The rapid increase over the last two decades in the use of low reactive-level laser therapy (LLLT) and its acceptance in many branches of medicine and allied disciplines, followed by the new interest in other non-laser phototherapeutic sources such as light-emitting diodes (LEDs), has led to the need for an international forum for the exchange of ideas and information, dedicated to all aspects of pure phototherapy and photobiomodulation.

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