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## Nominations for Officers and Directors of WASPaLM, 2015-2017

The deadline for nominations for Officers and Directors WASPaLM 2015-2017 is **March 31, 2015**. WASPaLM is seeking your nominations for the positions of :

- President-Elect
- Directors of WASPaLM (10)
  - 6 regional directors
  - 4 directors-at-large

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## Notice of World Congress 2015

### 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 are most proud to host and invite you to 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. The representatives participating in the conference are from North and Latin- America, Europe, Asia and Australasia.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are honored to welcome you to join the exciting meeting and we look forward to seeing you in the Mayan city of Cancún.

Roberto Ruiz-Arenas, MD.  
President of the Organizing Committee  
Director for Latin Americ WASPaLM



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## WHO Global Coordination Mechanism News Update

### News update from the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCD (WHO NCD/GCM) and the UN Task Force on NCDs

Colleagues of the GCM Secretariat are pleased to share the second "WHO Newsletter Briefing on Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (WHO NCD/GCM) and the UN Inter-agency Task Force on NCDs (UN Task Force)", an e-update for participants of the GCM, the Task Force and international partners.

We hope you find the newsletter interesting and informative.

Please send any feedback to [gcmncd@who.int](mailto:gcmncd@who.int) and/or [unncdtaskforce@who.int](mailto:unncdtaskforce@who.int).

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## Symposium in Sofia: Celebrating International Pathology Day 2014!

### International Pathology Day 2014

Sofia, Bulgaria

5 November 2014

The Bulgarian Academy of Science and Art (BASAA) in cooperation with, and under the auspices of WASPaLM organized An Educational symposium to celebrate International Pathology Day, in Sofia, Bulgaria on Wednesday, November 05, 2014.



- Prof. Gamze Mocan Kuzey, past president of WASPaLM opened the symposium with the talk "HPV Effects on PAP Smears and Screening Policy". She emphasized the global burden of cancer, the role of genital HPV on PAP smears, and the preanalytical, analytical and post analytical phase in quality assurance with respect to current and future strategies for the prevention and early detection of cervical cancer.
- Prof. Boyadjieva presented a timely talk - an overview of "Stem Cells in Medicine";
- Prof. Genova gave a talk entitled "Integrated Diagnostics of Indolent Lymphoma", including next generation sequencing, diagnostic guidelines and future diagnostic and prognostic abilities.
- Prof. Svinarov spoke about the role of "Vitamin D in Health and Disease: Implications in Oncology" and emphasized the protective role of vitamin D in various diseases, including cancer.

This celebration of the International Pathology Day included a ceremonial presentation of Academic membership diploma to Prof. Gamze Mocan Kuzey who was elected a foreign member of BASAA!

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## Report of the participation of the WASPaLM delegation in the 136th WHO Conference

The delegation of WASPaLM, constituted by Professor Roberto Verna, President of the Italian Association of Clinical Pathology and Molecular Medicine, Representative of WASPaLM to WHO, and Dr. Paula Tavora, president of the Brazilian Society for Clinical Pathology - SBPC / ML, attended the 136th Meeting of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland, from 26th January to 3rd February 2015.

The main topics discussed (excluding the administrative items) have been the following (Items and sub items).

### Non Communicable Diseases: Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition and WHO's role in its follow up.

- Update of the commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
- Follow up the 2014 high level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to undertake a comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

### Promoting Health Through the Life Course

Monitoring the achievement of the health related millennium development goals HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Addressing the health impact of air pollution
- Climate and health: outcome of the WHO Conference on Health and Climate
- Adolescent health
- Women and health: 20 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

### Preparedness, surveillance and response

- Antimicrobial resistance
- Poliomyelitis
- Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

### Health systems

- Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anesthesia as a component of universal health coverage
- WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel
- Substandard / spurious / falsely -labelled / falsified / counterfeit medical! products
- Follow-up of the report of the Expert Working Group on Research Consultative and Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

### Communicable Diseases

- Malaria: draft global technical strategy post-2015
- Dengue: prevention and control
- Global vaccine action plan

### 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak

EBOLA – Social stigma

Ebola was first identified in Africa in 1976, in two simultaneous outbreaks in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. It was in this country that the disease was named, as it was first diagnosed in a village near the Ebola River.

Spread through almost the entire African continent, Ebola affects more intensely countries facing severe economic situation, with weak health systems, lack of human. In the 136th Meeting of the Executive Council in Geneva, WHO was heavily criticized for having been late to respond to the call of the risk of the epidemics, resources

and infrastructure, and long periods of civil war and political instability, as it happened in 2010 in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea (Guinea).

Our presence in WHO meetings and conferences was very relevant since the opportunity opens up new fronts for WASPaLM and its Constituent Societies. We had three special meetings: one of these was with Dr. Irena Pratt, of the WHO Committee in charge of the prerequisites for regulating the In Vitro Diagnostics. Another meeting was with the Brazilian Infectologist Marco Vitoria, Department of HIV / AIDS WHO. The third meeting was with Dr. Regina Ungerer, Brazilian Doctor, responsible for the network "ePORTUGUÊSe" ([www.who.int/eportuguese/pt](http://www.who.int/eportuguese/pt)), a program to support the development and training of human resources for laboratories in countries that adopt Portuguese as an official language.

Roberto Verna and Paula Tavora

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## **International Pathology Day 2014 - Pathology is Global**

**Pathology is Global - International Pathology Day 2014**  
**Royal College of Pathologists, UK**  
**5 November 2014**

Dr(s) Lai Meng Looi and Jagdish Butany were invited to speak at the Pathology is Global symposium organized by the Royal College of Pathologists, as part of the International Pathology Day, 2014.

The meeting started with a symposium on Pathology is Global, with the session chaired by Dr. Suzy Lishman. This set the tone for the rest of the day by presenting speakers who provided real examples of how pathologists and scientists around the world are adjusting to current challenges and assisting health systems in low income countries, to improve their laboratories / strengthen their health work force, as well as participate in cutting edge health research.

The featured and Keynote speaker was Professor, and President of the WASPaLM, Dr. Lai Meng Looi. Speaking on, "Pathology and Wider Society". This talk was very well delivered and had a tremendous impact on all of the listeners. The next sessions were by speakers from different parts of the world, explaining the problems and some solutions to the problems from different countries.

Your writer spoke about the Countries-in-Need program of WASPaLM and addressed the issue of developing countries that need significant help to rapidly improve the quality of Pathology Services.

The closing remarks and thanks were provided by Dr. Suzy Lishman, President-Elect (now President), the Royal College of Pathologists, UK. She emphasised the significant role of Pathology and the need to strengthen the teaching and training of Pathology and Laboratory services, globally.

The work of pathologists has certainly had a brighter light shining on it!

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