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Introduction

Medical Laser Applications and Laser-Tissue Interactions V was held as a three day conference during the European Conference on Biomedical Optics in Munich and was supported by the German Society of Lasermedicine (DGLM e.V.). Starting with the poster session, 14 posters were presented and discussed with highly motivated scientists and experts. In eight different sessions with 53 oral presentations, all fields of laser applications in medicine were represented: nanoparticle assisted applications, pulsed laser applications from ns to fs-pulses, photodynamic therapy, laser assisted diagnostics, biomodulation, clinical laser applications, and ophthalmology. Highly motivated presenters, in combination with the highly interested audience and encouraging chairs, resulted in exciting discussions immediately after each lecture as well as outside the lecture hall.

Most of the lectures are summarized within this volume, and while reading it you may remember the sessions. We hope you got some new ideas for your scientific research during this conference, as well as some new scientific contacts to improve the laser medical approaches for the benefit of patients.

We would like to thank all of the speakers and chairs for your motivation and cooperation during our time in Munich and hope to meet you again in 2013.

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