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Report of the Activities of the
WORLD PATHOLOGY FOUNDATION
1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012
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Treasurer

The 12th Pathology Update was conducted in collaboration with the Board of Studies in Pathology of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine University of Colombo Sri Lanka between 11th-12th February 2012. The focus of this Update was to address the needs of the postgraduate students who were preparing for their Board examinations as well as those of the RCPaL. The visiting team comprised:

- Dr James Murray---Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre Birmingham
- Dr Phil Darbyshire---Children's Hospital Birmingham
- Dr Steve Kitchen---University Hospital Sheffield

In his welcome address Prof Jayantha Jayawardana Director (PGIM) acknowledged the contribution of WASPaLM in the continuing professional development of Sri Lankan Haematologists and thanked WASPaLM for this much needed help. Consistent with WASPaLM's philosophy of responding to specific needs the topics covered were those defined by the Sri Lankan Board of Studies. These included:

- Diagnosis and prognosis of acute myeloid leukaemia
- MRD in acute myeloid leukaemia
- Diagnostic dilemmas in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
- Modern management of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
- MRD in acute myeloid leukaemia
- Novel therapies in myelodysplastic syndrome
- Haematological emergencies
- Diagnosis, prognosis and MRD in childhood ALL
- Diagnostic dilemmas in Thalassaemias
- Complications of Sickle Cell disease
- BMT in ALL and Haemoglobinopathies
- Case studies in Haemostasis and Thrombosis
- Case studies in Thalassaemia and Haemoglobinopathies
- Iron overload
- Quality assurance in Haematology
- UK NEQAS
- Pitfalls in preparation of QC material

- Tests of Global Coagulation
- Investigation of a Bleeder
- New anticoagulants
- Case studies in Haemostasis and Thrombosis

Evaluation of the programme revealed complete satisfaction with the Update which was approved for continuing professional development. There was an unanimous request from the participants for the programme to be repeated at six monthly intervals! The PGIM expressed sincere thanks for this educational support of their postgraduate training programme. WASPaLM bureau wishes to thank Dr Lallindra Gooneratne for his help in coordinating the programme and to WPF for funding this Update.

The World Pathology Foundation (WPF) celebrated its 40th anniversary with an International Pathology Update in collaboration with the Postgraduate Medical Education Society, Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainum Ipoh, Perak, the College of Pathologists and Academy of Medicine Malaysia, and the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM). This educational event was conducted at the Swan Convention Centre, Sunway Medical Centre, Selangor, Malaysia between November 23rd-25th 2012. The theme defined by **Dato Dr. Norain Karim** chair of the local organising committee was to "Take Challenges, Keep Abreast and Elevate Pathology".

The Update was inaugurated by guest of honour **Dato Dr. Azman Bin Abu Bakar**, Director of Health of the Selangor State of Malaysia. He alluded to the educational platform created by WPF in Malaysia to enable participants in the Asia Pacific Region obtain educational exposure and fresh insights in the discipline. He acknowledged the pivotal role played by the Pathology disciplines in the delivery of healthcare in all countries and emphasized the importance of keeping abreast of developments in the discipline. He congratulated the WPF on its 40th anniversary and alluded to the Foundation's contributions in promoting Pathology Education in an interdependent world. Similar views were echoed by **Dato Dr. Norain Karim** who pleaded for more frequent educational initiatives to augment the region's healthcare training programmes in the developing world.

The programme consisted of formal lectures, slide seminars, case discussions and quizzes centered around the subspecialties of Cytopathology, Gynaecological Pathology, Dermatopathology and Uropathology. There were interactive sessions on the pitfalls in diagnosis and practical approaches to problem solving in difficult cases. The programme was structured to cater not only for practicing pathologists but also for the benefit of trainees and clinicians. There was also a poster session mainly for the participants outside of Malaysia. Digital images and case summaries were pre-circulated and were also on the website. Additional clinical information was provided during the case discussions. Facilities were also provided for participants to view the glass slides before the case discussions. Additional topics included Telepathology, Diagnostic Surgical Pathology in an Era of Personalised Medicine and Tissue Microarray.

The Faculty comprised **Dr. Amanda Herbert** (Guy's & St. Thomas') London, **Prof. Simon Herrington** (University of Dundee), **Dr Eduardo Calonje** (St. John's Institute of Dermatology) and **Prof. Kiril Trpkov** (University of Calgary). Guest contributors included **Dr.**

Anthony Gill (University of Sydney), **Dr. Tibor Krenacs** (Semmeliweis University (Hungary) and **Prof. R. Pathmanathan** (Monash Medical School).

There were 274 participants of whom 72% were Malaysian. The remainder were predominantly trainees. The overseas participants were from Australia, Brunei, Darusaalam, Canada, France, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Phillipines, Singapore and Taiwan, with Indonesians comprising the largest contingent. Feedback and evaluation revealed considerable satisfaction with the programme and requests for more frequent events in the region.

Over the past four decades the Foundation has been active in its support of trainee pathologists from the developing world through the Gordon Signy Fellowship. The Fellowships were established in honour of **Gordon Signy** who was a Foundation Vice President of the Royal College of Pathologists, Founder Editor of the British Journal of Clinical Pathology and an ardent supporter of WASPaLM. To date 40 Fellowships have been awarded to trainee pathologists from 25 countries in the developing world to enable them to acquire specific competences and skills in the Pathology disciplines appropriate to their countries' needs and compatible with the laboratory resources available in their countries.

Malaysia has been a very successful venue for this educational update primarily because of easy accessibility and affordability for the participants in the Asia Pacific region. The main thrust of WPF has been capacity building in the developing world through the medium of the Gordon Signy Fellowships.

Like the message in a stick of rock the promotion of Pathology Education for the developing world will continue to be the goal of the World Pathology Foundation.

Ad Hoc Minutes of the WPF Trustees (in conjunction with the WASPaLM Bureau, Cyprus, 25 October 2012

The future of WPF. It was suggested that options be reviewed with the possibility of WPF funding being rolled into WASPaLM and managed by the WASPaLM bankers at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, that is the Wells Fargo bank. Dr. Travers expressed deep concern regarding the depletion of funds and the need for the appointment of regents to manage these WPF funds. There were concerns regarding the Gordon Signy Fellowship Program, Travelling Fellowship Program, and funds. The Travelling Fellowship program needs to be reconsidered since this has never been rewarded. Currently the management of WPF funds is ineffective and the quantity of funds is decreasing rather than increasing. The investment expenses are far too high. The losses are unfortunate and need to be fixed. Dr. Travers had concerns about some items in the Treasurer's Reports for the last several years that he could not understand. These were discussed with Dr. Oellerich and Dr. Vollier, but the concerns were only partly resolved. Dr. Travers mentioned the possibility of the funds being managed from the Wells Fargo bank, in the same way that the funds of WASPaLM are managed. Motions below began the initial process to dissolve the Swiss Foundation, create a not-for-profit foundation of similar aims in the United States and transfer Swiss assets to the new foundation.

Motion: That the location and management of the WPF, especially the funds, be changed.

Motion Seconded by Dr. Oellerich

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion: Perform an immediate legal assessment of impact of the dissolution of Swiss WPF and transfer of WPF funds to a United States based, not for profit, organization, either freestanding or part of another organization, such as WASPaLM.

Seconded by Dr. Oellerich

Vote: Unanimous, in favor

Abstentions: Two (Dr. Roberto Verna and Dr. Lai Meng Looi)

Motion: The foundation known as WPF, as chartered in Switzerland, be dissolved. Funds be transferred to another organization with related aims (a tax exempt organization be chartered in the USA).

Seconded by: Dr. Michael Oellerich

Vote: Unanimous

Abstentions: Two.

Motion: If unanimous agreement by WPF Board regarding dissolution of WPF is reached, the WASPaLM Board authorizes the legal processes with proper documentation to achieve the above, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 US.

Seconded by: Dr. Murilo Melo

Vote: Unanimous

Abstentions: None



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MINUTES OF
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE WORLD PATHOLOGY FOUNDATION

The organizational meeting of The World Pathology Foundation, an Illinois not for profit corporation (the “Foundation”), was held on December 27th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Central European Time.

The following trustees were present, constituting a majority of the trustees of the Foundation and a quorum, and by their attendance waived notice of the meeting: Jagdish Butany, Michael Oellerich, Gamze Mocan Kuzey, Looi Lai Meng, Roberto Verna and Henry Travers.

Roberto Verna chaired the meeting, and Henry Travers acted as secretary.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the trustees unanimously approved the following resolutions by separate vote on each resolution:

RESOLVED, that the By-Laws in the form attached hereto be, and hereby are, adopted as and for the By-Laws of the Foundation.

RESOLVED, that each of the following individuals be, and hereby is, elected to the office set forth opposite his or her name, to serve in such capacity in accordance with the By-Laws of the Foundation:

Robby Bacchus	-	President
Roberto Verna		Vice President
Lai-Meng Looi		Secretary
Henry Travers		Treasurer

RESOLVED, that the Foundation shall transact banking business at such banks as the President may from time to time determine; that the President and Treasurer of the Foundation be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver to such banks their



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customary form of corporate resolutions applicable to any such accounts and to attach copies of such resolutions to this instrument, which resolutions are hereby adopted in the same manner and with the same effect as if set out in full herein; and that such resolutions shall be in full force and effect and binding upon the Foundation until they shall have been rescinded, and written notice of such rescission under the corporate seal shall have been delivered to such bank.

RESOLVED, that the President and Treasurer of the Foundation be, and hereby are, authorized to pay all charges and expenses incident to or arising out of the organization of the Foundation and to reimburse any person who has made any disbursements thereof.

RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the Foundation be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and file or cause to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service a request for a determination letter that the Foundation is exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, together with such information as may be required in order to obtain such determination letter.

RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the Foundation be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and deliver all instruments and to do all such acts, for and in the name and on behalf of the Foundation as may be necessary or convenient in order to establish the Foundation as a charitable organization in Illinois and carry out the purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the trustees unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary

27 December 2012

Date

