, Spain, when two international organizations, namely, *International Laser Therapy Association (ILTA)* and *International Society for Laser Application in Medicine (ISLAM)*, unified to pursue the common goals of promoting research, education and clinical application of laser photostimulation world-wide. The congresses have then been held in Jerusalem, Israel (1996); Kansas City, USA (1998); Athens, Greece (2000); Tsukuba, Japan (2002); Guarujá, SP, Brazil (2004); Lemesos, Cyprus (2006); and Sun City, South Africa (2008). The next congress will be held in Bergen, Norway in 2010.

## The journal

*Photomedicine and Laser Surgery* is the official journal of the World Association for Laser Therapy and it is the leading photomedical scientific journal. It is indexed in MEDLINE, Current Contents/Clinical Medicine, and EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, among others. It has an impact factor of 1.3. Published 6 times a year, *Photomedicine and Laser Surgery* covers basic and clinical research, expanded applications, and procedures in medicine, surgery, dentistry, safety, new instrumentation, optical diagnostics, and the broad range of activities related to the understanding and applications of biophotonics in medicine.

## Scientific Promotion

The Scientific Secretary leads the WALT Scientific Board, consisting of experts in fields like wound healing, dentistry, basic science, arthritis. The Scientific Committee is presenting recommendations for dosages, based on analyses of the available scientific literature. These recommendations can be found on the WALT website. The Scientific Committee is also active in improving the design of laser research and correcting flaws and misunderstandings in the literature. The Board is also available as consultants and advisors.

## The website

You can find out more about WALT visiting [www.walt.nu](http://www.walt.nu)

## The board

The WALT board 2009 is as follows:  
**President:** Jan M Bjordal, Norway  
**Incoming President:** Heidi Abrahamse, South Africa  
**Past President:** Farouk al-Watban, Saudi Arabia  
**Secretary General:** Antonio Pinheiro, Brazil  
**Interim Scientific Secretary:** Rodrigo Lopes-Martins, Brazil  
**Treasurer:** Kevin Moore, UK  
**Membership Secretary:** Jan Tunér, Sweden

## Membership

The membership fee for 2009 is \$50USD and includes a membership certificate, three annual electronic copies of the WALT Review and access to the advisory facilities of the association. And of course reduced fees at WALT congresses and seminars. With the journal included, individual membership fee is \$190USD per annum, where as the Institutional membership is \$250USD. This does not only include the printed journal but also online access to the journal and its archives. Postgraduate students may enjoy Student Membership at \$40USD per annum, which includes online access to the journal. Easiest way of joining is to use the secure server on our web site. WALT members are researchers, engineers, medical doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, nurses, chiropractors, manufacturers, acupuncturists etc. and there are no formal professional requirements for membership.

### How to join

There are several ways of joining:

1. On-line payment via the secure server on [www.walt.nu](http://www.walt.nu)
2. Bank draft or IMO payable to The World Association for Laser Therapy
3. Bank transfer order to:  
HSBC (International Branch),  
PO Box 181, 27-32 Poultry,  
London EC2P 2BX, United Kingdom.  
Account name: World Association for Laser Therapy.  
Sort Code 40-05-15.  
Account number 35768843.  
Currency US Dollars
4. Cash payment in Euros or US Dollars to WALT official

## I want to become a WALT member

Name: .....

Profession: .....

Address: .....

Country: .....

Email: .....

Membership: Without journal / with journal / student

Sum: .....

Method of payment: .....