

Ladies and Gentlemen!

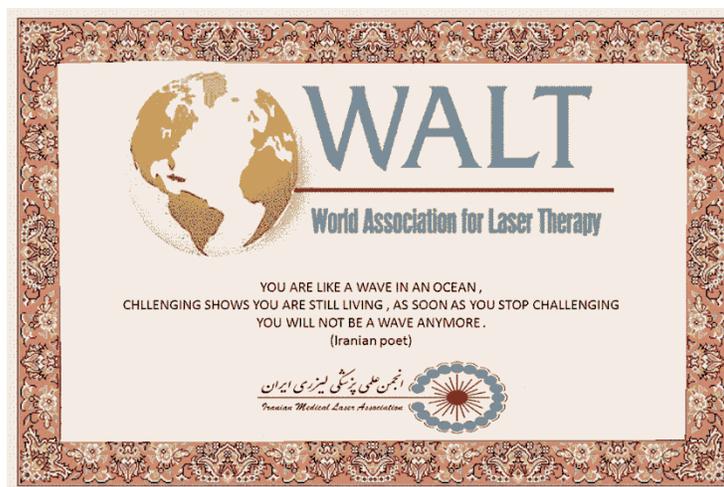
Good evening! I hope you have enjoyed the programs so far tonight.

I am **Reza Fekrazad, the president of Iranian Medical Laser Association (IMLA)** and the team leader of the Iranian delegation for this congress. First of all, I would like to appreciate all attempts of congress president Professor Laakso, and all supports of the president of medical laser association of Australia, my dear friend Dr. Chow and her friends. I would also like to extend my special thanks to the executive committee and our Australian hosts of this congress for organizing and managing the event. The congress has been well organized and useful for us, and the friendly behaviour of people in the paradise of surfers in Gold Coast has made this trip a memorable event for us.

My dear friends Dr. Tuner and Dr. Hode made our connections stronger with WALT since 2005. My young colleagues and researchers in Iran have had more active roles in WALT congresses since then. We presented 15 articles in Cyprus Congress in 2006, 8 articles in South Africa in 2008, 18 articles in Bergen Norway in which we were second after Brazil, and 8 articles in this congress in Australia. We could have even more articles in Gold Coast congress, but because of the far distance, political sanctions and financial limitations we had to cut down the number of articles and presentations. I am ambassador of two messages from my nation. First, I am from Persia the cradle of civilization and despite the political problems that we are facing these days; we wish all the best for the world. We believe arts, science and humanity have no geographical borders, and no political or religious considerations have the power to halt them. Iranians wish health, security, peace, wealth and prosperity for all nations round the world. God bless every nation!

So on behalf of Iranian Medical Laser Association, I would like to present WALT a very spectacular piece of Persian culture and art sign as a memorial gift to deepen our nation's friendship. This rug includes WALT & IMLA Organizations logo and a piece of Persian poetry:

ما ست عدم ما آسودگی و موجیم ندگ یریم آرام که آند یم به زنده ما



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CHALLENGING SHOWS YOU ARE STILL LIVING, AS SOON AS YOU STOP CHALLENGING
YOU WILL NOT BE A WAVE ANYMORE**



Second message is from the Board of Iranian Medical Laser Association that manages its 700 members in Iran. In their last meeting in early September we decided to offer Professor Tiina Karu as the permanent honourable member of IMLA for her life-long dedication to LLLT and the significant role she has had in improving the science to serve the human society. This would show our courtesy, respect and appreciation to efforts of a scientist. I would like to give her the official invitation of our annual congress in Iran which is held on January 18, 2013 in Tehran.

Thank you for your time and listening

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