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# MINUTES

## WASPALM Bureau Meeting

### Thursday November 19, 2015

### Cancun, Mexico



## World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM)

**Minutes of the WASPaLM Bureau Meeting**  
1250-1400 ET, Thursday November 19, 2015  
Contoy Room, Cancun Centre, Cancun, Mexico

Present: Dr. Massami Murakami, Chair  
Dr. Lai Meng Looi  
Dr. Marilene Melo  
Dr. Michael Oellerich  
Dr. Dobrin Svinarov  
Prof. Roberto Verna  
Dr. David S. Wilkinson

Invited Guests: Pamela Lyons, WASPaLM Administrator

### 1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1250, Dr. Murakami presiding.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted:

- WASPaLM By-Law Changes
- Committee Chairs
- WPF
- Bureau Meeting 2016
- World Congress 2017
- World Congress 2019
- Other Business

### 3. WASPaLM By-Law Changes

The proposed By-Law changes will be sent to the lawyer to draft the changes to be compliant with the law, and then they will be circulated to the Constituent Societies for a vote. The target deadline is June 2016 to have this vote finalized.

### 4. Committee Chairs

WASPaLM has a number of committees and it is recommended by the Bureau that the committees should strive to engage people who are not on the Bureau to participate.

#### *Finance and Corporate Sponsorship*

Chair: Michael Oellerich

Dr. Murakami will appoint a member from Japan.

### *Education*

Chair: Dr. Lai Meng Looi

Committee will include Dr. Dobrin Svinarov

### *Policy, Guidelines And Advocacy*

Chair: Dr. Jagdish Butany

### *International Liaison*

Chair: Dr. David S. Wilkinson

Committee members will include Dr. Gamze Mocan Kuzey, Dr. Michael Oellerich and Dr. Roberto Verna.

### *Publication and Informatics*

Chair: TBD

Dr. Travers will be asked to continue as Chair until a new Chair is recruited. Dr. Wilkinson will ask Dr. Keith Kaplan if he is interested in assisting in this area.

Bureau Committees will be discussed further during an upcoming Bureau call.

## **5. World Pathology Foundation**

The World Pathology Foundation Board for 2015-2017 will be:

President: Dr. Roberto Verna

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Dr. Lai Meng Looi

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Dr. Roberto Ruiz Arenas

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Henry Travers

Trustee: Dr. Jagdish Butany

Trustee: Dr. Massami Murakami

Trustee: Dr. Michael Oellerich

## **6. Bureau Meeting 2016**

The Bureau will meet during the Kobe Japan Conference, August 31 – September 4, 2016.

## **7. World Congress 2017**

The preliminary topics for the Kyoto Congress were discussed.

Suggested topics are:

- Cancer
- Immunotherapy
- Molecular Tests – Dr. Oellerich to explore further.
- Quality Management – CAP may be interested in presenting

Constituent Societies will be asked for topic suggestions or to present a symposium. It was also agreed that Young Scientists should have opportunities to participate.

Bureau members will be invited to be on the Organizing Committee.

## **8. World Congress 2019**

Dr. Oellerich will ask Dr. Pan to consider a meeting in China.

## **9. Other Business**

The meeting was terminated at 1400 ET.