



World Association of Societies of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

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By-Law Revisions Approved

We thank all member societies that voted on the acceptance of the revisions of the WASPaLM Bylaws. You would be glad to hear that the By-Laws revisions were all accepted, unanimously!

The revised by-Laws can be found on our website at: <http://www.waspalm.org/general-information/articles-of-incorporation-and-by-laws>

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XXIX World Congress of WASPaLM - 15-18 November 2017

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

As everyone gears down for a well deserved summer vacation your elected WASPaLM leadership is working hard to organize the **2017 WASPaLM World Congress in Conjunction with the 64th Annual meeting of the Japan Society of Laboratory Medicine and the World Pathology Foundation**. The Organizing Committee is chaired by Professor (Dr.) Masami Murakami (President, WASPaLM) and a large supporting group. They have put in many months of effort to organize a tantalizing program of scientific presentations, workshops, symposiums and more, covering the spectrum of Laboratory Medicine. We have all done (and continue to do) our best to ensure a contemporary program of science and applied medicine.

Now it is up to you! Come to Kyoto! Attend the Congress!!! Make the 29th World Congress 2017 a grand success. The congress will be inaugurated by a member of the Japanese Royal Family. The Royal Family had inaugurated the World Congress, held in Tokyo, Japan!! *

*(*President Dr Nozumo Kosakai, Secretary General Dr Tadashi Kawai.)*

The World Congress will see several firsts:

- First World Pathology Foundation (WPF) Symposium presented by past recipients of the WPF's prestigious Gordon Signey Fellowship (now in its 42nd year).
- First joint WASPaLM-WHO symposium geared to Laboratory Medicine in low and middle income group countries. WASPaLM has a long history of working with the WHO and is a NGO in "Official Relations with the WHO".

This relationship has become even more important now with the WHO's increasing emphasis on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD). NCD's are comprised of:

1. Cancer
2. Heart Disease
3. Lung Disease
4. Chronic Kidney Disease



The role of Pathology and the Laboratory in all of these NCD is very important. The role of Pathology and the entire laboratory, the traditional and the many new divisions, is critical in the diagnosis of cancer and in the management of the patient with cancer! In the era of personalized medicine, this is even more important! The role of the laboratory in the correct diagnosis of the tumors, malignant and benign cannot be emphasized enough! It helps prevent misdiagnosis, inappropriate treatment and unnecessary stress, pain and unnecessary expensive strain on scarce medical resources. Some of the symposia at the 29th World Congress 2017, focus on potential new aspects of tumor diagnosis.

The role of the laboratory in the management of heart and lung disease and in its prevention is known to you all, more than others and some of the educational lectures and symposia at the 29th World Congress 2017, will focus on these.

Chronic kidney disease plays a significant role in morbidity and mortality. The CKD group will present a symposium on this topic. CKD is unfortunately even more common in low and middle income groups (LMIG) countries. This symposium will provide a good update on the management of CKD.

In May 2017, the WHO held its 3rd Global Summit on Medical Devices. Three members of the Board of Directors of WASPaLM presented a symposium and spoke at three other sessions, at this Congress which was attended by representatives of 160 countries! We look forward to similar numbers at the 29th World Congress of Pathology 2017, at Kyoto, Japan in November 2017.¹

At the 3rd WHO Global Summit on Medical Devices the new document - WHO Recommended Medical Devices for Cancer Management (WHO Medical Device Technical series) - was officially released with a section on Pathology Laboratories by Ms. Adriana Velasques-Berumen, the WASPaLM representatives and Pathologists from several countries/institutions played a critical role in this document. The document is available from the WHO publication lists.

Wishing you all a great summer!

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On behalf of the WASPaLM Board of Directors

¹ May 2017. WHO list of priority medical devices for cancer management WHO Medical device technical series

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