

Editorial

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to all. The Indian Academy of Laser Dentistry (IALD) has had a very successful year both in terms of conference participation and training programs as well as in spreading the science of laser dentistry through the world.

Indian Academy of Laser Dentistry's 7th Annual International Conference was held in Chennai at Hyatt Regency from 19th to 22nd September 2013 and was a roaring success. The Chief Guest for the Conference, his Excellency Dr K Rosaiah, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated the event.

The laser course conducted by IALD, Laser Education International (LEI) and University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) was in great demand and was sold out well in advance.

The conference showcased a glittering array of international speakers, like Dr Donald Coluzzi, Dr Ralf Borchers, Dr Suchetan Pradhan, Dr Michael Maier, Dr Giovanni Maria Gaeta, Dr Rana Al-Falaki, Dr Dmitri, Dr. Blackie Swart, Dr Udatta Kher and national speakers.

A lot of courses are being offered today and that of course means a selection quandary for the interested person.

The question that is uppermost in nearly all minds is how to select the right program for ones, needs.

The first thing that one has to quantify is the credibility of the program, the institution, and most importantly the faculty.

The faculty has to be the most important factor in selection of the program. A thorough check of their credentials is must. This must include their degrees and very very importantly their clinical experience and skills. This is especially critical when you are hoping to implement clinical protocols with new technologies in your practices. So, happy learning and hope that 2014 is a very successful year for all of us.



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