



# World Association of Societies of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

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## The Warm Sunny Days of Summer 2015 are Here!

Most people in North America & Europe have images of the beach and the warm waters of lakes or oceans in mind! Soon after that comes the start of the new Academic year, and the back to work plans. It will also bring us closer to the **28th World Congress of WASPaLM** and the Annual Congress of the Mexican Federation of Clinical Pathologists at CANCUN!

We hope that you've made your plans to attend and to participate; if not, it is still not too late! The organisers promise a great experience-educationally, and culturally. With a number of historic sites nearby they are well worth day trips with family and friends! We will be on the fabulous beaches that the Mexican Riviera and we all know the delicious Mexican cuisine! Join our hosts and have a great time! C U there!!!



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In this city you can also enjoy some of the most delicious dishes of the typical cuisine from Yucatan, such as "Relleno negro", "Panuchos", "Salbutes", "Papadzules", and "Cochinita Pibil" tacos, a recipe consisting of pork prepared with annatto and sour orange, and accompanied by red onions and black beans. They all have in common the corn tortilla.

**COME AND ENJOY THESE AND MUCH MORE !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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XXVIII World Congress - WASPaLM

*Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: On the Forefront of Personalized Medicine*

Cancún, México

18- 21 November 2015

The Mexican Federation of Clinical Pathology in conjunction with the Mexican Federation of Anatomic Pathology and the Mexican Association of Pathologists will host the **XXVIII WASPaLM World Congress** in Cancún, México, from the 18th to the 21st of November 2015.

This international meeting is a unique forum characterized by state-of-the-art scientific program, including the participation of world-class experts in the field of pathology and laboratory medicine. It will be a key meeting place to explore the new trends and hot topics related to the vast field of pathology.

We look forward to active participation from WASPaLM Societies.



Please refer to the Congress website for updates: <http://www.pathologycancun2015.org/>

## ABSTRACTS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 31, 2015

The deadline for abstract submission to the XXVIII World Congress of Pathology (WASPALM) 2015 has been extended to August 31st. We encourage you to please submit your abstracts and clinical research studies to be presented at the congress. Abstracts are to be displayed in a POSTER format, and will be divided into Anatomic Pathology and Clinical Pathology.

For more information regarding Abstract submission characteristics, please

- » **Download the full Call for Abstracts (English)**
- » **Visit the ABSTRACTS section of the conference website**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 31, 2015: Extended Deadline for Abstract Submissions
- September 15, 2015: Deadline for response by the Scientific Committee:
- **18-21 November, 2015: XXVIII World Congress of Pathology (WASPALM)**

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## WASPALM Announces 2015 – 2017 Bureau

President	Dr. Masami Murakami
President Elect	Dr. Roberto Verna
Past-President	Dr. Lai-Meng Looi
Secretary Treasurer	Dr. Jagdish Butany
Director – Africa	Dr. Izak Loftus
Director – Asia	Dr. Annie Cheung
Director – Australia	Dr. Peter Michael Stewart
Director – Europe	Dr. Michael Oellerich
Director – Latin America	Dr. Marilene Melo
Director – North America	Dr. David Wilkinson

**With closure of nominations on 31 July 2015, the WASPaLM Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the 2015-2017 Bureau.**

**The new Bureau will assume office after the House of Representatives' meeting on 18 November 2015.**

Director at Large – Japan	Dr. Toshiyuki Yamada
Director at Large	Dr. Michael William Harrison
Director at Large	Dr. July Kumalawati
Director at Large	Dr. Dobrin Svinarov

## Upcoming WASPaLM Activities

WASPALM will be involved at the following events;

### Education and Capacity-Building in Myanmar

Following on the official dialogue between the Royal College of Pathologists (UK) and the Ministry of Health (Myanmar) on pathology education and capacity-building in Myanmar, the Introductory programme in Anatomical Pathology has taken off, with the efforts of, Dr. Soo-Yong Tan, course co-ordinator. WASPaLM is pleased to have been part of the dialogue and has committed to contribute to this initiative in Myanmar. In September 2015, Dr. Jagdish Butany will teach a course on Cardiac Pathology while Dr Lai-Meng Looi will teach Renal Pathology in January 2016. Further participation from WASPaLM will continue as the programme unfolds.

### Participation of WASPaLM in Member Societies' scientific conferences

- **Dr Masami Murakami, President-Elect of WASPaLM**, will deliver a keynote lecture on "*Current Issues in Laboratory Medicine*" at the **8th Conference of the Indonesian Society of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine**, in conjunction with the ASCPALM Regional Meeting, in Manado North Sulawesi – Indonesia, 21st-23rd October 2015.
- **Dr Lai-Meng Looi, President of WASPaLM**, will be delivering a plenary lecture on "*Stratification of Neuroendocrine tumours for therapy and prognostication*" at the **Eleventh National Laboratory Medicine Conference of the Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine** – Nanjing, China, September 9-12, 2015. WASPaLM will also be contributing a symposium on "Advances in Biomarkers".
- **Prof Oellerich, Director Europe**, will be delivering the opening lecture on "*Biomarkers in cancer and transplantation*" at the National Conference of the Bulgarian Society of Clinical Laboratory in Borovetz, Bulgaria on September 10, 2015.
- **Dr Lai-Meng Looi, President of WASPaLM**, will be addressing the **Inaugural National Congress of the Italian Society of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine** in Rome, in November 2015 on "*The Future of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: Challenges and Evolving Roles*".
- **WASPALM** has also granted auspices to the 2015 annual meeting of the **German Society DGKL**.
- **November 2016**, WASPaLM renewed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Asia-Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry in August last year. Arising from the MOU, WASPaLM-APFCB accreditation workshops are being developed and are planned to be launched in the Asia-Pacific Region, November 2016

### WASPALM collaborations at the XXVIII World Congress

- **November 18, 2015**  
WASPALM and IFCC are collaborating to sponsor a Young Scientists event in Cancun. The topic of this session will be "*Young specialists in laboratory medicine of the future - preparing together*".
- **November 20, 2015**  
WASPALM and IATDMCT are organizing a symposium on "*Advances in therapeutic drug monitoring to achieve personalized pharmacotherapy*"
- **November 21, 2015**  
Joint WASPaLM-IFCC symposium at the World Congress in Cancun on the topic of "*Liquid Biopsy: Recent advances in the development of nucleic acids and circulating tumor cell assays for the diagnosis and monitoring of cancer*"

### WASPALM and the World Health Organisation (WHO)

The UN General Assembly held a **UN High-Level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in September 2011 in New York**. The High-Level Meeting focused on agreeing on a global strategy for the four most prominent Non-Communicable Diseases, namely, cancers, cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes. The High-Level Meeting resulted in a **UN Political Declaration** on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases.

During the **66th World Health Assembly in May 2013**, WHO Member States unanimously adopted a 3-part omnibus resolution outlining how they planned to achieve this 25% reduction in the global burden of NCDs by 2025. The 3 parts of the omnibus resolution that was approved are:

1. Adoption of a **Global Monitoring Framework for NCDs** establishing the goals and targets to be achieved and monitored
2. Endorsement of the **Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2013-2020** outlining the action steps
3. Agreement to establish a global coordination mechanism to implement the plan at the national level in collaboration with other organizations

The major wins for cancer within the WHO Global NCD Action Plan are:

- Cancer planning and surveillance
- Vaccination for HPV and HBV against cervical and liver cancers
- Early detection and screening for breast, cervical, oral and colorectal cancers, linked to timely treatment
- Access to essential medicines and technologies
- Palliative care policies

As part of the Cancer Planning and surveillance initiative, Dr Jagdish Butany, Secretary Treasurer WASPaLM, attended meetings in Geneva, in May 2015 regarding Medical Devices for Cancer Management. These are the devices-pieces of equipment – that are essential for the running of a Pathology laboratory to perform cytopathology and histopathology analyses Also included in the discussion was the design and setting up of a good laboratory, at several different levels of complexity. These meetings are part of the ongoing WHO NCD initiative.

These new initiatives by WHO, in the fields of Non Communicable Diseases, especially with regard to cancer need pathology and pathologists input. WASPaLM is glad to help and proud to be a part of the initiative.

The Medical Devices for Cancer Management are part of the plans to help build cancer diagnosis and treatment infrastructure especially in Low and Middle Income Countries. There will be further meetings to finalise the equipment necessary for these initiatives.

WASPALM will be attending the **66th Session of the World Health Organization Regional Committee for the Western Pacific Region** in Guam, October 12-16, 2015.

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## History of the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

The history of WASPaLM was first compiled by Dr. William H. McMenemy and, following his death, Dr. Peter Hendry. They covered the period from 1947 to 1975. Dr. Utz P. Merten, a past president of WASPaLM, has extended this history through the fall of 2003. Assisted by Dr. Henry Travers, Dr. Merten's *History* is currently undergoing editorial revision and proofreading. It, together with the McMenemy/Hendry work (reissued as Volume I), are being set in a new format and will be available together before the end of 2015. While both volumes will be available in iBook format, publishing them in print is currently under consideration.

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## World Pathology Foundation Gordon Signy Fellowships



Eight applications for 2016 **Gordon Signy Fellowships** have been received and are being circulated to the Trustees of the WPF for evaluation.

The Trustees, serving in the capacity of Regents of the Fellowship, consider the previous training of applicants, the quality of their proposed fellowship training and the importance of their training to the health of the citizens of their home countries.

Announcement of Fellowship winners will be made in September 2015.

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## WASPALM By Law Changes

The By Laws Committee has met several times to review the Constitution and Governance of WASPaLM in order to enhance its effectiveness, better engage its member societies and to bring it in line with the governance of member societies. The Committee will be bringing forward several proposals for changes, at the House of Representatives meeting in November 2015.

The initial focus of these changes has been on the electoral process and the composition of the Bureau. Changes under discussion include:

- Rationalisation, and Elimination of the 2nd stage, of the Election Process; allowing nominations to be brought forward and voted on by the membership in a one-tier process.
- The WASPaLM Office bearers will be the President, President-elect and Secretary Treasurer. The Past-President will not hold an official seat on the Bureau
- WASPaLM Directors will be elected based on the WHO regions and the position will be held by an elected Society rather than individuals. The elected Society will then appoint a representative to sit on the Bureau.
- There will be 3 core Committees. The Chairs of these committees will be nominated by member societies who will sit on the WASPaLM Bureau as non-voting members.
  - Education

- Advocacy
- International Liaison

Further details will be provided to Constituent Societies before the meeting of the House of Representatives in the Fall of 2015.

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