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## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

It is very difficult for us to send you a message of positivity, considering the situation in which our world is falling. What may we say while looking at a theatre of war, violence, death of men, women, children, and old people? We cannot avoid remembering when, during our last congresses and meetings, speakers from every part of the world, with different skin colors, religions, political and social tendencies, and different sexual orientations, met in a peaceful atmosphere without any form of intolerance and discrimination.

The panel discussions were performed by all the people with the only aim to progress in the different fields of medicine and surgery, and, beyond the scientific sessions, everybody enjoyed the convivial meetings in an atmosphere of total friendship.

If the scientific community can maintain this capacity to host all its members without any kind of discrimination and exclusion, it will contribute to demonstrating that the real and long-lasting peace may be reached only by destroying walls and barriers and stopping violence and weapons.

Dear friends, this is the reason why we have decided to cancel the “Laser Florence 2025” congress: the world situation is uncertain, and for many of you, participating would be extremely difficult.

But we dream that we will meet again someday... somewhere... to talk together in a peaceful atmosphere, just like we did in the past.

... And never forget that Science must always unite people!

Sincerely yours,

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