ALD is expecting record attendance at the 13th Annual Conference. Have you registered? Plan to participate and earn up to 25 CEU’s. Interact with fellow ALD members and learn to perfect your technique and improve the care you provide to your patients. Plan to participate and share your techniques, your successes and even any difficulties with your daily practice of laser technology.

What’s new at Source2006 for you? ALD SOURCE 2006: HIGHLIGHTS
• General and Scientific Sessions
• ALC™ Advanced Laser Clinics
• Hands-On Workshops
• Interactive Discussion Forums
• Exhibitor’s Symposia & Forum
• Table Clinics & Poster Presentations
• Luncheon for Learning
• Certification Programs
• Introductory to Lasers Course

This year’s General and Scientific Sessions Committee and Tucson Conference Committee are working to bring the best in “conFluence of Science, Technology and Clinical Expertise” to you. Our goal is to merge the science of lasers with daily clinical practice. Five invited researchers and academicians will be joined by many clinicians as they present techniques and research in many areas of dentistry.

SOURCE 2006 INVITED SPEAKERS
The following five featured researchers and academicians are scheduled to present in Tucson:

John D.B. Featherstone, M.Sc. Ph.D., Professor, Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences University of California, San Francisco on the topic “Caries & Prevention with Respect to Lasers”.

Paul Giovannone, CDT, Biogenic Technical Instructions, LLC (BTI), on the topic “Enhancing Dental Treatment Outcomes Through Laser Welding”.

Andreas Moritz, MD, DMD, Dept. of Conservative Dentistry, Dental School, University of Vienna on the topic “Lasers in Endodontics – An Overview of the Literature and Current Research Studies”.

Wolf D. Seka, PhD, Senior Scientist and Associate Professor of Optics, University of Rochester Laboratory for Laser Energetics on the topic “Laser Ablation Mechanisms in Hard Tissue and their Clinical Relevance”.

Sofia Tranæus, DDS, PhD, Department of Cariology and Endontology, Institute of Odontology, Karolinska Institutet, SWEDEN on the topic “QLF and Other Diagnostic Tools”.

Review a detailed schedule of speakers in the conference preview mailed to every ALD member or download at www.source2006.org.

Experience Sunrise Over the Peaks with us in Tucson.
Happy New Year. As we introduce ALD’s Each One Reach One Program this year we focus on our membership and how their support of ALD can assist the dental community worldwide. The number of members ALD has is not a focus for ego stroking, yet it’s a focus on how much impact ALD can have globally.

ALD membership support allows ALD to reach out to organizations, associations, dental state boards and universities. Why is this important? Advocacy is one of the benefits of being a member of ALD. With membership support ALD can advocate for the safe and effective use of lasers for our patients; ALD can advocate for lasers being a part of the scope of practice for hygienists; ALD can promote lasers in dentistry to the public at large thus advocating going to a dentist who uses lasers in their practice.

Another significant benefit of ALD is Education. Through member support ALD can continue to provide unbiased education at the annual meetings. ALD can introduce online learning opportunities. ALD can introduce study clubs throughout the international community. ALD can publish resource literature on lasers in dentistry. ALD can continue to be the source for dental laser education.

ALD’s 2006 membership drive is to allow ALD even more opportunities to provide our membership with benefits and privileges of being an ALD member. So as 2006 begins and the gift giving season is behind us, continue to give. Give the gift of knowledge to your colleagues. Complete your Each One Reach One application and let us contact your peers and introduce them to the world of dental laser education known as ALD.

Once again, I look forward to serving as your Membership Coordinator for 2006!

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I wish to invite all members to reach out to other dentists in their hometowns, and share your enthusiasm. Also, we are here to help you at whatever your level of experience with lasers. Growth must come from the roots, and right now dentistry is embracing our technology. We have started a great new campaign entitled “Each One, Reach One.” In addition to its charge, come a lot of nice incentives to encourage new members and fellowship among us. Our diversity is our strength. Whatever need or question you have, we’ll have someone for guidance. Presently, we are working at the state and local boards to encourage safe and effective use among all laser users. We are truly “the source” for all laser needs.

To our veteran members I wish to thank you for the continued support and dedication you share. To all of our new members, I wish encouragement and guidance as we continue to provide excellence through leadership in laser dentistry.
Encourage your colleagues to become a member of the Academy of Laser Dentistry, the international association dedicated to improving the health and well being of patients worldwide through the proper use of laser technology. By referring new members, you support ALD’s efforts to build community among its members and dental organizations, educational institutions, researchers, industry representatives, and dental state boards in providing unbiased dental laser education worldwide.

Members who recruit new members will have the opportunity to win one of the following prizes:

1. 2007 Complimentary Membership
2. Source 2007 Complimentary Conference Registration

**EACH ONE REACH ONE RESPONSE FORM**

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**Phone:** ____________________________  **Email:** __________________________________

**List your referrals here**

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**How To Win**

1. Fill out the Response Form with each prospective member’s contact information.
2. Send your list to ALD headquarters.
3. Staff members will mail a membership information packet in your name to the person(s) you have recommended.
4. You will receive one entry to the drawing for a 2007 complimentary membership by simply returning the form. For successful referrals you will receive one entry to win the conference registration prize.

**Mail or Fax this form to ALD**

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Fax: (954) 757-2598

**The drawing will take place at ALD headquarters on September 1, 2006. Winners will be notified by phone, and their names will be announced in ALD publications.**
ALD Welcomes New Members

New Members

Alaska
Dale Burke, DDS
Bryan Hirst, DDS
Philip J Klium, DDS

Arkansas
Jason Bolding, DDS

Arizona
Lynnette Ford, RDH

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Renee Marchant-Turner, RDH
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ALD Welcomes New Members

Dues Renewal 2006 DEADLINE EXTENSION: February 15

Renew Online at www.laserdentistry.org in the members-only section of the website or Fax your dues invoice and credit card payment to: (954) 757-2598

You can also Mail your check payment to: Academy of Laser Dentistry PO Box 8667 Coral Springs, FL 33075

ALD is proud to offer Patient Information Brochures to help you educate your patients about the benefits of lasers in dentistry.

Pricing Information

Brochures are packaged in quantities of 50

1-5 Packages $24/pkg
6-10 Packages $21.50/pkg
11-15 Packages $19.50/pkg
15+ Packages $17.50/pkg

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1-5 Packages $10.00
6-10 Packages $13.00
11-15 Packages $16.00
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International packages will have additional shipping charges.

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Tomorrow’s Dentistry Today
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TOTAL SHIPPING TOTAL

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Accentuating the Pro in Proficiency
Mitch Lonke, DDS, Maryland, Membership Committee

I consider it is contradiction to be a member of the Academy of Laser Dentistry and not participate in the Standard Proficiency program and than the natural progression to achieving the Advanced Proficiency Certification. Look at it from this perspective, ALD members are a part of an organization of dental laser practitioners who are on the cutting edge of technology. Just being part of ALD is not enough if you don’t take advantage of the many avenues available to you to improve your knowledge and skill as a professional. These are the skills that you take back to your office and use immediately for the benefit of your patients. I must ask the rhetorical question, “Why wouldn’t each member of ALD have that internal desire to continue to achieve?” After all, once you attain the advanced level you become more confident in both basic and advanced clinical laser skills.

Inside you feel, and rightly so, that you are a proficient laser professional.

I am often asked by new laser users “Which is the best laser to use for a given procedure?” or “What are the proper power settings for a laser procedure?” These are very valid questions. There are certainly manuals or her strong effort. That, my fellow members, is a feeling of confidence when you feel more proficient and skilled as a professional. These are the skills that you take back to your office and use immediately for the benefit of your patients. I must ask the rhetorical question, “Why wouldn’t each member of ALD have that internal desire to continue to achieve?” After all, once you attain the advanced level you become more confident in both basic and advanced clinical laser skills.

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However, it is important to realize that these settings are merely guidelines. Isn’t it interesting how variable the hardness of tooth structure is from one patient to another? I have literally gone through many burs trying to prepare one patient’s teeth for crown preparations, while another patient’s teeth cut like a hot knife through butter. When we are using lasers to treat our patient’s teeth, bone and periodontal tissues, this same variation in tissue consistency holds true. The settings for one patient’s needs may be totally inappropriate for another patient. When you go through the ALD Certification Program you are able to share your knowledge and experience with others and they with you. You know the answers to these questions and so much more. You grow both intellectually and experientially. It is a quantum leap in confidence when you feel more proficient as a professional. So, I encourage each and every one of my fellow members, don’t just sit on the sidelines and observe, get in the game.

When you finally achieve Advanced Proficiency, you have advanced way beyond a laser practitioner who has not lived up to the stringent requirements of this achievement. There is a reason why each ALD member who has achieved the Advanced Proficiency level is called up to the podium and receives a loud round of applause at the annual awards ceremony. It is because that member is to be admired and acknowledged for his or her strong effort. That, my fellow members, is a feeling of confidence when you feel more proficient and skilled as a professional. These are the skills that you take back to your office and use immediately for the benefit of your patients. I must ask the rhetorical question, “Why wouldn’t each member of ALD have that internal desire to continue to achieve?” After all, once you attain the advanced level you become more confident in both basic and advanced clinical laser skills.

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Throughout the conference there are many chances to learn and share. I have been excited by presentations in the Scientific Sessions from researchers taking the next step on the path of laser technology often excited by what our future, as clinicians will hold.

The Hygiene Forum provides a place where hygienists can see cases highlighting soft tissue therapy, talk shop about techniques and instruments that make laser therapy more effective. It is a place where you can ask questions. Lunch and Learn is always fun with a meal and plenty of time to explore an area of laser use with 10 or more clinicians at your table.

By far, my favorite place to meet, share and learn at the conference is at the social events. It is here that we come together and talk about what we do, problems we’ve encountered, how to change our patient’s perceptions of their dental health and how to be the best most successful laser therapists.

I encourage everyone to attend the conference March 15-18, 2006 in Tucson. Bring a friend, bring your dental team and take advantage of all the sharing of ideas and experiences. I promise you too will find a pearl to share…. perhaps a whole set of pearls!

See you in Tucson.

The Source Experience: Sharing Ideas and Experiences
Nora Raffetto, RDH, California
ALD Auxiliary Representative

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Make sure to attend the Hygiene Forum at Source 2006 in Tucson
Friday, March 17th
2006 - 2:30pm - 5:30pm
• Effective use of lasers
• Rational for laser therapy
• Laser protocol
• Settings for using your laser
• Treatment expectations
• Case study presentations
• Q and A panel of discussion
ALD Nominations and Awards

The Academy’s strength lies in YOU, our membership. Please consider providing your input to the nominations committee by suggesting an ALD member you feel would provide valuable service to the ALD Board. We also request your input on members you feel deserving of an ALD award. Deadline for recommendations is January 16, 2006.

Upcoming ALD Meetings:
March 15, 2006 7:30AM
Board of Directors Meeting
Hilton Tucson El Conquistador, Arizona
March 18, 2006 12:30PM
General Membership Annual Meeting
Hilton Tucson El Conquistador, Arizona
March 28-31, 2007
Source 2007: Lasers in Dentistry Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee

ALD Presents Successful Educator Course for 21 Participants

The Academy of Laser Dentistry held our Educator Course, August 25-27, 2005 at the UCSF, San Francisco School of Dentistry. This program was led by Alan Goldstein, DMD & Peter Rechmann, Prof.Dr.med.dent with invited presenters including Linda Centore, PhD, RN and John Featherstone, MSc, PhD.

ALD members are encouraged to watch for the 2007 Educator Course date announcement.

The following members participated in the ALD Educator Course:
Laura D. Brassocett, DDS
Mel A. Burchman, DDS
Jimmy W. Chan, BDS
Ambrose Kwok L. Chan, BDS
William H. Chen, DMD
Stuart Coleton, DDS
Arun A. Darbar, BDS
William R. Gianni, DDS
Gabi Kesler, DMD
Fred S. Margolis, DDS
Constanza Patricia Martinez, DDS
Jennifer L. McMahon, RDH
Angela S. Mott, DMD
Shigeyuki Nagai, DDS
Peter K. Pang, DDS
Gail S. Simonovsky, CAE
Yukihiro (Den) Takita, DDS
Ana Maria Triliouris, DDS
L. Don Wilson, DMD
Alfred D. Wyatt, Jr, DMD
Frank Y.W. Yung, DDS

ALD Teams with University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Successful Introductory Course

On November 5, 2005 a full day Hands-On Introductory Course on Lasers in Dentistry was held at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry providing 65 attendees with exceptional education. Joel M. White, DDS, MS, Professor and Associate Dean for Clinics Administration at UCSF School of Dentistry and Peter Rechmann, Prof.Dr.med.dent, Professor and Director of Clinical Research at UCSF School of Dentistry Division of Clinical General Dentistry were the faculty. Michael Ignelzi, DDS, PhD, University of Michigan School of Dentistry Dept of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry was instrumental in arranging the course through the University’s Continuing Ed Department with Gail Simonovsky, CAE, Executive Director of the Academy of Laser Dentistry. This collaborative approach allowed the University to conduct a multi-wavelength course following the Academy’s focus on balanced dental laser education. ALD welcomes the opportunity to team with dental schools and national associations to continue this successful educational program. Fifteen (15) laser devices were on hand from Biolase, Hoya Conbio, Incisive, Lares Research and Opusdent. A special thank you goes to these ALD’s corporate members for their participation.

ALD Builds Alliances with Academy of General Dentistry (AGD)

The AGD and the ALD are directed toward building alliances with other organizations and informing general dentists about the programs and services each has to offer. An alliance between AGD and ALD will serve in 2006 to raise consciousness among General Practitioners (GPs) regarding the benefits of belonging to both organizations, and encourage them to learn more about lasers and to consider going further in general practice through continuing dental education. ALD will sponsor a Standard Proficiency Course and an Introduction to Laser Course at AGD’s 2006 Annual Meeting, August 2-5, 2006 in Denver.

ALD Introduces Certification Virtual Campus

A complete Advanced Dental Laser Proficiency Review and Examination is available to ALD members through the Academy of Laser Dentistry’s Virtual Campus thanks to the diligent work of ALD’s E-Learning and Certification Committees. Recognizing busy lives and to better serve the needs of experienced members, ALD’s Virtual Campus brings learning and proficiency examination directly to eligible members. The Advanced Review is the first online course offered by the Academy. This virtual learning program satisfies Part I of the Advanced Proficiency process. Members participate in Part I - Clinical Simulation Examination and Part III - Oral Case Presentations in conjunction with attendance at an ALD Conference. The availability of distance learning is ALD’s response to inquiries for in-depth education on lasers in dentistry. We chose to launch the Virtual Campus with the Advanced Proficiency Review to respond to the requests of experienced ALD members. Future plans include an Introductory to Lasers Course, Standard Proficiency Course and Standard Proficiency Written Examination.

ALD Message Forum is Waiting for You

The ALD Members-only message forum needs our members. A unique place for members to interact with colleagues worldwide about clinical concerns and practical questions. Log onto the members-only message forum at www.laserdentistry.org and post your questions or responses today.

ALD Appreciates the Efforts of Dr. L Don Wilson

ALD is very proud of our member Don Wilson from Florence, AL for his kindness during Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Wilson, a pilot, along with other volunteers from Angel Flights Georgia, brought well needed medical supplies to residents in Louisiana, Mississippi and neighboring regions effected by Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Wilson volunteered his time and plane to these efforts. In addition Dr. Wilson contacted Academy members in nearby areas offering supplies and assistance. Recently, Dr. Wilson organized and delivered toys for the holidays to hundreds of Gulf Coast Children still without homes. Dr. Wilson embodies the true spirit of humankind and we thank you.

IN MEMORIAM: Dr. Raleigh A. Holt, Jr.
It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Dr. Raleigh Holt this October. For 25 years Dr. Holt was a professor at University of Oklahoma, Department of Removable Prosthodontics. He was revered as a kind and dedicated faculty member by students and colleagues. The Academy of Laser Dentistry enjoyed many interactions with Dr. Holt as he worked his way through the Certification process until he achieved Advanced Proficiency in 2003. His kindness and warmth will be missed. Dr. Holt’s family has worked with the University of Oklahoma School of Dentistry to set up The Raleigh Holt Student Scholarship Fund, for more information contact David Quirk, University of Oklahoma, (405) 271-4380 or email davis-quirk@ouhsc.edu.