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Dear Colleagues,

We are all, saddened with the events that have occurred in Japan, the horrific earthquake and the subsequent massive Tsunami. Equally, the aftershocks and the difficulties with the nuclear reactors in one prefecture, cause everyone anguish. We all pray for the health and welfare of the people of Japan, especially those in the affected areas.

On all of our behalves we offer our sympathies to all of those affected, condolences to those who have lost a dear one and extend our helping hand to any of our colleagues in Japan who need any help from us.

World Congress: The 26th World Congress of WASPaLM, draws closer. October is not far. Make your plans and join your colleagues in Las Vegas! The folks at the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP), our host Society for 2011, have organized an exceptional educational program.

Together with the ASCP, we have a scintillating speaker for the inaugural address and opening ceremonies, none other than **former US President William Jefferson (Bill) Clinton**. His address is always a pleasure to listen to and one that is full of good advice and invariably topical.

The meeting itself has tremendous educational content and there are certainly speakers from amongst us, who will be participating. We look forward to having all of you there and meeting with you, making new friendships and renewing old ones.

World Congress Abstracts: For all those of you have scientific work that you have been doing, case series that you would like to present, the abstract deadline is in April. Please check the dates on the website and submit your abstracts. The meeting promises to be a great one!

Calendar of Events: Your Association needs your help. We would like to maintain, a web based calendar of events occurring in different Member Societies worldwide. We cannot do this without your help. We would like to hear from you, at the earliest date possible, the location of your next annual meeting, of educational programs you may be planning and organizing, as well as the contact information for those involved. The location of the meetings would of course be a bonus, as would the dates on which the meeting will be held. We look forward to getting these from you, helping you advertise the event by placing it on the WASPaLM web site. If you would like WASPaLM to be a Co-Sponsor, please write to the President and you will get a rapid response.

Below are some meetings that may interest your membership. Please check their websites for more information:

1. 1st EUCAT course for physicians and surgeons in Hannover, Germany in April
2. XIth Congress of National Clinical Biochemistry in Antalya in April
3. 61st National Congress of AIPaCMeM in Caserta, in May
4. Chinese National Congress in Peking, in May
5. CAP-ACP Annual Congress, June 4-8 2011 Vancouver BC Canada.

6. National Meeting of Clinical Laboratory in Varna, in September, 2011
7. BCLF 2011 in Bucharest in September, 2011
8. IATDMCT Kongress 2011 in Stuttgart in October, 2011
9. ASCP Annual Meeting WASPaLM XXVI World Congress in Las Vegas in October, 2011

Elections: This is the year for elections to the WASPaLM Executive / Bureau. The State of nominees from the Nomination Committee has been circulated to all Member Societies. We look forward to getting any additions or further nominations from you, within the stated deadline.

As winter draws to a close (in North America), I take this opportunity to wish you all a pleasant spring and summer and to remind you again that we look forward to meeting you in Las Vegas at the 26th World Congress of WASPaLM.

Best Wishes,
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