

Meet the World Association for photobiomodulation Therapy (WALT)



The Association

The World Association for photobiomodulation Therapy was formed in 1994 in Barcelona, Spain, when two international organizations, namely, International Laser Therapy Association (ISLAM), unified to pursue the common goals of promoting research, education and clinical application of photobiomodulation world-wide. The congresses have then been held in Israel (1996); USA (1998, 2014, and 2021); Greece (2000); Japan (2002); Brazil (2004 and 2016); Cyprus (2006); South Africa (2008); Norway (2010); Australia (2012); France (2018); Virtual (2021); and India (2023).

The Journal

Photobiomodulation, Photomedicine, and Laser Surgery is the official journal of WALT and it is the leading photomedicine scientific journal. It is indexed in MEDLINE, Current Contents/Clinical Medicine, and EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, among others. It has an impact factor of 1.80. Published online only, 12 times a year, Photobiomodulation, Photomedicine, and Laser Surgery covers basic and clinical research, expanded applications, procedures in medicine, surgery, dentistry, safety, new instrumentation, optical diagnostics and the broad range of activities related to the understanding and applications of biophotonics in medicine.

Scientific Promotion

The Scientific Secretary leads the WALT Scientific Board, consisting of experts in fields like wound healing, dentistry, basic science and arthritis. The Scientific Committee is presenting recommendations for dosages, based on analyses of the available scientific literature. These recommendations can be found on the WALT website. The Scientific Committee is also active in improving the design of laser research and correcting flaws and misunderstandings in the literature. The Board is also available as consultants and advisors.

The Website

You can find out more by visiting www.waltpbm.org

Executive Council

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Membership

The membership fee is \$120USD per annum and includes a membership certificate, annual electronic copies of the WALT eNewsletter, and access to the advisory facilities of the association. With online journal access included, individual membership fee is \$270USD per annum, where as Institutional membership is \$380USD per annum. This does not only include the journal but also online access to its archives. Postgraduate students may enjoy Student membership at \$85USD per annum (student ID required), which includes access to the journal. Students may also register for free with no journal access (by selecting Offline payment and informing the membership secretary and treasurer for account activation). The easiest way of joining is to use the secure server on our website. WALT members are researchers, engineers, medical doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, nurses, chiropractors, manufacturers, acupuncturists etc. and there is no formal professional requirements for membership.

How to join

There are several ways of joining:

1. On-line payment via the secure server on www.waltpbm.org Bank draft or IMO payable to The World Association for photobiomodulation Therapy
 2. Bank transfer order to: Bank name: Bank of America. Account name: WALT PBM, Inc. Swift Code: BOFAUS3N. ABA number: 021000322. Account number: 4830 9754 2936. Currency US Dollars (all bank fees to be included).
 3. PayPal account via the link on the WALT website.
- If you join by choosing points 2 or 3, you will still need to register on the WALT website by choosing Offline Payment. Your account will be activated once payment is received.

I Want to Become a WALT Member

(Use BLOCK LETTERS please)

Name:.....

Profession:.....

Address:.....

Country:.....

Email:.....

Repeat Email:.....

Membership: Non-journal / Individual / Student /

Institutional

Sum:.....

Method of payment:.....