

Meeting Calendar

- April 2002** 22nd Annual Conference of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery, Atlanta, GA, U.S.A., April 10 - 14, 2002;
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- June 2002** 4th Congress of the World Association for Laser Therapy (WALT), Tokyo, Japan, June 27 - 30, 2002;
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- June 2002** 1st Asian Conference on Photobiology, Kobe, Japan, June 26 - 28, 2002; Contact: Prof. Masamitsu Ichihashi, Department of Clinical Molecular Medicine, Kobe University, Kobe, Japan;
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- July 2002** 30th Meeting of the American Society for Photobiology, Quebec City, Canada, July 13 - 17, 2002; Contact: American Society for Photobiology, 2025 M St, NW, Suite 800, Washington DC 20036;
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- September 2002** 9th International Congress of the European Medical Laser Association, Vienna, Austria, September 26 - 29, 2002;
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- October 2002** Laser Florence 2002, Florence, Italy, October 27 - 30, 2002; Contact: Loenardo Longo, M.D.;
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- November 2002** XIXth International Intensive Hands-on Course on Lasers in Medicine and Surgery (Lasers in Plastic - Aesthetic, Vascular, and Dermatologic Surgery for Aging), Cambrils (Terragona), Spain, November 15 - 17, 2002; Contact: Phone +34-97-736-1320; Fax : +34-97-779-1024 ;
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- September 2003** Joint International Laser Conference (ASLMS, ELA, & BMLA), Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K., September 21 - 23, 2003; Contact: Clansman Monarch Ltd., 6 John's Place, Edinburgh EH6 7EP, Scotland; Phone: +44 (0)131 554 2222; Fax: +44 (0)131 553 1144;
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World Association for Laser Therapy (WALT) Minutes Of The General Assembly Held At Hotel Astir Palace, Athens, Greece, Saturday, 13th May 2000

The General Assembly was held in the presence of 31 members of the Association and 20 observers. Apologies had been received from Dr. Toshio Ohshiro, Dr. Roberta Chow and Professor Fernando Soriano. Dr. Kevin Moore coordinated the meeting. He reminded the Assembly that on proposals, which required a vote, only members of the Association were entitled to cast a vote.

In his opening remarks Dr. Moore commented on the problems that had beset WALT and its journal during the preceding 12 months. This was due to the prolonged indisposition of the Secretary General, Glen Calderhead, and the resignation of the journal's Senior Editor in Chief, Professor Osamu Kemmotsu. In order to redress the situation a Task Force had been formed during the 2nd Congress of the International Association for Lasers and Sports Medicine held in Rosario, Argentina during March 2000. The membership of this Task Force included Professor Chukuka Enwemeka, Dr. Toshio Ohshiro, Dr. Semion Rochkind, Professor Fernando Soriano, Dr. Junichiro Kubota, Professor David Baxter and Dr. Kevin Moore. The prime objectives of the Task Force were to re establish publication of the journal and to revitalize the Associations membership. Their initial recommendations had already been reported to the WALT Executive Committee at its meeting earlier that day and would be detailed to members during the course of the Assembly.

President's Report

Dr. Moore then invited the Association's President, Professor Chukuka Enwemeka, to present his report. Professor Enwemeka reported on the current problems that beset the journal. Following the resignation of the Senior Editor in Chief, he (Professor Enwemeka) had assumed that position and had recruited Dr. Semion Rochkind as Co Editor in Chief. Between them they had collected sufficient papers to fill one edition of the journal and Dr. Rochkind was currently taking the papers through the peer review and editing process. It was hoped that Vol. 11:1 would be ready for circulation in September/October 2000. The Task Force had recommended that this edition be widely circulated on a complimentary basis to all those who had held membership during 1997, 1998 and 1999. It was hoped that this measure would stimulate members to renew their subscriptions.

Professor Enwemeka stated that the other problem the Editorial Board faced was finding a new publisher for the journal. In the short term he had negotiated an agreement with his university printers and distribution would be from his faculty in Kansas City. In the longer term it was the intention to find an established reputable publishing company to take over journal publication. Professor Baxter had reported to the Executive Committee that he already had contact with two publishers who might be interested. Professor Enwemeka then turned to the problem of catching up with the journal's production. In order to achieve this by the start of 2002 (Vol.14) it meant producing 12 editions in some 18 months. This was a very ambitious target and relied heavily on members submitting sufficient papers for publication. Finally, the Task Force had recommended a review of the Editorial Board membership and the Senior Editors had now completed this task. See list of new board members in this issue. Dr. Moore then invited comments from the floor. Professor Baxter stated that it would take some time to re establish the journal; that it would prove very difficult to catch up on the backlog of journals; and that this could only be achieved with a submission of 80 100 papers for publication over the next 12 months. This would require a major effort by members.

Secretary General's Report

Dr. Moore reported that following the resignation of the Secretary General last year there had been a request from the Task Force to Dr. Junichiro Kubota to take temporary charge of this post. He had accepted. Dr. Moore proposed that this appointment be confirmed and extended until the meeting in 2002. Dr. Farouk Al Watban seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Moore presented the Statement of Financial Activities for the years 1998:1999:2000 which had been circulated prior to the commencement of the Assembly (See Appendix 2). He stated that due to the non appearance of the journal in 1999 (Vol.11) membership subscriptions had fallen by more than 60% and that this had placed a great strain on the Association's finances. The journal was quite clearly the life blood of WALT and he praised the efforts of the Task Force and the Senior Editors in their commitment to Laser Therapy. At present the available fund was only some US \$ 6000. Historically the cost of production and distribution of the journal had been \$16000 \$18000 per year.

Dr. Moore had proposed to the Executive Committee that a "fighting fund" be established to ensure adequate finance to re launch the journal. He had suggested that members be invited to make a one off donation to WALT of \$1000 in return for which the member would receive life membership of the Association. By this means he hoped to establish a fund of some \$20000 which would ensure financial stability for the immediate future. The Executive Committee had accepted his proposal and he already had pledges from Dr. Ohshiro (\$6000) and Prof. Enwemeka and himself (\$1000 each). Dr. Moore invited members who were willing to contribute to contact him immediately after the Assembly. At this point Mr. Felix Kramer asked if he might speak from the floor at the meeting. He exhorted members to support the fund in order to preserve the journal and his persuasion resulted in a generous show of pledges from the Assembly (See list of supporters and donors).

Dr. Moore, on behalf of the Executive Committee, thanked the members for their support and generosity. He then went on to report that under the terms of the Constitution his 6-year term of office had now been completed. However, given the problems that WALT was currently facing and with continuity at this stage being vital he had suggested to the Executive Committee that they agree, exceptionally, to his staying in post for a further 2 years and that they appoint a Treasurer elect to shadow him and take over the post at the next meeting in 2002. The Committee had agreed to this and with their permission Dr. Moore had approached Dr. Paul Meersman who had agreed to stand as Treasurer elect. Dr. Moore then proposed that the Assembly ratify his staying in post for a further 2 years and that Dr. Meersman be elected as Treasurer elect to take over in 2002. The proposal was seconded by Dr. Mary Dyson and passed unanimously.

A recommendation that membership subscription remain as \$145 per year had been accepted by the Executive Committee. There was no dissent from the body of the Assembly. Many members had requested a credit card facility for paying membership subscriptions and Dr. Moore undertook to investigate this possibility. When WALT was first established in 1994 there had been a provision within the Constitution for the election of a membership secretary. This post had been unfilled for 4 years. It was generally agreed that membership recruitment was an important function of the Executive Officers and that this role should be separate from the responsibilities of the Secretary General. Dr. Moore proposed that Jan Tuner be elected Membership Secretary. The motion was seconded by Felix Kramer and passed unanimously.

Future Meetings

The Executive Committee had received only 1 bid to hold the 2002 Congress. This had come from Toshio Ohshiro and his colleagues. The meeting would be in Tokyo, Japan under the presidency of Professor Kazuo Hanaoka, Chairman of the Department of Anaesthesiology and Pain relief Center at the University of Tokyo. The Executive Committee recommended acceptance of the bid. A proposal by Dr. Moore, seconded by Prof. Baxter, that the next meeting in 2002 be in Tokyo, Japan was carried unanimously. Dr. Moore reported a strong bid from Australian members to hold the 2006 meeting in Australia. This left the 2004 Congress for which there were tentative bids from Brazil and South Africa. The Executive Committee requested that bids for 2004 should be submitted in writing to the President or Secretary General within the next 6 months.

Executive Council

In accordance with the Constitution and following the earlier election of new executive officers the council now comprised President (NN); Secretary General (JK); Treasurer and Treasurer Elect (KCM/PM); Membership Secretary (JT); Immediate Past President (CE); Journal Chief Editors (CE/SR); and the President Elect (KH). It was agreed by the Assembly that the remaining members of the Task Force (TO/FS/DB) should also serve on the Council until the work of the Task Force had been completed. The full list of Executive Council members is given in Appendix 3. This left 6 vacancies on the Council for Regional Representatives. Nominations for these positions should be forwarded in writing to either the President or the Secretary General within 6 months and should carry the nominee's agreement. The Executive Officers would decide on the most appropriate appointments.

Constitution and Bye Laws

The Executive Council had agreed to review and update the Association's Constitution and Bye Laws. When completed these would be published in a future edition of Laser Therapy.

Meeting of International and National Societies Representatives

A meeting had been held the previous day (12th May 2000) of representatives from a majority of the International and National Laser Societies. At the meeting Professor B. Krishna Rau (who is hosting the next ISLMS meeting in India) proposed the establishment of a base office under the auspices of the ISLMS to promote co ordination, communication and collaboration between all the Associations and Societies dedicated to the use of Lasers in medical practice. The meeting had supported this suggestion. Professor Rau had volunteered to organize this service and it was agreed that there were sound economical reasons for sitting the office in India. Prof. Rau further proposed that Associations and Societies wishing to be involved in the scheme and receive regular information on meetings, developments and research should make a contribution of US \$1 per member per year. It had been agreed that representatives should take this proposal back to their Associations for discussion. Dr. Moore enquired of the General Assembly whether there was support for this initiative and a substantial majority voiced their approval for the Executive Council to enter into further communication on the matter and if feasible to affiliate WALT on the above basis.

Closing

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Professor Chukuka Enwemeka, and a motion of encouragement and support for the new President, Dr. Nick Nicolopoulos.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Kelvin C. Moore.



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