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Welcome from Masami Murakami, President

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

I am pleased to welcome you to the 29th World Congress of World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPALM), in conjunction with the 64th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine (JSLM), which will take place in Kyoto, Japan from November 14th to 17th in 2017. This will be the 2nd World Congress in Japan following the 12th World Congress of WASPaLM in Tokyo.

The mission of WASPaLM is to improve health throughout the world by promoting the teaching and practice of all aspects of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. The first World Congress was held in London in 1951, and the World Congresses have followed in various locations throughout the world, and served as important platforms for updates and discussion on practices in Pathology and Laboratory medicine. In Kyoto, recent advances and future directions in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine will be discussed under the theme of the Congress: "Contribution to Medical Innovation of the Next-Generation". Kyoto is a unique city in Japan because it has an unbroken and well-recorded millennium of history, much of which as reigning capital of the nation. It is known to Japan as the cradle of its unique culture, and the spiritual home of the Japanese.



Kyoto is an easily accessible city because it is located in the geographical center of Japan. November is the best season for the sight-seeing in Kyoto because of red leaves of autumn. See you all in Kyoto, Japan in November 2017.

Sincerely,

Masami Murakami, MD, PhD.

President, the 29th World Congress of World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

and the

64th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine

Greetings from Roberto Verna, President-Elect

Dear Colleagues,

It is with a mixture of reverence and pride that I approach the 29th World Congress at Kyoto Nov 2017, where I become the President of WASPaLM. There are some intriguing coincidences that make this important appointment particular to me. 1947 is the date of birth

of WASPaLM. 1947 is the date of birth of the Italian Society of Clinical Pathology and Molecular Medicine, the Society of which I was the President when I first joined the WASPaLM Bureau in 2007. 1947 is my birth date.

I therefore have a major sense of responsibility in this high honor that you, my Colleagues, have bestowed on me by appointing me the next President. I promise to do my best to serve the Association, in order to enlarge and empower it to achieve the role of the leading Association of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

WASPALM has recently changed its by-laws with a very important variant: all constituent societies are grouped according to the macro Regions drawn by the World Health Organization (North America, South America, Europe, East Mediterranean, Africa, Southeast Asia, Western Pacific). Each Society belongs to the Region of its Country. In the WASPaLM Board, each of the Regions is represented by a Director, in addition to the President Prof. Roberto Verna (Italy) and the Past President Prof. Masami Murakami (Japan). The elections that were conducted this year, by our Secretary-Treasurer, Dr Jagdish Butany, have elected the Societies which in turn will be represented by their own nominee on the WASPaLM Board. The President Elect is Prof. Walter Alallon (Uruguay Society), Secretary Treasurer is Prof. Francesco Curcio (SIPMeL), Director for North America is Prof. Kathrine Hayward (ISLH), Director for South America is Prof. Nairo Sumita (Brazil Society), Director for Europe is Prof. Ozkan Alatas (Turkish Society), Director for Africa is Dr. Itzak Loftus (South African Society), Director Western Pacific is Prof. Hong Shang (Chinese Society, CSLM), Director East Mediterranean is Dr. Salwa Mekki (Sudan) and Director South East Asia is Prof. Ida Parwati (RI).

In addition, in keeping with the bylaws the current Bureau has appointed two "Directors at Large", Dr. Toshiyuki Yamada (Japan) representing the JSLM and Dr. Maadh Aldouri (Great Britain), representing the Royal College of Pathologists.

These changes were made to foster even greater relationships between Societies in the same macro Region.

Now, a few hints as to the priorities in my program, the first is to expand the number of Constituent Societies, thus increasing participation in WASPaLM; the second is aimed at increasing the revenue of the Association, thus allowing more face-to-face meetings and to invite at least the Presidents of the Constituent Societies to attend the Congresses, in order to get them more actively involved. All this should increase the scientific (and political) weight of the Association and reinforce existing the official relationships with the World Health Organization.

Laboratory Medicine is going through very interesting times. In spite of the fundamental importance that the laboratory assumes in clinical diagnosis, the significantly increased value of the Pathology report in these days of increasingly personalized medicine, the laboratory continues to be hammered by budget cuts with a decrease in the ability of public laboratories to continue to perform at the present levels (in many countries). We need to continue to point out to the appropriate clinician, medical students residents in training and the authorities, the importance of ordering only the right tests and not just a whole battery of tests, some of which may be of limited value and some of no value. This would save laboratory time, cut the number of tests done and cut costs, thus leaving some funds for laboratory improvement. We must continue to make these efforts.

It is essential that international organizations such as WASPaLM, IFCC, UEMS, CIOMS and other Pathology organisations, both laboratory and clinical, join hands and work together with the WHO, to support the work that National Societies carry out within their boundaries and with their Governments.



The point is to define a common strategy for the enhancement of Laboratory Medicine.

In short, WASPaLM needs to be institutionally, scientifically and programmatically strong, pushing for the changes and not just being "towed by" the events, reapplying laboratory science and opening new ways, really towards the future.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the Kyoto World Congress and will be always available for anything you may need.

Roberto Verna

President-elect, WASPaLM

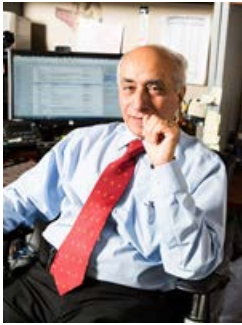
World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

A Message from Jagdish Butany, Secretary-Treasurer

I take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2017, 29th Biannual World Congress of the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, to be held in Kyoto, Japan in conjunction with the 64th Annual meeting of the Japan Association of Laboratory Medicine. Prof (Dr) Masami Murakami is the Chair of the Organising Committee (as well as the WASPaLM President) and he along with his Committee have put in a huge amount of effort to make this a memorable meeting, in a memorable setting. The beautiful city of Kyoto is a former capital city of Japan and now a major attraction for national and international tourists. The large number of temples in idyllic, natural settings provide a peaceful break from the hectic conference meetings!

WASPALM was "born" 60 years ago in 1947, the "child" of several leading pathologists who realised the critical and central role of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in patient care, the need to raise the quality of laboratory services worldwide (especially in LMIC) along with the need to improve access to quality laboratory services. They were ahead of their times in thinking about the need to maintain and improve/expand an individual's skills. From these was born the idea of a regular bi-annual World Congress to which all Laboratarians could come as well as the need for a process to help young laboratorians, especially from the LMIC, to acquire new or

special skills and to improve on others for the benefit of patients in their home countries. From this was conceived the need for the fellowship program, now called the Gordon-Signy Fellowship. This fellowship, worth US\$ 5000-7000.00 per fellow was offered every other year. This year, for the first time, past recipients of this fellowship, will be speaking at the World Congress about the skills that they have acquired.



I hope that in addition to enjoying the huge spectrum of scientific knowledge being presented at this Congress, you will renew friendships, make new ones and take a few minutes to learn about WASPaLM and then become an active participant in WASPaLM 's activities. Do take back memories of this WASPaLM World Congress, the city of Kyoto, and the many wonderful people that you will have met.

Safe travels, Good Luck and May God Bless us ALL!

Jagdish Butany

Secretary-Treasurer, WASPaLM

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WASPALM Announces 2017 – 2019 Board – Meet your Directors!

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
Secretary Treasurer	Dr. Francesco Curcio
Director at Large	Dr. Toshiyuki Yamada
Director at Large	Dr. Maadh Aldouri

Regional Directors

Africa	Dr. Izak Loftus
East Mediterranean	Dr. Salwa Mekki
Europe	Dr. Ozkan Alatas
North America	Dr. Catherine Hayward
South America	Dr. Nairo Sumita
South East Asia	Dr. Ida Parwati
Western Pacific	Dr. Shang Hong

INTRODUCING YOUR DIRECTORS AT LARGE AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Biographies have been truncated for space (publications and speaking engagements removed). Full biographies are available on the WASPaLM website.



Director at Large
Dr. Toshiyuki Yamada

Current Position

- Professor, Department of Clinical laboratory Medicine, Jichi Medical University

Educational Background

- 1984 M.D., cum laude, Niigata University School of Medicine
- 1991 Ph. D. Niigata University

Professional Experience

- 1984-1988 Resident in Clinical Laboratory Medicine, Niigata University Hospital
- 1988-1995 Assistant in Clinical Laboratory Medicine, Niigata University Hospital
- 1992-1995 Visiting Research Fellow in Medical Genetics, Indiana University School of Medicine

- 1995-1999 Lecturer in Department of Clinical Pathology, Jichi Medical School
- 1999-2005 Associate Professor in Clinical Pathology, Juntendo University School of Medicine
- 2005-2008 Associate Professor in Clinical Laboratory Medicine, Jichi Medical University
- 2008-present Professor in Clinical Laboratory Medicine, Jichi Medical University

Professional Organizational

- Vice President, Japanese Society of Clinical Laboratory Medicine



**Director at Large
Dr. Maadh Aldouri**

Current Position

Director of International Affairs Royal College of Pathologists, London

Dr Aldouri is the Program Clinical Director for Cancer Services, Pathology and Haematology at Medway Maritime Hospital and Clinical Director of Pathology at Darent Valley Hospital in Kent. He also works as a Consultant Haematologist at King's College Hospital, London. He is a graduate of the College of Medicine of Baghdad University, Iraq and has worked in the Middle East for over ten years. In 1993 he co-founded the Riyadh Haematology Group in Saudi Arabia, and in the UK established a network of Iraqi pathologists.

He was awarded Fellowship of The Royal College of Pathologists in 1988, and was subsequently appointed as their International Advisor for the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) region in 2013. He has been Chair of the Haematology Speciality Group of Kent and Medway Cancer Network since 2001, member of South Thames Regional of the RCPATH Council 2001-2003 and Chair of the Pathology Committee of the Inter-Collegiate Iraq Liaison Group. He was appointed as the College's Director of International Affairs in January 2015.



**Africa
Dr. Izak Loftus**

Izak is a graduate from the University of Stellenbosch where he obtained the degrees MBChB, MMed(Forens Path), FForPath(SA), MMed(Anat Path) and MPhil (Applied ethics). He has practised as a Forensic Pathologist and Histopathologist since 1994. Although he practises the whole scope of histopathology, he has a special interest in cardiorespiratory pathology, neuropathology and molecular medicine. He often acts as expert witness in medico-legal matters.

He is a senior partner in PathCare (Drs Dietrich, Voigt, Mia and partners) based in Somerset West and a past chairman of PathCare. He is also a former extra-ordinary professor in Forensic Medicine in the College of Law, Unisa, and an accredited lecturer in the Department of Forensic Medicine at the University of Stellenbosch. He is a member of the National Pathology Group of South Africa.



**East Mediterranean
Dr. Salwa Mekki**

Current Positions

- Associate Professor of pathology, Al Neelain University
- Dean Assistant, Neelain Center for Education and Professional Development, (NCEPD), Al-Neelain University
- Head Histopathology Department, Soba University Hospital
- Secretary General, Sudanese Association of Pathologists
- Council member of the International Academy of Pathology-Arab Division

Professional Experience

- Past Head Pathology, Department-Faculty of Medicine
- Past Head Histopathology department, National health Laboratory 1999-2007

Education and Experience

- MBBS - University of Khartoum - Sudan 1986. MD pathology - University of Khartoum Sudan
- Master (MsCH) in Clinical Histopathology/ Kuala-Lumpur/ Malaysia University / Malaysia
- ISN Fellowship nephropathology, US 2015
- Master medical education for health profession, Al Neelain University 2017
- Active consultant histopathologist, Soba University Hospital
- Undergraduate teaching of medical, dental, pharmacy physiotherapy students, postgraduate teaching, MD pathology, Basic sciences in Surgery & medicine in Sudan Specialization Board.
- Examiner: postgraduates students in MD pathology, External examiner of MD thesis of pathology & Fellowships of subspecialties and PhDs.
- Participation in writing Guidelines, protocols and member of advisory boards and committees: Actively involved in writing guidelines in Sudan: breast cancer diagnosis and management, prostatic cancer diagnosis and management, cervical cancer screening programme, continuous professional development for consultants and practical doctors in Sudan Medical Council. Re-appraisal of the regulations of the Sudan Medical Association.
- Boards Member: Colorectal cancer, oncology centre, Soba university Hospital, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Organizer of conferences and workshops: General Secretary of 24th Congress of International Academy of Pathology-Arab Division, 2012 Khartoum, Sudan, organizer of Arab-British School of Pathology Workshop in Soft tissue tumor, 2011; Khartoum, Sudan.



Europe
Dr. Ozkan Alatas

Prof. Dr. Ozkan Alatas
MD, Specialist on Clinical Biochemistry

Prof. Dr. Ozkan Alatas was born in 1961 and graduated from the Medical Faculty of Ege University, Turkey in 1985. After mandatory medical service, he became a specialist in Clinical Biochemistry in 1992 and full professor in 2002.

He is the Director of Clinical Laboratory in Eskisehir Osmangazi University Hospital since 1996. He worked as Chair of the Department of Medical Biochemistry, Vice Dean, Dean and member of Ethical Committee in Medical Faculty. Prof. Alatas has served for Curriculum Commission of Speciality Education in Medical Biochemistry under the Council of Specialization in Medicine which is working on standardization of education of medical specialists in Turkey as a member since 2009 and chair from 2014.

Prof. Alatas has been the President of Turkish Society of Clinical Biochemistry since 2012 which is the constituent society of WASPaLM.

His main research area is endocrinology especially possible relationship between hormones and cytokines. In the field of clinical biochemistry, he is the author of 80 publications in peer-reviewed international journals with more than 900 citations.

Prof. Alatas is married and has one daughter and one son.



North America
Dr. Catherine Hayward

Curriculum Vitae

- Professor of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, and Medicine, McMaster University Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, McMaster University (2009-present)
- Head, Coagulation, Hamilton Regional Laboratory Medicine Program, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- President of the International Society of Laboratory Hematology (currently in 2nd term)
- Former Executive Secretary for the International Society for Laboratory Hematology
- Board Member, THSNA (Thrombosis Hemostasis Summit of North America)
- Former President of the North American Specialized Coagulation Laboratory Association (NASCOLA) for two terms
- Former Treasurer of NASCOLA
- Former Chair and Member, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Advisory Committee on Clinician Investigator Training
- Former Chair, Vice-Chair and Member, American Society of Hematology Scientific Committee on Hematopathology and Clinical Laboratory Hematology
- Former Associate Editor for Seminars in Thrombosis
- Former Section Editor for Hemostasis and Thrombosis and Haemostasis

Education and Qualifications

- Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology from Dawson College (Highest Achievement)
- B.Sc. and M.D. *cum laude* from the University of Western Ontario
- Ph.D. from McMaster University (Gold Medal)
- Specialist in Internal Medicine, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- Subspecialty Certificate in Hematology, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Areas of Interest

I have a strong interest in laboratory medicine, clinical and laboratory hematology and in hemostasis and thrombosis, including bleeding disorders and the molecular mechanisms of platelet function. On behalf of the International Society for Laboratory Hematology, I have been leading a grant project on developing online education, mentorship and networking programs to strengthen supports for the laboratory hematology community worldwide. I have a strong interest in promoting laboratory medicine and in promoting the careers of others, particularly those of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, emerging clinician investigators and laboratory physicians.



South America
Dr. Nairo Sumita

Current Positions

- Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology Discipline, Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo - FMUSP, (São Paulo University Medical School), Brazil (2005 – now)
- Director of Clinical Biochemistry Service, Central Laboratory Division of Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo – DLC-HC-FMUSP, (Clinical Hospital of São Paulo University Medical School), Brazil, (Since 1994 – now).
- Medical Advisor in Biochemistry, Fleury Medicina & Saúde (Fleury Diagnostics), São Paulo, Brazil (2007 – now).
- Scientific Director, Brazilian Society of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (SBPC/ML), Brazil (2008 – now)

Education

- Sorocaba Medical School of São Paulo Catholic University. Sorocaba, SP, Brazil, 1982- 1987.
- Internal Medicine Residency
State University of Campinas Medical School – UNICAMP
Campinas, SP, Brazil, 1989.
- Clinical Pathology Residency
Clinical Hospital of São Paulo University Medical School
São Paulo, SP, Brazil, 1990 – 1992.

Postgraduate Training

- Doctoral Thesis Defense
São Paulo University Medical School.
São Paulo, Brazil, 2002.

Personal Interests

- Clinical chemistry, particularly in the study of trace elements analysis, therapeutic drug monitoring, laboratory tests in diabetes and lipid profile
- Quality management and implementation of quality systems in the clinical laboratory.



Southeast Asia
Dr. Ida Parwati

Prof. Dr. Ida Parwati, MD, PhD
Professor, Clinical Pathologist-Infectious Diseases Consultant

Current Position

- Head of Department of Clinical Pathology, Dr. Hasan Sadikin
- Hospital- Faculty of Medicine Universitas Padjadjaran
- President of Indonesian Society of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Qualifications

1. Medical doctor (25-08-1982- Universitas Padjadjaran)
2. Clinical Pathologist (13-07-1992 – Universitas Padjadjaran)
3. Doctor/S3 (12-10-2004 - Universitas Padjadjaran)
4. Consultant of Tropical and Infectious Disease/Clinical Microbiology (04-11-2007)
5. PhD – Radboud University Medical Center Nijmegen - The Netherlands (9-11-2009)
6. Professor in Clinical Pathology (1-11-2011) Universitas Padjadjaran



Western Pacific
Dr. Hong Shang

HONG SHANG MD, PhD
Professor of Medicine, Doctoral Supervisor
President of the First Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University

Education

- Medical Degree, China Medical University, “Clinical Medicine”, July 1983.
- PhD, University of Yamanashi, “Ecology”, March, 1996.

Appointments

- 1994/11-1997/8 Associate Professor/Associate Chief Physician, Department of Laboratory Medicine, The First Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University
- 1997/9- present Professor/Chief Physician, Department of Laboratory Medicine, The First Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University
- 2000/6- present Professor/Chief Physician/Dean, Key Laboratory of AIDS Immunology of National Health and Family Planning Commission
- 2003/7-2014/2 Vice President/Professor, The First Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University
- 2013/2- present Vice President/Professor, China Medical University
- 2014/2-present President/Professor, The First Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University

Society Memberships

- 2008/7-2014/12 President, Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine
- 2013-present Chairman Designate, Chinese Medical Doctor Association of Lab Medicine
- 2010/8-present Chairman, Technical Committee for Laboratory, China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment
- 2010/10-present Chief Editor, Chinese Journal of Laboratory Medicine
- 2010/4-2015 Executive Director, Chinese Medical Association
- 2014/5-present Vice President, Laboratory Technicality Board of China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment
- 2015/4-present Member, State Council Discipline (Clinical Medicine) Degree Review Board
- 2015/7-present Vice President, National Prevention & Control of STD/AIDS Expert Association
- 2016/2-present Member of the standing Committee, Integrative Medical Committee of the Chinese Medical Doctor Association
- 2016/2-present Chairman, Academic Board of Chinese Association of STD and AIDS Prevention and Control
- 2016/5-present Member of the standing Committee, Precise Medicine Committee of the Chinese Medical Doctor Association
- 2016/8-present Executive Director, China Hospital Association

Awards and Honors

- 1999, 2004, 2014 Liaoning Provincial Science and Technology Progress Award, First Grade
- 2007, 2008, 2015 National Award for Scientific and Technological Progress, Second Grade
- 2014 HLHL foundation for scientific and Technological Progress Award
- 2015 Prize «French National Academy of Medicine-Servier»

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