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Foreword

The WALT2012 biennial Congress was held at the QT Hotel in the heart of Australia’s magnificent Gold Coast. The Australian Medical Laser Association (AMLA) was pleased to host the 9th World Association for Laser Therapy (WALT) Congress in Australia, for the first time. WALT2012 was held in conjunction with the World Federation for Laser Dentistry (WFLD; Asia Pacific Division). The Congress was a resounding success in terms of delegate, sponsor and exhibitor numbers as well as financially. The Congress Co-Chairs (A/Prof Liisa Laakso and Dr Roberta Chow) wish to thank all who were involved in making the conference a success.

The conference theme was: “The spectrum of laser – translating basic research to clinical outcomes”. The Congress scientific program was diverse across a number of streams. Over 120 abstracts from across the globe were submitted for consideration for podium and poster presentations. All abstracts were subjected to a blinded, peer-review process by the international Scientific Committee. After initial review, some abstracts were returned to authors for revision and re-submission. Accepted abstracts were published in the conference handbook at the time of the congress. Where possible, only those abstracts whose authors registered for the congress were printed in the conference program. The Scientific Committee and delegates agreed the scientific rigour and quality of papers was strong overall.

The papers published in these conference Proceedings, were submitted by presenters who wished to have their papers published in full, thus not all of the papers presented at WALT2012 appear herein. Authors submitted their full papers to the publisher (Medimond International) who in turn, forwarded the papers to the Editors. Editing of papers occurred on the basis of ensuring basic consistency of language, grammar and typography according to accepted scientific standards, and where possible, a consistent approach to the reporting of laser parameters. In some cases, where time permitted, manuscripts were returned to authors for revision and re-submission. The approach taken to editing was one of ensuring quality wherever possible, and we strove to retain the accuracy of content and meaning. Responsibility for the accuracy and veracity of information however, lies with the authors, and in the main, the papers appear as they were submitted. It was the responsibility of submitting authors to follow the publishing guidelines supplied by the publisher. Agreement regarding ownership of intellectual property and copyright has been determined between the authors and the publisher. The Editors take no responsibility for errors or omissions.

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