



# The World Association of Laser Therapy 2008 Conference

19 - 22 October 2008

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The WALT 2008 Organizing Committee would like to invite you to participate in the International Conference on Laser Therapy, which will take place in Sun City, North West Province, South Africa from October 19 - 23, 2008.

This conference will be hosted by the [Laser Research Group](#) in the [Faculty of Health Sciences](#) at the [University of Johannesburg](#) - in collaboration with the [Council for Scientific and Industrial Research \(CSIR\)](#), [National Laser Centre \(NLC\)](#) and the [African Laser Centre \(ALC\)](#). It is also supported by the [Department of Chemistry](#) at [Rhodes University](#).

WALT2008 is the first international Laser Therapy conference to be hosted on the African Continent. The objective of hosting the conference in South Africa is to provide an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences and knowledge about Laser Therapy, and to develop and promote international collaboration between continents, countries, universities, research units, laser therapy centres and individual researchers and scientists. It is hoped for that this conference will bring together laser therapists, physicists, biologists, clinicians and educators with the view of promoting and highlighting the significance and importance of laser irradiation as a therapeutic treatment as well as the scientific mechanism underlying Laser Therapy.

## PLENARY SPEAKERS

Prof Janis Eells	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA
Prof Antonio Pinheiro	Federal University of Bahia, Brazil
Prof Shimon Rochkind	Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, Israel
Prof Rudolph Steiner	University of Ulm, Germany

## CONFIRMED INVITED SPEAKERS

Prof Juanita Anders	Uniformed Services University, USA
Prof Uri Oron	Tel Aviv University, Israel
Dr Rachel Lubart	Bar Ilan University, Israel
Prof Aldo Brugnera Jr	Instituto Odontologia a Laser, Brazil
Dr Berol Goede	Vetlight, South Africa
Dr Levon Gasparyan	EmRed Oy, Finland
Dr Lars Hode	Swedish Laser -Medical Society, Sweden
Prof Norman Salansky	University of Miami, USA
Dr Farouk Al-Watban	King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, Kingdom of Saudia Arabia
Dr Hamza Aboud	Medical College of Al-Mustanseria University, Iraq
Prof Rob Smith	University of Stellenbosch, South Africa
Dr Gerd Keiser	National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taiwan
Dr Jan Dam	CSIR, South Africa
Dr Bhimanakunte Krishna Rau	Dr M G R Medical University, Tamil Nadu, India
Dr Liisa Laakso	Griffith University, Australia

Dr Gerry Ross	Private Dental Practice, Canada
Prof Tebello Nyokong	Rhodes University, South Africa
Dr Iva Tolic-Norrelykke	Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology & Genetics, Germany
Dr Natasha Salansky	Millenium Health Institute, Canada
Dr Tony Parker	Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, UK
Dr Mary Dyson	University of London, UK
Prof Chukuka Enwemeka	New York Institute of Technology, USA
Dr Roberta Chow	Castle Hill Medical Centre, Australia
Prof Jan Bjordal	Bergen University College, Norway

#### **Organising committee**

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#### **Call for Papers**

The Organising Committee would like to invite delegates to submit proposals for contributed papers that fall within the themes of the Conference, for either oral or poster presentation. The following themes will be addressed:

- Basic Science and Mechanisms of Phototherapy
- Cardiology
- Dentistry
- Dermatology and Immunology
- Diabetic and Burn Wound Healing
- Internal medicine
- Laser safety, standards, education and management; Dosimetry and Safety
- Light-Tissue interaction and Tissue Optical Properties
- Micro-manipulation Tools
- Molecular Imaging and Optical Coherence Tomography
- Nanoparticle and Chromophore Assisted Cell Surgery
- Neuroscience
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology
- Pain Management
- Photodynamic Therapy
- Physiotherapy and Laser Acupuncture
- Plastic Surgery
- Rheumatology and Physical Therapy
- Tissue Engineering and Stem Cells
- Urology
- Veterinary Science

Please see the website for the abstract submission template. Abstract submission deadline by **31 March 2008**.

## Registration

The registration fees are available on the website. Preliminary registration may be done online via the website. Information about the registration fees is also available on the website. To qualify for early bird reduced registration, pay before 31 May 2008.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is available in various hotels at the venue. More information and details are available on the website.

## Travel Arrangements

Return transport between O.R. Tambo International Airport (formerly Johannesburg International Airport) and Sun City will be arranged by the conference organisers. Please refer to the Travel arrangements on the website for details.

## Preliminary Programme

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday 19 October 2008	12:00 – 18:00	Registration
	19:00	Welcoming Function (Valley of the Waves)
Monday 20 October 2008	08:00	Registration
	09:00 – 17:00	Scientific Programme
Tuesday 21 October 2008	08:00	Registration
	09:00 – 17:00	Scientific Programme
	19:00	Gala dinner (Bots Boma)
Wednesday 22 October 2008	08:00	Registration
	09:00 – 13:00	Scientific Programme

## Target Dates

First announcement and Call for Papers	31 October 2007
Preliminary registration and paper title	31 January 2008
Abstract submission	31 March 2008
Notification of acceptance of abstract	30 April 2008
Early bird registration and payment	31 May 2008
Final date for payment	31 August 2008

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