



WFSLMS

2009.7.7

NEWSLETTER No.21

World Federation of Societies for Laser Medicine and Surgery

CONTENTS

- **“Laser Tokyo 2009” – The Joint Congress of WFSLMS, ISLSM and JSLSM**
 - **2nd Announcement**
- **The International Medical Laser Specialist (IMeLaS) Certification**
 - **Certification Criteria**

● **“Laser Tokyo 2009” – The Joint Congress of WFSLMS, ISLSM and JSLSM**

The international congress “Laser Tokyo 2009” will be held jointly by the 2nd World Federation of Societies for Laser Medicine and Surgery (WFSLMS), the 18th International Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (ISLSM) and the 30th Japan Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (JSLSM) in Tokyo, Japan on November 29th – December 3rd, 2009.

The congress website: <http://www.islsm-tokyo2009.com/>

The congress office: secretariat@islsm-tokyo2009.com

We look forward to seeing you in Tokyo!

Toshio Ohshiro MD PhD
President of the 18th ISLSM
Secretary General of the 2nd WFSLMS



Toshio Ohshiro
President of 18th ISLSM



Krishna Rau
President of 2nd WFSLMS



Makoto Kikuchi
President of 30th JSLSM

LASER TOKYO 2009

"INTEGRATIVE HYBRID MEDICINE FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM"

Second Announcement & Call for Abstracts

WHEN:

November 29th ~
December 3rd 2009

WHERE:

Hotel Grand Hill Ichigaya,
Shinjuku, TOKYO, Japan

MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS PRESIDENTS

It is with great pleasure and pride that we invite you to attend and participate in 'Laser Tokyo 2009'. Tokyo is a vibrant city, and the congress hotel is in the heart of one of the most vibrant of Tokyo City's 23 wards. This promises to be an exciting event, combining as it does three major associations at the heart of which is the clinical application of the laser, light therapy and associated research. Drawing on this enormous range of subject matter, we have put together a very full scientific program of events as you will see from the preliminary 'program-at-a-glance' overleaf. There are plenty of spaces to fill with your papers, so please get writing and send in your abstracts as soon as possible to ensure that you can take part! Please see the information below on abstract submission.

In addition to the solid scientific program, we also have a very full social program, as seen overleaf. Not only that, but an interesting and varied accompanying persons' program is under preparation. Tokyo is really Japan in microcosm, and underneath the ultramodern city exterior beats the heart of old Edo, the original name for Tokyo. Visits and tours will tap the energy which accounts for the vibrancy of the city, and indeed other sites outside of Tokyo.

So, dear friends and colleagues, don't hesitate!! Get your name down to attend this meeting, and get your thinking caps on for your presentations! More information can be found elsewhere in this Announcement. Don't miss this opportunity to cement old friendships, make new ones, share your knowledge and expertise and learn from others. *Irrasabai!!* (Welcome!!)

Toshio Ohshiro MD PhD, Congress President of ISLSM
Krishna Rau MD PhD, Congress President of WFLSMS
Makoto Kikuchi PhD, Congress President of JSLSM

ABSTRACT INFORMATION

- The deadline for submission of abstracts is **AUGUST 31st, 2009**
- Full information on abstract preparation and submission can be found on the congress website, <http://www.islsm-tokyo2009.com>. Please note that abstracts will only be accepted when submitted by email, on the official abstract form. The form, instructions and a sample abstract can be seen on, and downloaded from, the website.

INVITED SPEAKERS

A wide selection of internationally renowned speakers covering all aspects of phototherapy, laser surgery and PDT has been put together to echo the main theme of the congress, 'Integrative Hybrid Medicine for the New Millennium'. This theme is also echoed in the cross-specialty symposia so that we may learn from each other, including a presentation from an eminent Russian cosmonaut, Aleksandr Pavlovich Aleksandrov. The list of guest speakers is as follows:

Aleksandr Aleksandrov (Russia)	Shimon Rochkind (Israel)
Kazuhiko Atsumi (Japan)	Umberto Rossi (Italy)
Mary Dyson (UK)	David Sliney (USA)
Isaac Kaplan (Israel)	Kendric C Smith (USA)
Tiina Karu (Russia)	Mario A Trelles (Spain)

Please see the *Laser Tokyo 2009* website (<http://www.islsm-tokyo2009.com>) for details.

CONGRESS OFFICERS

President of Laser Tokyo 2009:
Toshio Ohshiro MD PhD, Japan

ISLSM: President: Toshio Ohshiro (Japan)
Secretary-General: Takafumi Ohshiro (Japan)
Treasurer: Sharon Krishna (India)
Past President: Leonardo Longo (Italy)

Honorary Presidents, ISLSM:
Isaac Kaplan (Israel) Kazuhiko Atsumi (Japan) Narong Nimsakul (Thailand)
Billie Arronoff (USA) Peter Wolf Ascher (Germany)

WFLSMS: President: Krishna Rau (India)
Secretary-General: Toshio Ohshiro (Japan)
Treasurer: Vasant Oswal (UK)
Past President: Kazuhiko Atsumi (Japan)

JSLSM: President: Makoto Kikuchi (Japan)
Secretary-General: Miya Ishihara (Japan)
Treasurer: Shingo Wakamatsu (Japan)
Past President: Daijo Hashimoto (Japan)

Local Organizing Committee

Y Abe	H Hoshiai	M Kobayashi	S Nakajima	M Oomichi	Y Tanahashi
Y Abiko	T Hosokawa	I Kokubu	T Nakajima	Y Oosaki	T Tanaka
A Aoki	H Hyakusoku	C Konaka	S Nakamichi	Y Saiko	S Wakamatsu
M Aoyagi	S Ichinose	M Kono	H Nakamura	A Saito	S Watanabe
T Arai	K Ikeda	To Kono	T Nakamura	T Saito	K Tomizuka
Y Asagai	N Ikeda	To Kono	H Narahara	M Sakamoto	K Tomoda
T Ashito	K Inoue	J Kubota	K Negishi	K Sakurai	T Tsuchida
K Awazu	M Ishihara	H Kuroda	T Nishida	M Sato	T Tsuda
S Baba	B Ishizuka	Y Kurokawa	Y Nishiwaki	S Sato	H Tsutsui
H Chiba	T Ishizumi	Y Kusunoki	J Nogaki	Y Sekine	K Uenohara
M Date	N Ito	K Masuda	T Nogita	T Senoo	J Usuda
H Fujii	K Iwatsuki	K Masumoto	T Noguchi	K Shibuya	H Yamada
T Fujisawa	K Kaneko	S Nomura	H Shimao	R Yamashita	R Yamashita
K Furukawa	S Kaneko	Te Matsumoto	A Obana	Y Shimomura	T Yamashita
K Hanaoka	K Kasai	To Matsumoto	M Obara	K Shinohara	T Yanagawa
K Harada	S Kasai	Y Matsumoto	J Obata	C Shiroto	K Yoneda
D Hashimoto	S Kaseda	K Matsuoaka	H Ogata	H Suzuki	S Yoneya
K Hashimoto	H Kato	T Matsushita	S Ogawa	H Tajiri	T Yonezawa
Y Hashishin	J Kato	M Miyasaka	T Ogihara	Ha Takahashi	K Yoshida
M Hashizume	T Kato	N Miyoshi	Ta Ohshiro	Hi Takahashi	T Yoshida
H Hayashi	M Kawashima	K Mori	To Ohshiro	S Takahashi	T Yoshikawa
J Hayashi	M Kawatani	M Morise	T Okunaka	K Takeshita	
N Hayashi	K Kikuchi	T Muroya	T Okuno	E Tamura	
H Honda	M Kikuchi	A Nakahara	I Ono	T Tanabe	

International Scientific Advisory Board

Jean Abitbol	France	Jin Wang Kim	Korea
Peter Wolf Ascher	Germany	Leonardo Longo	Italy
Kazuhiko Atsumi	Japan	Kevin C. Moore	UK
Abe M Baruchin	Israel	Harry Moseley	UK
G David Baxter	New Zealand	Nic S Nicolopoulos	Greece
Stephen G. Bown	UK	Narong Nimsakul	Thailand
Mingzhe Chen	PROC	Toshio Ohshiro	Japan
R Glen Calderhead	UK/Japan	Takafumi Ohshiro	Japan
Gerald J Glantz	USA	Vasant H Oswal	UK
Stephen M. Hahn	USA	B Krishna Rau	India
Peter Hasan	Indonesia	Loh Hong Sai	Singapore
Yoshihiro Hayata	Japan	Penny J Smalley	Australia
Yoshiki Hiki	Japan	Kendric C Smith	USA
Alfons Hofstetter	Germany	David Sliney	USA
Dieter Jocham	Germany	Hiroaki Suzuki	Japan
Ming-Chien Kao	Taipei, ROC	Mario A. Trelles	Spain
Isaac Kaplan	Israel	Tatjana Trobonjaca	Croatia
Harubumi Kato	Japan	Raphaella Waidelech	Germany
Tran Hau Khang	Viet Nam	Shingo Wakamatsu	Japan
Frederic Laffitte	France	Ronald Wheeland	USA
SY Celine Lee	Korea	Shu-don Xiao	PROC
Jun-Heng Li	PROC	Jing Zhu	PROC
Tiina Karu	Russia		



18th Congress of the International Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine



2nd Congress of the World Federation of Societies for Laser Medicine and Surgery



30th Congress of the Japan Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine

Meeting Website: <http://www.islsm-tokyo2009.com>

PROVISIONAL ISLSM/WFSLMS/JLSLM/JSLSM PROGRAMME 'AT-A-GLANCE'

		07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00
Sunday, Nov. 29th	Room Number	Laser Tokyo 90 Registration Desk Open														
										ISLSM Business Meeting		WFSLMS Business meeting			WELCOME PARTY Meiji Kinenn Kan	
Monday, Nov. 30th	1	ISLSM OPENING CEREMONY	Special Lecture	Tutorial Lecture	Presidential Lecture	Tutorial Lecture	ISLSM General Assembly	Special Lecture	Tutorial Lecture	Special Lecture		Special Lecture	Tutorial Lecture	Invited Lecture	TOKYO BAY CRUISE	
	2		Int S-1 Phototherapy 1		Int S-2 PDT-1: Clinical PDT		LUNCH BREAK	Int S-3 Basic Science		Int S-4 General Surgery						
	3		Int S-5 Vascular Lesions		Int S-6 Pigmented Lesions		LUNCH BREAK	Int S-7 Neurosurgery		Int S-8 Ophthalmology						
Tuesday, Dec. 1st	1	WFSLMS OPENING CEREMONY	WFSLMS Society, Association and National Presentations (15 min)				WFSLMS General Assembly	WFSLMS, Society, Assoc. and National Presentations (15 min)					JLSLM OPENING CEREMONY	PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET ISLSM WFSLMS [JLSLM]		
	2		Int S-9 Phototherapy 2		Int S-10 PDT 2: PDD & Endo		LUNCH BREAK	Int S-11 Dentistry		Int S-16 Dentistry						
	3		Int S-14 ENT		Int S-13 Male/Female Infertility -Assisted hatching		LUNCH BREAK	Int S-15 Male/Female Infertility -LLT		Int S-12 Laser Basics-1						
Wednesday, Dec. 2nd	1	JLSLM Plenary Lectures: Presidential, Special, Invited & Tutorial					JLSLM General Assembly	JLSLM Plenary Lectures: Presidential, Special, Invited & Tutorial					GALA DINNER ISLSM WFSLMS JLSLM			
	2	Int S-17 Aesthetic Laser		Int S-18 Laser Basics -2		Int S-19 Sports Medicine		LUNCH BREAK	Int S-19 Phototherapy Basic Science		Int S-20 PDT-3: Basic Science	Int S-21 Laser Dentistry				
	3	JLSLM SYMPOSIA (Titles To be announced)					LUNCH BREAK	JLSLM SYMPOSIA (Titles To be announced)								
	4	JLSLM SYMPOSIA (Titles To be announced)					WITH THE EXHIBITORS	JLSLM SYMPOSIA (Titles To be announced)								
	5	JLSLM FREE PAPERS					LUNCH BREAK	JLSLM FREE PAPERS								
Thursday, Dec. 3rd	1	JLSLM Commercial Presentations, (Titles To be announced)					LUNCH	JLSLM LASER SAFETY (Tutorial lecture)			JLSLM Laser Safety Examination					
	2	JLSLM SYMPOSIA (Titles To be announced)					Luncheon Seminar									
	3	JLSLM SYMPOSIA (Titles To be announced)					Luncheon Seminar									
	4	JLSLM FREE PAPERS					Luncheon Seminar									

● The International Medical Laser Specialist (IMeLaS) Certification

The World Federation of Societies for Laser Medicine and Surgery (WFSLMS) and the International Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (ISLSM) will certify the International Medical Laser Specialist (IMeLaS) from “Laser Tokyo 2009”.

The first group of IMeLaS candidates for grades A, B and C will receive their training and examinations from the 26th to the 27th of November, inclusive. The courses will include an instructional hands-on course with different surgical laser systems, laser basics and laser safety lectures in the afternoon and evening of the 26th, Thursday. These will be followed by the examination on the 27th. The textbook is now in the process of creation.

The venue is the Ushigome-Tansu auditorium in Shinjuku, Tokyo. Hotel accommodation is available in the vicinity of the hall. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.rgcbiomedical.com/LT2009/hotels.htm>



Ushigome-Tansu auditorium looking towards the stage (above) and from the stage to the rear of the hall (below)



If you already hold a Medical Doctor's License from your own country or state, then you must still attend the instruction course, but you will not be required to sit the examination and the exam fees will be waived. In order to take advantage of this you must bring a certified copy of your documents with you when you register for the start of the course. You will still need to meet the ISLSM Membership criteria appropriate for your desired grade, however. For details, refer to the following “Certification Criteria” or visit the website:

<http://www.rgcbiomedical.com/LT2009/IMeLaS.htm>

If you have any questions, contact secretariat@islsm-tokyo2009.com

Toshio Ohshiro MD PhD
Secretary General of 2nd WFSLMS

➤ Certification Criteria

World Federation of Societies for Laser Medicine and Surgery And International Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine Certification Criteria for INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL LASER SPECIALISTS (IMeLaS)

General Information

The WFSLMS and ISLSM will certify and grade candidates for International Medical Laser Specialist (IMeLaS) certification according to the following three criteria:

- 1: Attendance at, and Membership of, international laser societies and associations.
- 2: The candidate's experience in laser surgery and/or medicine since attaining membership of their respective laser societies.
- 3: The candidate's contributions to laser surgery and medicine through oral presentations at the congresses of their respective laser societies and associations, and their contributions to the laser medicine and surgery literature.

Grading System

The Grading System is tentatively divided into 4 ranks, namely Grades 4 to 1, starting from the lowest to the highest grades.

The ranks and titles of IMeLaS grading are as follows, from highest to lowest:

- 1st Grade: I-IMeLaS – Certified IMeLaS Instructor
- 2nd Grade: A-IMeLaS – Class A IMeLaS
- 3rd Grade: B-IMeLaS – Class B IMeLaS
- 4th Grade: C-IMeLaS – Class C IMeLaS

Requirement for application to the appropriate grade (*starting from the lowest*)

See also Table 1 below. *Please note that in the case of published articles, any article written as the first author will count as 2 oral contributions, and only as 1 oral contribution for the 2nd or subsequent author of an article.*

4th Grade, C-IMeLaS: The applicant must be a licensed medical doctor of the country or the region in which he or she is practicing.

- The applicant is required to be a Member in Good Standing of the International Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (ISLSM).

- The applicant is required to pass an examination after participating in a course of instruction in laser safety, and a practical hands on session.

3rd Grade, B-IMeLaS: In addition to the requirements for the 4th Grade Certificate, the applicant must fulfil the following:

- At least 3 years of active membership of the ISLSM.
- At least 3 oral presentations at the his or her respective international laser societies and/or associations, or literary contributions to recognized journals.

2nd Grade, A -IMeLaS: In addition to the requirements for the 3rd Grade Certificate, the applicant must fulfil the following:

- At least 6 years of active membership of international laser societies and/or associations.
- At least 6 oral presentations at his or her respective international laser societies and/or associations, or literary contributions to recognized journals.
- The applicant is required to submit medical records of 10 cases treated by the applicant with lasers. The records should include photographs to clearly show the aptitude and competence of the applicant.
- The applicant should have made at least one presentation at an international congress as either a symposiast, invited speaker, tutorial lecturer, keynote lecturer, or special lecturer.

1st Grade, I-IMeLaS: In addition to the requirements for the 3rd Grade Certificate, the applicant must fulfil the following:

- At least 10 years of active membership of the ISLSM.
- At least 10 oral presentations at his or her respective international laser societies and/or associations or literary contributions to recognized journals.
- At least 3 presentations at international meetings as either a symposiast, invited speaker, tutorial lecturer, keynote lecturer, or special lecturer.

Upgrade Policy

Upgrading from an existing grade to a higher grade is possible once the appropriate criteria have been fulfilled, including the length of active ISLSM Membership, and on payment of the appropriate fee (Table 2). It is possible to apply for initial certification at any grade from the 2nd to the 4th grades (A-IMeLaS – C-IMeLaS), but applicants for 1st Grade certification (I-IMeLaS) must first hold an A-IMeLaS (2nd Grade) certification. Notwithstanding the above, if a candidate joins the ISLSM as a Life

Member, then the length of ISLSM membership criterion will be deemed to have been satisfied for all grades of IMeLaS certification.

Renewal of Certification

Certification at any grade is valid for 5 years, always provided the holder remains as a Member in Good Standing of the ISLSM. After that 5-year period, a renewal fee will be required to maintain certification (Table 2). On upgrading from any grade to a higher one, the 5-year period of validity will start from the date of the upgrade.

Table 1: Certification criteria summarized

Grade	Medical Laser Safety Course and Examination	Hands-on Session	Membership of ISLSM (minimum)	Oral Presentations [†] & Written Papers*	Submission of 10 Cases	Symposia, Special Lectures, Etc.
C-IMeLaS	R	R	0 years**	NR	NR	NR
B-IMeLaS	R	R	3 years	3	NR	NR
A-IMeLaS	R	R	6 years	6	R	1
I-IMeLaS	R	R	10 years	10	R	3

R: Required NR: Not required

[†] Must be **first author** of the oral presentation, but not necessarily the presenter

*First author of written article = 2 oral presentations; 2nd and following author of written article = 1 oral presentation

** ISLSM membership required before certification can be issued

Table 2: Fee structure for ISLSM and IMeLaS (in US \$)

Item	C-IMeLaS	B-IMeLaS	A-IMeLaS	I-IMeLaS
ISLSM Admission Fee*	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
ISLSM Annual Dues	\$100	\$100 (x3)	\$100 (x6)	\$100 (x10)
ISLSM Life Member**	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Medical Laser Safety Training Fee	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Hands-on Training Fee	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Examination Fee	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
IMeLaS Certification Fee	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
IMeLaS Certification Fee Renewal (after 5 yr)	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Upgrade to Next Certification Level	\$500	\$500	\$500	–

*Once only payment ** Fee to be ratified

Supplementary information

Remuneration and Penalties for Members of the IMeLaS Licencing Committee

Item	Fee (US \$)
Preparation of Examination Questions (Per item)	\$50 per item
Modification of Examination Paper (usually 20 items)	\$ 50 per item
Marking of Examination and Grading of Results	\$20 per candidate
Penalty for Leakage of Examination Questions	\$5,000