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WASPALM Invites all House Reps to Join Us in Tokyo

NOTICE: To All Member Societies Representatives to the WASPaLM House of Representatives.

Take Notice that: The biannual meeting of the WASPaLM House of Representatives, will be held in Kyoto!

Date: 15 Nov 2017

Time: 09:45-10:45 AM

Place: See Program for further details.

29th World Congress of WASPaLM (WASPALM 2017)

in Conjunction with the

64th Annual meeting of the Japan Society of Laboratory Medicine and the World Pathology Foundation

Kyoto, Japan • 15-18 November 2017

The WASPaLM Board of Directors is required by the WASPaLM Bylaws to hold a biannual meeting of the WASPaLM House of Representatives. Amongst other things, the Board reports to the WASPaLM House of Representatives, the results of the Biannual elections, the activities of the previous two years and plans for the next two. This year the report will also discuss the reasons and the process as well as the changes to the WASPaLM Bylaws. Your participation is clearly important and welcome. While only officially appointed Representatives to the House of Representatives can actively participate and vote at the meeting, ALL attendees are welcome to attend the proceedings.

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WASPALM Announces 2017 – 2019 Board

With closure of nominations on 30 June 2017, the WASPaLM Election Organiser (WASPALM Secretary-Treasurer) is pleased to announce the 2017-2019 Board of Directors and office bearers, as elected by acclamation. The new Board will assume office after the House of Representatives meeting on 15 November 2017, at the 29th World Congress at Kyoto, a day prior to the end of the Congress.

» MEET YOUR NEW BOARD!

Officers & Directors

President

Dr. Roberto Verna

President Elect

Dr. Walter Alallon

Past-President

Dr. Masami Murakami

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		Western Pacific	Dr. Shang Hong

INTRODUCING YOUR OFFICERS

» *Make sure to catch us next issue, where we will introduce your Directors at Large and Regional Directors.*



President
Dr. Roberto Verna

Curriculum Vitae

- Professor of Clinical Pathology and Director of the Research Centre for Sports Medicine and Management, University of Rome La Sapienza.
- Former President of the Italian Association of Clinical Pathology and Molecular Medicine is now Past President of the Italian Society of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, which he helped found.
- President Elect : World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM), of which he has been a member of the Bureau and Director of Europe 2007-2013 and representative of WASPaLM at the World Health Organization (2011-today).
- President of the World Pathology Foundation since 2015.
- President of the National College of Professors of Clinical Pathology.

Professional Experience

- Member of the Executive Board of Italian Federation of Medical Scientific Societies as Probo Viro (2012-2015). In 2015 has been elected as full member of the Executive Board for the period 2015-2018..
 - Member of the Executive Council of the Federation of the Italian Society of Laboratory Medicine - FISMeLab, since 2010.
 - Member of the Executive Committee of the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS)
 - Director of the Institute of Physical Education of L'Aquila, 1989-1991.
 - Physician, Specialist in Endocrinology; Science of Nutrition; General Pathology,
 - Has been taking care of the pathophysiological aspects of sport, in many aspects. He has been repeatedly to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, USA as Visiting Scientist.
 - Author of more than 150 publications in leading international journals and 12 books. He has given more than 30 invited lectures at major conferences.
 - Medical Doctor, graduate of Sapienza University cum laude; Ph.D. at Sapienza University cum laude.
 - Specialization in Endocrinology (1981 cum laude), General Pathology (1979 cum laude), Science of Nutrition (1974 cum laude).
 - Visiting Scientist, 1981, Laboratory of Molecular Biology, National Cancer Institute, N.I.H., Bethesda MD - USA. 1983, I.N.S.E.R.M., Unité de Pharmacologie Vasculaire et Renale, Hopital Necker, Paris - France. 1988, National Institute of Diabetes Digestive and Kidney Diseases, N.I.H., Bethesda MD - USA.
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**President Elect
Dr. Walter Alallon**

Born on 07/26/1950 Montevideo, Uruguay, he graduated in 1977 as a Medical Doctor at the School of Medicine. In 1980 he became a Specialist in Clinical Pathology (Laboratory), Graduate School, School of Medicine, University of the Republic of Uruguay. His doctoral thesis "Apolipoproteins" was unanimously graded as excellent (1982, School of Medicine, University of the Republic of Uruguay)

Between 1978 and 1980 he gained a continuous training scholarship in Lyon-Paris - INSERM - by the French government in Biochemistry and Endocrinology. He was appointed as "Assistant étranger" at the School of Medicine at Claude Bernard University, Lyon-Sud, France, in 1980.

In 1983, sponsored by the OAS, he got a continuous training scholarship: *Advanced Practices in Techniques and Problems in Cell Biology*, Universidad Católica de Chile, receiving the 1985 award from the "Medical Society of Santiago" for his work "Regulation of Biliary Cholesterol Secretion in Rats".

As professor invited by the Uruguayan Antarctic Institute, he visited the Antarctic Base in 1989, 1993 and 1994, being responsible for the Scientific Research Agreement between INSERM France, the Catholic University of Chile and the School of Medicine; "Study of the Nutritional Value of Antarctic Krill", Montevideo, Uruguay 1989 - 1994.

Since 1972 he has been teaching at the School of Medicine, University of the Republic of Uruguay, in 1984 he was appointed Associate Professor of the Department of Biochemistry and in the year 1992 - 2015 as Full Professor - Director of the Department of Clinical Pathology (Laboratory), School of Medicine, University of the Republic of Uruguay.

1995 – 1997 - President of the Board at the Clínicas Hospital, School of Medicine, University of the Republic of Uruguay, Director (acting). Full Professor from 1997-2000 President of Medical Staff, 2000 - 2002

Since 1985, he is Specialist in Clinical Pathology at CASMU (Center of Assistance of the Medical Syndicate of Uruguay) and since 2013 he is the Director of the Clinical Pathology Department.

He has been President of the Uruguayan Society of Clinical Pathology, 1987 - 1991, 2012 – 2015, President of the Uruguayan Congress of Clinical Pathology. Montevideo, Uruguay in 1989-1994 and President of the Scientific Committee of the II Congress of Clinical Pathology of MERCOSUR in 1996, Montevideo, Uruguay.

2000 - President of the XV Latin American Congress of Clinical Pathology (ALAPAC / ML) Montevideo, Uruguay.

2012-2014 - President of ALAPAC / ML (Latin American Association of Clinical Pathology / Laboratory Medicine) and 2010 - 2012 / 2014-2018 - Vice President of the Latin American Association of Clinical Pathology / Laboratory Medicine (ALAPAC / ML)

He is the Director of the Uruguayan Journal of Clinical Pathology (1996 – to date) Official Publication, Uruguayan Society of Clinical Pathology. He has written more than 316 scientific papers presented or published nationally and internationally. During his more than 40 years of teaching, he has trained researchers and specialists in Clinical Pathology in Uruguay and Latin America.



Past-President
Dr. Masami Murakami

Dr. Masami Murakami is the past-president of World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM), the executive director of Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine (JSLM), the auditor of the Japan Society for Clinical Laboratory Automation (JSCLA), the executive director of Japanese Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (JCCLS), the executive director of Japanese Promotion Council for Laboratory Testing, the trustee of Japan Society of Clinical Chemistry (JSCC), the trustee of The Japanese Society for Clinical Microbiology, the trustee of Japan Endocrine Society, the trustee of Japan Thyroid Association, and the president of the Organization for proper use of HbA1c.



Secretary Treasurer
Dr. Francesco Curcio

Current Position

- Full Professor of Clinical Pathology
Dipartimento di Area Medica. Università di Udine - School of Medicine
Direrctor, Dipartimento di Medicina di Laboratorio, University of Udine Teaching Hospital.

Curriculum Vitae

- Medical Degree, University of Napoli Medical School, “summa cum laude”, October 1981.
- Specialty Degree in “Biologia Clinica (Clinical Biology)”, July 1985.

Appointments

- 3/86-11/88: Visiting Fellow, Laboratory of Genetics, NCI, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA
- 6/89-7/89 and 6/90-7/90: Guest Researcher, Gene Expression Program, EMBL, Heidelberg.
- 4/92-10/92: Visiting Scientist, Laboratory of Genetics, NCI, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA
- 6/06-6/09 Scientific Coordinator of the Italian Space Agency Project “From Molecules to Man”.
- 2008-To date: Full Professor of Molecular Pathology, University of Udine Medical School
- 2015-To date: Full Professor of Clinical Pathology, University of Udine Medical School
- 2001-2009: Director, Unit of Cellular and Molecular Diagnosis and Therapy, University of Udine Medical Center, Udine, Italy.
- 2007-2015: Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer, VivaBioCell (VBC), S.p.A.
- 2009-To date: Chairman, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, University of Udine Medical Center, Udine, Italy.
- 2012-To date: Dean, School of Medicine, University of Udine.

Scientific Society Membership

- Italian Society of Pathology and Traslational Medicine (SIPMeT) – President
- Italian Society of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (SIPMeL) – VicePresident
- Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

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WHO Editorial: Critical gaps in laboratory leadership to meet global health security goals

Excerpted from “Critical gaps in laboratory leadership to meet global health security goals”

Excerpted from this report published as an editorial in the Bulletin of the WHO, 2017.

All Laboratories, Pathology, Chemistry, Microbiology and Molecular science, play a critical role in medical diagnostics. They are large and expensive organisations whose efficient functioning is crucial at all times, but critical when the system is severely stressed. One such instance is the recent Ebola crisis in West Africa (2013-2016).

The editorial provides a synopsis of the role Public health laboratories played in the detection, prevention and control of the virus . It would seem intuitive that the leadership of these laboratories be able to help shape national healthcare delivery policy and practise. However, in many parts of the world, this workforce and the Laboratories still need to be developed, reliable laboratory testing continues to be limited in many low- and middle- income countries.⁽¹⁾ [Global Health Security Agenda (2014, GHSA)]. Leadership Training facilities for Pathology Laboratories are need but are few & Funded fellowships are even more limited.

For further details please see the full Editorial available at <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/95/8/17-195883> and the listed references.

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WASPaLM Renewed as NGO with WHO

WASPaLM has for many years been an NGO with Official Status with the World Health Organisation. After a detailed review process, WASPaLM was renewed as an NGO Society in Official Relations with the WHO!

Role of WHO: We are the directing and coordinating authority on international health within the United Nations' system.

We do this by:

- providing leadership on matters critical to health and engaging in partnerships where joint action is needed;
- shaping the research agenda and stimulating the generation, translation and dissemination of valuable knowledge;
- setting norms and standards and promoting and monitoring their implementation;
- articulating ethical and evidence-based policy options;
- providing technical support, catalysing change, and building sustainable institutional capacity; and
- monitoring the health situation and assessing health trends

(Ref: From WHO Website: About WHO <http://who.int/about/what-we-do/en/>)

WHO's engagement with non-State actors (includes NGO's)

Engagement is a key aspect of WHO's role in global health governance and non-State actors play a critical role in supporting WHO's work to fulfil its constitutional mandate. (see: (adopted in resolution WHA69.10) OVERARCHING FRAMEWORK OF ENGAGEMENT WITH NON-STATE ACTORS)

Partnerships

Partnerships include various organizational structures, relationships and arrangements within and external to WHO to enhance collaboration to achieve better health outcomes.

Most recently, WASPaLM worked closely with the WHO representatives(in particular Ms Adriana Velasques-Berumen) in the development of the below listed Document:

"WHO list of priority medical devices for cancer management"
WHO Medical device technical series. Released Geneva May 2017.

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