



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SOCIETIES OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

# MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SOCIETIES OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

CROWN PLAZA HOTEL  
ISTANBUL, TURKEY  
28 MAY 2005

HENRY TRAVERS, M.D., SECRETARY-TREASURER  
PRESIDING

1:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

## 1. Schedule of Events

26 May 2005	0900 – 1800	Registration
26 May 2005	1900 – 2100	President's Dinner (Dr. Melo; Dr. Mochan Kuzey)
27 May 2005	0900 – 1000	Opening Ceremony
27 May 2005	1000 – 1100	Keynote Lecture
27 May 2005	1100 – 1130	Coffee Break
27 May 2005	11:30 – 1700	Bureau Meeting
27 May 2005	1930 – 2130	Welcome Reception
28 May 2005	1200 – 1300	Lunch Seminar (Dr. Oellerich)
28 May 2005	1300 – 1730	House of Representatives
28 May 2005	1730 – 1830	World Pathology Foundation
28 May 2005	2000 – 2400	Gala Dinner and Auction
29 May 2005	0800 – 1200	New Bureau Meeting
29 May 2005	1300 – 1400	Closing Ceremony
29 May 2005	1400 – 1500	Farewell Party
29 May 2005	1530 – 1900	Bureau Meeting (if necessary)

## 2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Henry Travers, Secretary-Treasurer of WASPaLM and presiding officer of the House of Representatives.

### 3. Certification of Members of the House<sup>1</sup>

#### Members of the House of Representatives Certified

Country	Representative	Society/Organization	
Australia	Stephen Cordner	Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia	1
Australia	David Davies	Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia	
Austria	Manfred Boehm	Austrian Soc Lab Med Clin Chemistry	2
Brazil	Mario F. P. Alcantara	Brazilian Soc Clin Path/ALAPAC	3
Brazil	Carlos Bacarati	Brazilian Society of Clinical Pathology	
Brazil	Marilene Melo	WASPALM	
Germany	Michael Oellerich	German United Society	4
Italy	Marco Caputo	Italian Society of Laboratory Medicine	5
Italy	Bruno Milamesi	Italian Society of Laboratory Medicine	
Japan	Masami Murakami	WASPALM	
Japan	Hiroshi Yoshida	Japanese Association of Clinical Lab Physicians	6
Japan	Masayuki Kambe	Japanese Association of Clinical Lab Physicians	
Japan	Mikio Mori	WASPALM	
Japan	Kiyoaki Watanabe	Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine	7
Korea	Oh Hun Kwon	Korean Society for Laboratory Medicine	8
Malaysia	Leslie Charles Lai	College of Pathologists, Acad. Med	9
Malaysia	Soon-Kong Cheong	College of Pathologists, Acad. Med	
Turkey	Gamze Mocan Kuzey	Ankara Society of Pathologists	10
Turkey	Arzu Sungur	Ankara Society of Pathologists	
Turkey	Canan Coker	Turkish Soc Clinical Biochemistry	11
Turkey	Asuman Tokullugil	Turkish Soc Clinical Biochemistry	
Turkey	Gonenc Ciliv	Turkish Soc Clinical Biochemistry	
Turkey	Ozdem Ang	Turkish Microbiological Society	12
United Kingdom	Barrie Murphy	WPF/Royal College of Pathologists	13
United Kingdom	Robbie Bacchus	Royal College of Pathologists, UK	
United States	Paul Raslavicus	College of American Pathologists	14
United States	Alfred Hartmann	COWSA/College of American Pathologists	

Total Constituent Societies 2005: 26

Total Constituent Societies Attending HOD Meeting: 14

#### 4. Review of the Minutes of the House, Busan, Korea, 2003

The Minutes were reviewed. They had been previously approved.

#### 5. Reports of the WASPaLM Officers

##### President (Marilene Melo)

Since my report to the Bureau in Rio de Janeiro, there has been a considerable increase of communication with the Constituent Societies mainly concerning information of 23<sup>rd</sup> World Congress, requests of representatives attendance to House of Delegates, nominating their members to make part in the WASPaLM Secretariats and Committees for the New Directory Board 2005 – 2007. For several times we asked for the Constituent Societies to send us subjects and pictures of their Societies to be used in our Bulletin. The communication with Bureau Members was participative, productive and also rewarding. Everybody has contributed for WASPaLM enlargement.

Three great projects were approved by voting at the Bureau in Rio de Janeiro and they are satisfactorily in process. They are:

<sup>1</sup> Members of the House of Representatives attending the meeting.



Bulletin: WASPaLM interrupted the Bulletin publication in 1997 and now we have re-started it again. We already have the first Bulletin edition in our website, which can be printed by Constituent Societies and the second one is being finished. The President's Messages strongly recommended the Constituent Societies to be further close to popular Press media in order to better inform the population about the importance of Laboratorial exams and also benefit themselves from preventive medicine to improve the quality of life worldwide. We feel that Constituent Societies are closer to WASPaLM after the Bulletin.

Website: Dr. Raj Dash searched for American and Indian organizations to redesign and update our website but the prices were not appropriate. Vinicius Biasoli has prepared an experimental version of the website. WASPaLM will be the owner of it and will also control all the website process, being therefore independent of Control Lab and any other company. Raj Dash has already been exchanging information with him concerning technical matters.

Accreditation in Latin America: There has been a great number of e-mails exchanged among Robby Bacchus, Mário Flávio, Wilson Scholnik and I. We are having several meetings concerning this matter in my laboratory. It was made a research on accreditation trying to find out about Latin America situation. During the Latin American Congress held in La Paz Bolivia 16-20 November/2004 the WASPaLM Document Position Statement: Accreditation of Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories was distributed to local newspapers and TV as well as to all Latin American Societies. During this Congress Ecuatorian Society and Peruvian Society became WASPaLM Associate Societies. We decided to make one workshop each semester in each different country. The first one will be held in Uruguay this coming June.

A questionnaire to study the real situation on Laboratories in Uruguay and its practice is being prepared. Each country will organize the workshop such as invite health authorities; find out the best place for the event, and all necessary procedures. WASPaLM will send the professors to give lectures.

#### PAHO

Dr. Arturo Terres, President of FEMPAC, (Mexican Federation of Clinical Pathology) was nominated to attend PAHO *Pan American Health Organization*, as WASPaLM Representative.

#### Former Constituent Societies

I have been writing to those Constituent Societies, which belonged to WASPaLM inviting them to return to WASPaLM. These Societies were searched in the Directory 1999-2001.

We gained the interest of Israel Association of Pathologists.



<b>New Societies:</b>	<b>In 2003</b>	<b>In 2005</b>
Constituent Societies	23	26
Associate Societies	03	05
Corresponding Societies	02	02
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>

A great job of Robby Bacchus was carried out in India aiming to enhance the importance of Pathology in clinical decision process, on quality standards, on our professional development and on Laboratory Accreditation in an event, which gathered 340 participants. WASPaLM accomplished its mission; promote the teaching and practice of all aspects of Pathology/Laboratory Medicine.

WASPALM is well known in Latin America and there is great interest of national associations to belong to WASPaLM. They feel it is a pride and also a necessity to belong to WASPaLM. The financial situation of South American Clinical Pathologists is becoming more difficult and less comfortable.

In Brazil a fusion process of big laboratories with invasion of North American capital, started in 2003 with purchase of medium laboratories in debts. Small laboratories are shutting down at the moment because of strong concurrence.

On the other hand, countries such as Japan, Korea as well as in Europe it seems that the economic situation is stable as last year. Tjaart Erasmus prepared a very detailed report about the present situation in Africa. Approximately half of the pathologists are in private pathology practice and half are employed by the state. The state has consolidated all public laboratory services into a National Health Laboratory Service, which is still in process of restructuring and re-organization. This is the only body that trains pathologists.

The private pathology laboratories employ approximately 8000 people and most of the laboratories are accredited to the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS), which conforms to ISO/IEC 17025 standard.

In the United States Paul Raslavicus sent a very detailed report, which should be carefully studied.

Now, we are in one of the most important events promoted by WASPaLM. We are holding the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Congress thanks to the competence and strong work of Prof. Dr Gamze Mocan Kuzey, Prof. Dr. Arzu Sungur, Dr. Yücel Güngen; Dr. Oya Bayindir and Dr. Ozdem Ang, We are sure that with diligent and high level scientific program, top professors this Directory is really carrying out WASPaLM mission.



Robbie clarified the president's report regarding the accreditation meeting in Latin America.

President Elect

No report.

Secretary-Treasurer (Henry Travers)

Dr. Travers emphasized the need for two strategic plans for WASPaLM: (1) a plan to increase membership that includes increasing the value of WASPaLM membership for individual member societies; and (2) a plan to secure a consistent source of funding for WASPaLM programs that does not depend exclusively on corporate sponsorships.

**Action Item<sup>2</sup> #1:** Constituent Societies are encouraged to offer to pay WASPaLM dues for another national association over a one to four year period in order to increase WASPaLM membership and support pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide.

## 5. Reports of the Secretariats and Representatives to WHO

SEQUA (Hans Reinhauer; report faxed to the House)

In 2004 the European Standard EN 14136 „Use of external quality assessment schemes in the assessment of the performance of on vitro diagnostic procedures“ (Convenor: Prof. Reinauer) has been finished and published.

This European Standard is referred to Article 11 of the “Directive 98/79/EC on in vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices”. The EQAS have now a double function in the EU:

1. To organize interlaboratory surveys and to help the single laboratories,
2. to monitor the in vitro diagnostic market and report irregularities to the competent authorities.

Another international activity was performed in charge of the WHO. Since SEQUA-member Instand e.V. is a WHO Collaborating Center, we organized free of charge EQAS in the field of virology for the developing countries. Beside international postgraduate courses on quality management for experts from developing countries are performed.

The Association of Scientific Medical Societies have created an electronic portal for an open access electronic journal. Instand e.V. is a founding society of that electronic journal, called “German Medical Science” (see: [www.gms.de](http://www.gms.de)) and Prof. Reinauer is member of the Editorial Board. One

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<sup>2</sup> Proposed by Dr. Oellerich and seconded by Dr. Cordner.



of the new electronic journals within “German Medical Science” will be “Journal for Quality Assurance in Medical Laboratories”.

At the MEDICA 2004 a Conference on Quality Management in Microbiology was organized.

The Opening Lecture on the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation (September 15 –18, 2004) was given by Prof. Reinauer.

Next year a Symposium on “Quality Assurance in Medical Laboratories” will be organized in Berlin from June 2 to June 4, 2005.

#### Informatics (Raj Dash)

- Web hosting and search service costs remain small (~US\$500 annually)
- Increased “hits” on the web site, but there is a decline in the number “hits” within the web site; this is thought due to decreased content turnover
- General issues identified in Rio de Janeiro persist: web site participation and content
- Dr. Dash presented the offer from ControlLab to rewrite and maintain the web site indefinitely at no cost to WASPaLM and the Bureau had a chance to review a concept design from ControlLab. He further had reviewed several web site service providers to assist if ControlLab ceases to provide web services.

#### COWSA (Alfred Hartmann)

Alfred Hartmann MD liaison report of the “ ISO/TC 212, Clinical Laboratory Testing and In Vitro Diagnostic Test Systems” meeting held 4-6 May, 2005 in Washington DC

Eleventh meeting of ISO/TC 212 chaired by Dr. Stinshoff(Swiss) with delegates from 25 participating countries. Working Groups 1,3,and 4 were also meeting concurrently.

#### **New Work Item Proposals:**

1. Genetic Testing-Specific requirements for quality and competence(N-149) submitted by the Japanese delegation will be postponed until the documents currently in preparation by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development(OECD) are available.
2. Laboratory Medicine-Estimation and reporting of measurement uncertainty of routine values(N141) was approved as an activity of WG-2 with WG-1 advising. The project will be a joint activity with CEN/TC 140 and the first meeting will be scheduled for Jan 2006. The US delegation voted against this NWIP but the vote carried for approval by a margin of 12 yes and 5 no votes.

**Action item:** identify CAP members with expertise in this area to sit on WG-2 to protect CAP and US interests.

3. NWIP on "Health Informatics-Structure for nomenclature, classification, and coding properties in clinical sciences" was withdrawn by the Swedish delegation to be resubmitted to ISO/TC 215.

**Action item:** CAP should explore whether this potential project supplements or conflicts with SNOMED and identify CAP members for Working Group participation.

#### **Reports of Working Groups:**

1. WG-1: Quality management in the clinical laboratory
  - a. change the name of the working group to "Quality and competence in the medical laboratory"
  - b. ISO 15189 will be minimally revised to conform with ISO 17025. These revisions are mainly with terminology to conform the two documents. ISO 15189 draft amendment 1 will be circulated for vote. ISO 15189 will have a major revision to be completed by 2008 along with the revision of ISO 17025. This revision is stated to address the needs of the medical laboratory and related accreditation bodies.
  - c. WG-1 will contact ILAC to develop a guidance document on the use of ISO 15189 by accreditation bodies to be jointly developed with WG-1. This document would be similar to ISO 22869 the guidance document on laboratory implementation of ISO 15189.

**Action item:** It is clearly evident that ISO 15189 is becoming the core document world wide for the basis of laboratory accreditation . The CAP needs to continue to develop the LAP checklist to conform with ISO 15189 if the CAP wants to maintain its leadership role in the accreditation process.

2. WG-2:Reference Systems
  - a. Did not meet but the NWIP concerning measurement uncertainty was approved.

**Action item:** see above. CAP experts needed to be identified to work on this project.

3. WG-3: In vitro diagnostic products
  - a. ISO 14971 annex on risk management for IVDs shall be circulated for DIS vote. If vote affirmative the responsibility for the document will transfer to ISO/TC 210.



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- b. ISO 18113 will be divided into 5 parts . These documents address information supplied by the manufacturer for “labeling” of in vitro diagnostic medical devices.
- c. Comments were addressed on ISO 17593, Requirements for in vitro monitoring systems for self-testing of oral anticoagulant therapy and this document will be submitted for final draft international standard

#### 4. WG-4: Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

- a. Comments will be addressed concerning ISO 20776-1(Reference methods for in vitro testing of the susceptibility of antimicrobial agents against bacteria involved in infectious diseases) during the DIS voting.
- b. ISO 20776-2(Evaluation of performance of antimicrobial susceptibility devices) will be drafted with CEN/TC 140 and submitted for DIS vote in the fall of 2005.

The next meeting of ISO/TC212 will be held in Berlin 31 May to 2 June 2006.

Dr. Hartmann will find out if final international standards from ISO may be distributed by WASPaLM to its constituent societies.

#### Pathology Education for Countries in Need (Robbie Bacchus)

The third WASPaLM educational enterprise was conducted in collaboration with the Royal College of Pathologists and the Indian College of Pathologists and the British Council in New Delhi between 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2005. The venue for this event was the India Prastha Apollo Hospitals which provided the supporting infrastructure for the event.

Following the meeting in Vellore in 2003, which focused mainly on cellular pathology requests from India received were to enlarge the focus of cover to encompass other disciplines of pathology. In the Indian subcontinent pathology signifies Anatomical Pathology/Histopathology, the other disciplines are categorised as clinical pathology.

Accordingly a symposium was organised to cover some of the topics of interest importance and concern defined by discussions with Indian pathologists. The symposium was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Science, Technology and Ocean Development. Other dignitaries included the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research , the chairman and dean of the Indian college of pathologists, director general of the Armed Forces Medical Services. The UK Faculty was led by the President of the Royal College of Pathologists Professor Sir James Underwood. Faculty members were chosen for their experience and expertise in the varied disciplines. the format for cellular pathology consisted of didactic talks and slide seminars and were sub-speciality based encompassing topics of breast, gastrointestinal



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tract and gynaecological pathology and digital imaging to enhance the importance of pathology in the clinical decision process several clinico – pathological symposia were held with the visiting faculty and local clinicians. These interactive sessions generated very animated and sometimes heated, though always friendly debate. The audience was always enthusiastically receptive and the feedback in the slide seminars demonstrated an eagerness to learn and profit from the experience of the visiting faculty. Topics covered in the other disciplines include the immunological reactions to blood transfusion and the establishment of a cord blood bank quality assurance, quality standards and professional development, laboratory accreditation, the universal problem of MSRA, Molecular diagnostic methods in Microbiology, evidence based laboratory treatment options for myelomas, controlling infections and transplantation, developments in laboratory automation.

The meeting was attended by 340 participants including six from Sri Lanka. The participants came from all regions of India and several had travelled for 48 hours by train across the vast deccan plateau to participate in the event. A reception was hosted by the British High Commissioner Sir Michael and Lady Arthur for the visiting faculty and Indian participants and an end of symposium dinner was hosted by the British Council.

An evaluation of the programme revealed that the education content was relevant and appropriate to the needs of the participants, helped to clarify what they needed to know, and enable them to modify their clinical behaviour. New Delhi is situated in the Northern India with a population of about 13 million. The roads are crowded and the senses bombarded with noise, scents, sounds and apparent chaos. Old Delhi with its medieval Mughal Buildings, narrow roads and teeming bazaars. To the colonial grandeur of New Delhi still lives up to Kipling's description "such a river of life exists nowhere in the world" India not only mystifies, it enthral, enlightens and above all This symposium not only provided not only provided an update on various topics, but also enabled the opportunity of promoting education for both pathologists and clinicians it facilitated the development and forging of further professional linkings with our Colleagues in India and to promote exchange of Knowledge and understanding of the pathology disciplines.

A decision was made by the Indian College of Pathologists to promote the WASPaLM workshops as a regular annual event and before I left Delhi I received a request from a University in south India to host the next event.

Dr. Bacchus reviewed the three workshops he has produced through the Secretariat on Countries in need. Approximately £4,100 remains in the budget. The Bureau expressed support for continuing the program of Workshops for Countries in Need and authorized an expenditure of up to £2,000 for the Secretariat for Countries in Need to conduct a workshop in Bangalore, India in February 2006.

#### Forensic Pathology (Stephen Cordner)

Dr. Cordner made a brief oral report.



Ethics (David Davies)

Dr. Davies briefly reported on the updating of current codes of ethics in medicine generally and laboratory medicine in particular.

WHO (Utz Merten)

**World Health Organization  
Executive Board 115<sup>th</sup> Session January 17<sup>th</sup>-January 19<sup>th</sup> 2005**

On Sunday before the EB meeting there was an in official **NGO meeting** in WHO headquarters during which officers of WHO informed NGO of some items of the EB agenda they thought interesting and for which WHO may seek support by NGO's.

*The agenda listed:*

**Welcome** by Dr Kazem Behbehani, Assistant Director-General  
*Introduction to the Executive Board Agenda* by Dr Bill Kean, Director, Governance

**Item 4.3:** *Responding to Health aspects of crisis* By Dr D N Nabarro, Representative of the Director-General, Health Action in Crisis

**Item 4.2:** *Achievement of health related MDG's (Millennium Development Goals): Status report* by Dr A Cassels, Director, Health and Development Policy

**Item 4.9:** *Antiretrovirals and developing countries* by Dr H V Hogerzeil, Director, Medicines Policy and Standards

**Item 4.13:** *eHealth* by Dr J-C Healy, Director, Office of Assistant Director-General, External relations and Governing Bodies

This was quite general but specific questions could be forwarded and suggestions made. In future, being prepared according specific items on the Agenda, this is one way to enter discussion.

On Monday the meeting took place in WHO Head Quarters as usual, this year having more than 550 attendees - again officials and diplomats being primary actors. Agenda see WHO website ( [www.who.org](http://www.who.org) )

During the opening session on Monday morning Dr Lee, WHO Director-General, focused on **the tsunami** and WHO response to the situation. From "Abraham Lincoln" a US carrier floating in the sea near ACEH, Indonesia a direct audio TV message was sent with speeches from an US admiral, an Indonesian official and a representative of WHO. Information handed to the delegates are attached to this report. The presentation was spectacular and impressive. WHO obviously was using the situation to foster the preparedness of governments to support their work. This was supported by a report an "Protecting health following the Asian Tsunami".

The EB decided a change of the agenda as it was agreed to place after the speech of the Secretary General a discussion concerning **Influenza**



**pandemic preparedness and response.** The discussion on Influenza pandemic preparedness and response indicated the necessity for national governments to act.

Further there was a discussion on the “**Achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals: status report**”. Attachment 3. Targets related to pathology are “ reduce child mortality, improve maternal health and combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases”. Again it was proclaimed: “Health is too important to leave it to the doctors alone” In Attachment 4 you find the “**Proposed programme budget 2006-2007**”. This may help to recognize pathology related project of WHO

On Monday noon the Dr. Merten met Dr. Vercauteren (WHO-Essential Health Technologies).

For further information ( i.e. reports concerning SARS, Smallpox, Poliomyelitis and Measles) these can be copied from WHO website [www.who.org](http://www.who.org)

### **Summary:**

There is few space for WASPaLM related activities but through cooperation with EHT WASPaLM could reach a permanent stronghold.

Items to be followed by WASPaLM should be:

- education of young pathologists in countries in need
- expansion of external quality assessment schemes (EQAS) countries in need
- patient’s right to know that health related studies of their specimens is performed only under the responsibility of a pathologist.

*58<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly, 16-25 May 2005 (Dr. Merten)*

WASLaLM representatives were Drs. Merten and Bacchus. Discussions were held with Professor A.B. Akosa, Director-General, Ghana Health Service and President of the Commonwealth Medical Association; Professor Peter Chang, MD, MPH, ScD, Director-General, Bureau of International Cooperation, Taipei, Taiwan (ROC), Senator Winston Dang (Taiwan), Chin-Shui Yu, Director of the Taiwan Medical Mission in Mzuzu, Malawi; and Dr. Gabi Vercauteren.

### **Administrative Secretariat (Masami Murakami)**

#### *Replacement of Executive Director of Administrative Office*

Effective as from April 1, 2005, Dr. Murakami Masami took over the office of Executive Director, Administrative Office from Dr. I. Sakurabayashi, according to the Agreement between Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine (JSLM) and WASPaLM signed on May 26, 2004.



### *Corporate sponsors*

In compliance with our request solicited in March to 33 corporate sponsors in Japan, 13 sponsors kindly paid contribution of total US\$20,000 in March/April 2005. Due date is the end of May.

2002	38 sponsors	\$54,000
2003	37	\$53,000
2004	33	\$47,000
2005	13	\$ 20,000 (as of May 9, 2005)

### *2004 Financial Audit*

On March 9, 2005, Dr. T. Kawai conducted financial audit for the calendar year of 2004 without any problems. Balance as of December 31, 2004 was US\$ 694,935.65, which increased US\$26,445.45 against of US\$668,490.20 as of the end of 2003.

### *Others*

Reorganization suggested by Dr. Marilene Melo of April 21, 2004 was seriously reviewed. However it was recommended that the existing organization should be maintained for a time, because of the balance between productivity anticipated and investment as well as a complicated command structure of Administrative Office located in Japan.

## **6. The World Pathology Foundation (Dr. Barrie Murphy)**

Dr. Murphy reported on candidates in previous years who have received and completed their Gordon Signy fellowships. He reported that there are no current candidates who have applied for future awards. He further reviewed the history of the Foundation and the Gordon Signy Fellowships.

## **7. Certification of Election of Officers of WASPaLM (2005-2007)**

The Secretary-treasurer certified those elected:

<b>Past President</b>	Mikio Mori	Japan
<b>President</b>	Marilene Melo	Brazil
<b>President Elect</b>	Henry Travers	United States
<b>Secretary-treasurer</b>	Michael Oellerich	Germany
<b>Director-at-Large (Africa)</b>	Tjaart Erasmus	South Africa
<b>Director-at-Large(North America)</b>	Paul Raslavicus	United States
<b>Director-at-Large (South America)</b>	Mario Flavio Alcantara	Brazil
<b>Director-at-Large (Asia)</b>	Oh Hun Kwon	Korea
<b>Director-at-Large (Australia)</b>	David Davies	Australia
<b>Director-at-Large (Europe)</b>	Manfred Boehm	Austria
<b>Director-at-Large</b>	Robbie Bacchus	UK
<b>Director-at-Large</b>	Gamze Mocan Kuzey	Turkey
<b>Director-at-Large</b>	Gonenc Ciliz	Turkey

## **8. Incorporation and Amendments to the Bylaws**

**Action Item #2:** The House of Representatives approved the revised bylaws without change.



### **9. Draft Rules of the House of Representatives (Drs. Alcantara and Kuzey)**

No draft was yet available for presentation to the House. Dr. Travers will forward to Drs. Alcantara and Kuzey a previous draft that was presented in Busan in 2003 but not acted upon.

### **10. Other Business**

The Bureau sought the advice for the 26<sup>th</sup> World Congress application from Italy.

**Action Item #3:** The House of Representatives supports the application of the Italian Society of Clinical Pathology to host the 2011 World Congress.

### **11. Adjournment**

The House of Representatives meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM until the next World Congress in Maylasia.



**APPENDIX  
ACTION ITEMS OF THE BUREAU  
23<sup>RD</sup> WORLD CONGRESS**

**Action Item #1:** The Bureau received the proposal from Prof. Simone and agreed to present it to the House of Representatives and seek their advice and recommendation prior to taking formal action.

**Action Item #2:** The Bureau approved without change the document entitled “Final Draft of the Bylaws of the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine” for presentation to the House of Representatives.

**Action Item #3:** The Bureau authorized its members to solicit, based upon requirements drafted by Sidley and Austin, proposals for liability and directors insurance in their several countries.

**Action Item #4:** The Bureau authorized an expenditure of up to £2,000 for the Secretariat for Countries in Need to conduct a workshop in Bangalore, India in February 2006.

**Action Item #5:** The Bureau agreed to accept the ControlLab proposal effective immediately and to consider, at the next Bureau meeting, whether any additional support from services providers other than ControlLab is required.

**Action Item #6:** The Bureau reconsidered its action regarding the allocation of £2,000 for the Secretariat for Countries in Need.

**Action Item #7:** The Bureau voted to reaffirm its previous decision to allocate £2,000 of contingency funds for a workshop in Bangalore in February 2006.

**Action Item #8:** The Bureau approved the allocation of up to US\$2,000 to support the faculty conducting the accreditation program of ALAPAC being held in Montevideo in June 2005.

**Action Item #9:** The Bureau approved continuing the educational program for countries in need *in principle* for another three years and granted funding of £7,000 for the first year (2007).

**Action Item #10:** Dr. Mori will call Dr. Lee to discuss the status of the Taiwan Society of Clinical Pathology and will inform the Bureau of the outcome of his discussion by email<sup>3</sup>.

**Action Item #11:** The Bureau combined the Informatics Secretariat and the Web Editorial Committee and directed that official correspondence between WASPaLM and WHO be conducted with Dr. Utz Merten.

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<sup>3</sup> As of July 2005, the Taiwan Society of Clinical Pathology had fully paid its dues for 2004 and 2005.