



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SOCIETIES OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

**Minutes
Of
The Bureau of the World Association of Societies of Pathology
And
Laboratory Medicine**

The World Pathology Foundation

**29 May 2005
8:00 A.M. – 11:45 P.M.
The Crown Plaza Hotel
Istanbul, Turkey**

Attendees:

Dr. David Davies	Australia
Dr. Alfred Hartmann	U.S.A.
Dr. Gamze Mocan Kuzey	Turkey
Dr. Mário Flávio Alcântara	Brazil
Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
Dr. Oh HunKwon	Korea
Dr. Mikio Mori	Japan
Dr. Paul Raslavicus	U.S.A.
Dr. Raj Dash	U.S.A.
Informatics Secretariat	
Dr. Robby Bacchus	U.K.
Dr. Utz Merten	Germany
Dr. Henry Travers	U.S.A.
Dr. Barrie Murphy	U.K.
Dr. Manfred Böhm	Austria
Dr. Steven Cordner	Australia
Forensic Pathology Secretariat	
Dr. Gonce Cİliv	Turkey

Guests

Gulenay Azar Kahramar Secretary to Dr. Gamze Mocan Kuzey	Turkey
Dr. Looi Lai Meng President, 24 th World Congress	Malaysia
Dr. Marc-Andre Viollier Treasurer, WPF	Switzerland

Administrators

Dr. Masami Murakami	Japan
Mr. Susumu Kanda	Japan
Dr. Ikunosuke Sakurabayashi	Japan

Statement from the President

Dr. Melo reviewed the accomplishments and contributions of individual members of the Bureau and thanked them for their service. She reviewed the goals set in Rio de Janeiro.

- Increase the number of societies by 8
- Work more closely with the WHO
- Publish the Bulletin
- Revise the Web site
- Sustain the program for education in countries in need

Global Workshops (Dr. Bacchus)

Reconsideration of Previous Action

Action Item #7: The Bureau reconsidered its action regarding the allocation of £2,000 for the Secretariat for Countries in Need.

Action Item #8: The Bureau voted to reaffirm its previous decision to allocate £2,000 of contingency funds for a workshop in Bangalore in February 2006.

Proposal to WASPaLM for support of an educational program for accreditation

Action Item #9: 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.

Proposal for Continuing the Educational Program for Countries in Need

Dr. Bacchus asked the Bureau to consider continuing the educational program for countries in need for another three years at a funding level of £25,000 for 3 years.

Action Item #10: 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).

Reports of Directors at Large

South America (Dr. Alcantara)

ALAPAC CONGRESS

Shortly after the WASPaLM meeting in Rio, I have attended the Latin American Congress of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, in La Paz, Bolivia, on November 16-20th, 2004.

At that meeting :

- 1) It was handed to the Peruvian delegate the WASPaLM letter supporting that physicians exercise the direction of clinical laboratories.
- 2) It was handed to all ALAPAC members the WASPaLM paper endorsing Accreditation Programs and encouraging ALAPAC to seeking funding from appropriate banking entities.
- 3) It was handed to the Bolivian delegate the WASPaLM letter endorsing Accreditation Programs and asking for Bolivian government support.
- 4) It was distributed to all ALAPAC members the "WASPALM Statement on Accreditation of Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories".
- 5) I participated of the III Latin American Forum for Accreditation "Dr. Evaldo Melo" and got the Latin American Societies agreement to organize through WASPaLM the Accreditation Workshop to be held in a Latin American country.
- 6) I was elected for one more period as the ALAPAC Delegate at WASPaLM.
- 7) Chile and Cuba accepted the invitation to join WASPaLM

COMMUNICATION

There were intense communication between the WASPaLM director at large for Latin America and the members of Latin America Association of Clinical Pathology (ALAPAC).

- 1) Though e.mail exchanges conducted by Dr. Wilson Scholnik (from Brazil), it has been made a detailed and extensive survey on the Clinical Laboratory conditions in Latin American countries, in order to choose which country would best benefit from the WASPaLM workshop on accreditation.
- 2) Venezuela has been contacted and is expected to join WASPaLM in the near future.

LATIN AMERICA WORKSHOP ON ACCREDITATION

Uruguay was chosen to home the workshop, which will be held on the last weekend of June (24-26th), 2005. This workshop is being organized by Dr. Wilson Scholnik with the assistance of the Uruguayan Clinical Pathology Society and it is expected the participation of Dr. Robby Bacchus.

In addition, Dr. Alcantara reported that Columbia was in crisis and requested WASPaLM ethical directives be sent to Columbia. Dr. Alcantara will put the

Columbian delegate directly into contact with Dr. Davies to clarify the “crisis”. Dr. Alcantara reported Columbia’s suggestion that a history of clinical pathology in all countries be prepared and conveyed to the Bureau the desire of Uruguay to host the 2013 World Congress

Europe (Dr. Oellerich)

There have been contacts with societies in Ireland (Prof. Obriain), France and Belgium. Dr. Oellerich thought it was uncertain that French societies would join WASPaLM, but that Belgian societies may. Dr. Böhm and Dr. Merten through UEMS meet with European societies twice yearly where they can promote WASPaLM membership.

Africa (Dr. Erasmus)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a report on behalf of the National Pathology Group of South Africa to the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine meeting to be held in Istanbul on 28 May 2005.

I apologise that I am unable to attend the meeting as I would have liked to meet the various members with whom I have shared e-mail correspondence over an extended period of time.

Our Group has benefited from the documents and circulars sent from the WASPaLM. We certainly feel more a part of our global pathology community. Unfortunately our resources, both financially and in terms of manpower, are limited and our primary focus is to serve our local membership in South Africa and there has been no success in increasing the membership of constituent societies in Africa. I am rather ashamed, and find it embarrassing to be listed as the Director at Large for Africa, whilst in no way contributing.

I will give a short overview of the focus of the National Pathology Group in South Africa so that member societies can gain some insight into our activities.

First some background about South Africa in general and then a more specific focus on pathology issues. The country has a population of 43million and at 1.2 million square kilometres is approximately twice the size of Texas. The average life expectancy has declined significantly and is currently 44 years. This is a reflection of the HIV epidemic in the country with approximately 5.3million individuals living with HIV/AIDS. It is estimated that there are 370 000 deaths annually attributable to this disease. The social impact and that on the health services, is tremendous.

The government is doing the best it can with limited resources. Government expenditure for the year 2004 was US\$61 billion with 13%

spent on health and 23% on education and 19% on welfare. Government financial policies are conservative and have gone a long way towards creating a stable financial environment in the country. Progress is slow but steady and there is increasing capital inflow into South Africa from off-shore investments. The current GDP is 245 billion US\$.

Income disparity in South Africa is still very large, even though significant shifts have occurred over the past 20 years with an increasing black middle-class. The GINI index for South Africa is 59, compared to that of the USA at 41 and the United Kingdom at 36.

Healthcare in South Africa consists of state care for indigent or otherwise financially restricted or uninsured individuals. These services cover approximately 33 million of the total population. Roughly seven billion beneficiaries benefit from private medical insurance.

The privately insured individuals spend approximately US\$7.5 billion on their medical care. Approximately the same amount is spent by the government on the population which is unable to afford private medical insurance.

Since the democratisation of South Africa in 1994 it has been government policy to extend medical services to under served areas and the focus has moved predominantly to primary health care. This has been extensively criticized in many areas as it has led to a significant retraction of academic and tertiary institutions.

The percentage of funds spent on pathology in both the *public* and *private* sector is approximately the same at 3% of the medical spend.

In order to extend medical services, new graduates are compelled to spend a period of

1 year at a public hospital, often in rural areas, to alleviate the shortage of medical practitioners. The shortage is due to a number of factors:

- Poor employment conditions and poor remuneration leading to an exodus of medical practitioners from state employment to private practise.
- The entry of South Africa into the global economy with a large demand on well-trained and highly skilled South African professionals from more developed countries i.e. United Kingdom and Canada predominantly.
- Political uncertainty and concerns about violence have led to large numbers of medical practitioners leaving the country either

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permanently or temporarily.

It is within this social and medical background and environment that the National Pathology Group functions. We have a secretariat office in Johannesburg in South Africa which is ably run by Mrs Noeline van Zyl who has been employed by the Group for 6 years. There are approximately 200 members and these are distributed throughout South Africa.

To practice as a pathologist in South Africa, registration is required with the Health Professions Council of South Africa. There are currently 605 pathologists registered with this council. It is estimated that no more than 400 are currently in South Africa to serve the whole population. The breakdown of the various disciplines is as follows:

Anatomical Pathology:	32%
Chemical Pathology :	13%
Clinical Pathology :	11%
Haematology :	11%
Microbiology :	14%
Virology :	3%
Unspecified :	9%
Forensic Pathology :	8%

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-organisation. This is the only body that trains pathologists. The periods of residency are done at various university medical faculties in South Africa with either an internal examination or examination through a system run by the College of Medicine in South Africa, which is affiliated to the international colleges.

The National Pathology Group has approximately 200 members and its membership is predominantly drawn from the private pathology sector, but also has representation from the National Health Laboratory Service.

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/IEC17025 standard.

The United Nations has ranked South Africa's *private* health care system 39 out of 162 nations for technological innovation and achievement.

Daily approximately 40 000 patient specimens are analysed and in the region of 200,000 tests are done. On average 4.9 tests are performed per patient specimen received and the average price per test is US\$5.60. Equipment, as well as the reagents used in South Africa, is all imported from the USA, Europe or Japan. Our local currency, the South African Rand, is at a parity of R6 to the US\$ and this places tremendous cost pressures on laboratories in South Africa.

The objective of the National Pathology Group is:

- To promote the practice and the professional interests of all pathologists in South Africa.
- To promote the use of pathology as a diagnostic tool for both the medical profession and the lay public.
- To establish professional relationships amongst pathologists with all role players.
- To promote the establishment and maintenance of acceptable standards in respect of pathology education and practice in South Africa.
- To assist the promotion of the health of the population.

Membership is open to pathologists registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa who are also members of the South African Medical Association. Members must be accepted by the Executive Committee and agree to abide by the constitution and a code of conduct and ethics.

The executive committee meets regularly and has sub-committees for specific issues and is also represented on various medical bodies within the Medical Association.

The National Pathology Group:

Acts as an organisational structure for private pathologists

Participates in professional forums:

- South African Medical Association (SAMA)
- Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)
- Council for Medical Schemes (CMS)
- South African National Accreditation System (SANAS)
- Life Officer Association (LOA)

Compiles and publishes protocols for billing

Standardises laboratory request forms

Promotes responsible and professional use of pathology

We have many challenges within our country and appreciate the hand of friendship and collegiality that is extended by WASPaLM and its members.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit this report to WASPaLM and wish you a successful meeting in Istanbul.

Review of WASPaLM Membership

<u>Society</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Current Dues</u>
The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia	AUSTRALIA	Constituent Society	1718	2005
Osterreichische Gesellschaft für Laboratoriumsmedizin	AUSTRIA	Constituent Society	223	
Sociedad Boliviana de Patología	BOLIVIA	Constituent Society		
Sociedade Brasileira de Patologia Clínica/Medicina Laboratorial	BRAZIL	Constituent Society	1207	2005
Brazilian Society of Pathology	BRAZIL	Constituent Society		
Cuban Society of Clinical Pathology	CUBA	Associate Society		None Required
Sociedad Ecuatoriana de Patología/Medicina Laboratorial	ECUADOR	Associate Society	120	None Required
Berufsverband Deutscher Laborärzte e.V.	GERMANY	Constituent Society	368	Pending
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Qualitätssicherung im Medizinischen Laboratorium e.V.	GERMANY	Constituent Society	125	
Institut für Standardisierung und Dokumentation im Medizinischen Laboratorium	GERMANY	Constituent Society		
Deutsche Vereinigte Gesellschaft für Klinische Chemie und Laboratoriumsmedizin	GERMANY	Constituent Society	1160	2005
Indonesian Association of Clinical Pathology	INDONESIA	Associate Society	200	None Required
Indonesian Association of Pathologists	INDONESIA	Associate Society	143	None Required
Israel Association of Pathologists	ISRAEL	Constituent Society	150	2005
Associazione Italiana Patologi Clinici	ITALY	Constituent Society	3300	
Società Italiana de Medicina di Laboratorio	ITALY	Constituent Society	1710	2005
Japanese Association of Clinical Laboratory Physicians	JAPAN	Constituent Society	653	2005
Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine	JAPAN	Constituent Society	1959	
The Korean Society for Laboratory Medicine	KOREA	Constituent Society	650	
College of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine Malaysia	MALAYSIA	Constituent Society	180	
Federación Mexicana de Patología Clínica	MEXICO	Constituent Society	122	
Mongolian Association of Laboratory Medicine	MONGOLIA	Corresponding Society		None Required
Peruana de Patología Clínica	PERU	Associate Society	320	None Required
Romanian Society for Laboratory Medicine	ROMANIA	Associate Society		None Required
National Pathology Group	SOUTH AFRICA	Constituent Society	219	
Foederatio Analyticorum Medicinalium Helveticorum (FAMH)	SWITZERLAND	Constituent Society		
Taiwan Society of Clinical Pathologists	REPUBLIC OF CHINA	Constituent Society		In Default
The Royal College of Pathologists of Thailand	THAILAND	Associate Society	305	None Required
Ankara Society of Pathologists	TURKEY	Constituent Society	517	
Turkish Society of Clinical Biochemistry	TURKEY	Constituent Society	550	
Turkish Microbiological Society	TURKEY	Constituent Society		
The Royal College of Pathologists	UNITED KINGDOM	Constituent Society	7757	2005
College of American Pathologists	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Constituent Society	15000	
American Society of Clinical Pathology	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Corresponding Society		Ineligible
Sociedad Uruguaya de Patología Clínica	URUGUAY	Constituent Society		

Dr. Travers reviewed the current status of membership. He brought to the Bureau's attention the Taiwan Society of Clinical Pathology for discussion. This society has not paid dues for 3 years and has not responded to requests for updated information or the payment of dues.

Action Item #11: 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.

Reports of Categorical Secretariats and Committees

Nominating Committee

Dr. Mikio Mori

No report

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Dr. Henry Travers

New bylaws were adopted by the House of Representatives without change.



Awards Committee

Dr. Utz Merten

No report

Finance Committee

Dr. Mikio Mori

No report.

Corporate Sponsors Committee

Dr. Mikio Mori

There is a decrease in the number of companies contributing and expected sponsors contributions will be US\$10,000 less than last year.

Administrative Secretariat

Dr. Masami Murakami

See minutes of 27 May 2005.

SEQUA

Dr. Hans Reinauer

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) and Prof. Reinauer is member of the Editorial Board. One 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 12th 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.

WEB Editorial

Dr. Mário Flávio Alcântara

The Bulletin will be printed in the future as well as being made available through electronic means.

Qualification of Pathologists

Dr. Travers

No report.



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Forensic Pathology

Dr. Cordner

A link to WASPaLM will be put on Indopacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science along with an indication of WASPaLM sponsorship.

Pathology Education for Countries in Need

Dr. Bacchus

See minutes of 27 May 2005.

Ethics (SMEPLM)

Dr. David Davies

No report.

World Pathology Foundation (Dr. Murphy)

See separate WPF Agenda and Documents

There was discussion of difficulties that arose with the auction at the Gala Dinner. Dr. Travers will reestablish the process with the Auxiliary and Dr. Looi.

Other Business

Dr. Davies represented WASPaLM at the ILCP meeting. He received some indication of interest in WASPaLM membership from Ireland. Dr. Bacchus knows the president of the Faculty of Pathology of the Royal College of Medicine in Ireland and will contact him.

Committee Appointments

Dr. Melo presented appointments for 2005-2007.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair	Dr. Marilene Melo	Brazil
Members	Dr. Mikio Mori	Japan
	Dr. Tadashi Kawai	Japan
	Dr. Utz Merten	Germany
	Dr. Henry Travers	USA

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Chair	Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
Members	Dr. Mikio Mori	Japan
	Dr. Utz Merten	Germany
	Dr. Henry Travers	USA
	Dr. Marilene Melo	Brazil

CONSULTING PARLIMENTARIAN

Dr. Barrie Murphy	UK
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AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair	Dr. Mikio Mori	Japan
Members	Dr. Utz Merten	Germany
	Dr. David Davies	Australia
	Dr. Oh Hun Kwon	Korea
	Dr. Henry Travers	USA

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair	Dr. Mikio Mori	Japan
Members	Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
	Dr. Marc Andre Viollier	Switzerland
	Dr. Ikunosuke Sakurabayashi	Japan
Consultant	Dr. Tadashi Kawai	Japan

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Members	Dr. Tjaart Erasmus	South Africa
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	Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
Chair, Australasia	Dr. David Davies	Australia
Chair, North America	Dr. Paul Raslavicus	USA
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Member	Dr. Kiyaoaki Watanabe	Japan
Chair, South America	Dr. Mario Flavio Paes Alcantara	Brazil

HISTORIANS

Dr. Tadashi Kawai	Japan
Dr. Utz Merten	Germany

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIAT

Responsible Society	Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine	
Executive Director	Dr. Masami Murakami	Japan
Members	Dr. Mikio Mori	Japan
	Dr. Ikunosuke Sakurabayashi	Japan
	Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
Administrative Staff	Mr. Susumu Kanda	Japan
	Ms. Yasuko Morito	Japan

COMMISSION ON WORLD STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION

Responsible Society	College of American Pathologists	
Administrator	Dr. Alfred Hartmann	USA
Members	Dr. Wilson Scholnik	Brazil
	Dr. Henry Travers	USA
	Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
	Dr. Manfred Böhm	Germany
	Dr. Ronald Lepoff	USA

SECRETARIAT ON QUALITY ASSURANCE (SEQUA)

Responsible Societies:	Institut für Standardisierung und Dokumentation im Medizinischen Laboratorium e.V.	
	Deutsche Vereinte Gesellschaft für Klinische Chemie und Laboratorium e.V.	
	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Qualitätssicherung im Medizinischen Laboratorium e.V.	
	Berufsverband Deutscher Laborärzte e.V.	
Administrator	Dr. Hans Reinauer	Germany
Co-administrator	Dr. Klaus Janitschke	Germany
	Dr. Carlos Ballaratti	Brazil

SECRETARIAT ON PATHOLOGY EDUCATION IN COUNTRIES IN NEED (SPECN)

Responsible Society	Royal College of Pathologists (United Kingdom)	
Administrator	Dr. Robby Bacchus	UK
Members	Dr. Philip Quirke	UK
	Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
	Dr. Wilson Scholnik	Brazil
	Dr. Canan Coker	Turkey
	Dr. Lai-Meng Looi	Maylasia
	Dr. Mario Flavio Paes Alcantara	Brazil
	Dr. Jose Carreon Moldiz	Bolivia
	Dr. Silvia Pigni	Uruguay

SECRETARIAT ON FORENSIC PATHOLOGY (SFP)

Responsible Society	The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia	
Administrator	Dr. Stephen Cordner	Australia
Members	Dr. David Davies	Australia
	Dr. David L. Ranson	Australia
	Dr. Kenneth J. Tompson	New Zealand

INFORMATICS SECRETARIAT (IS)

Responsible Society	WASPaLM	
Administrator	Dr. Raj Dash	USA
Members	Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
	Dr. Oh Hun Kwon	Korea
	Dr. Murilo Melo	Brazil
	Dr. Mario Flavio Paes Alcantara	Brazil
	Dr. Gamze Mocan Kuzey	Turkey
	Dr. Henry Travers	USA
	Dr. David Davies	Australia
	Dr. Marco Caputo	Italy

SECRETARIAT ON MEDICAL ETHICS IN PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE (SMEPLM)

Responsible Society	The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia	
Administrator	Dr. David Davies	Australia
Members	Dr. Stephen Cordner	Australia
	Dr. Paul Raslavicus	USA
	Dr. Piero Cappelletti	Italy
	Dr. Gonenc Ciliv	Turkey

COMMITTEE ON QUALIFICATION OF PATHOLOGISTS (CQP)

Responsible Society	Austrian Society for Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Chemistry	
Chair	Dr. Manfred Böhm	Austria
	Dr. Enrico de Simone	Italy

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

Chief, WHO NGO Collaboration	Dr. Utz Merten	Germany
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	Dr. Robby Bacchus	UK
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)

Secretary General	Dr. Lawrence D. Eicher	Switzerland
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ISO Technical Committee 212
(Addresses available from Ms. Sharon Burr, CAP)

Clinical Laboratory Testing and *in Vitro* Diagnostic Test Systems

WASPALM Liaisons

Dr. Alfred Hartmann
Dr. Massimiliano M. Corsi

USA
Italy

Action Item #12: 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.

Action Item #13: The Bureau approved the committee appointments.

World Congress of Pathology 2011

Action Item #14: The Bureau, with the advice of the House of Representatives agreed to contract with the Italian Society of Laboratory Medicine for the 26th World Congress in 2011.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bureau will be in Chicago, Illinois, United States of America in July 2006.