

## ISL NEWS

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## **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF LYMPHOLOGY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES September 24, 2021 • 9:00 AM, Athens, Greece**

### **1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President A. Szuba. The minutes for the last General Assembly in Buenos Aires were published in *Lymphology* 52 (2019) 209-212. Minutes were approved as published.

### **2. Elections:**

Nominations were solicited from the floor to add to the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee. There were none. The Nominating Committee composed of M. Andrade, C. Papendieck, President A. Szuba, Past-President S. Michelini, and Past-Past President N.F. Liu proposed the following slate of officers: President-Elect: E. Dimakakos (Athens) was the sole nomination for President. Executive Committee: H. Brorson (Malmö), S. Michelini (Genoa), E. Okada (Toyama), S. Thiadens (Vallejo), S. Daley (Palo Alto), and S. Leong (San Francisco). Nominating Com-

mittee: F. Boccardo (Genoa) and A. Pissas (Bagnols sur Cèze/Montpellier. Auditors: M. Bernas (Fort Worth) and S. Dessalvi (Genoa). The voting proceeded and the Nominating Committee slate was elected.

### **3. Reports:**

#### **a. Presidential Report (A Szuba):**

President Szuba thanked the assembly for the honor of being President of the ISL. This was a difficult time to travel and attend meetings due to Covid and he has only attended one - the Polish Society in the spring which was online. He therefore noted that he has used no Presidential funds during his term! He leaves the Society in good shape with a high scientific level and a good functioning Journal. He again thanked his supporters.

#### **b. Treasurer's Report (A Pissas):**

The UBS Swiss account has been stable since the last General Assembly in Buenos Aires with a June 30, 2021, balance of 15,525 SF (the bank takes 7 SF each month for maintenance). There are 84 SF in the Swiss cash account. The Central Office has broken even the last 2 years based on substantially reducing costs for Journal production and also online conversion has not needed transfer of funds for the proposed annual allocation for the Central Office, Journal, and 2019 ISL Presidential Prizes totaling \$2,500.

c. Secretary-General's Report (M Witte):

1) The Society has 187 members from 35 countries (159 active members, 10 honorary members, 6 emeritus members, 10 young lymphologists, and 2 associate members). In the course of this business period, 32 new members have been accepted and 54 memberships were discontinued due to non-payment of dues, retirement, resignation, or death. The nations represented by this membership are as follows:

Argentina 6	Japan 17
Australia 9	Korea 2
Austria 3	Mexico 1
Belgium 7	Netherlands 4
Brazil 5	Philippines 1
Canada 4	Poland 1
China 3	Russia 3
Czech Republic 1	Saudi Arabia 1
Finland 1	Scotland 1
France 5	Singapore 1
Germany 5	Spain 1
Greece 3	Sweden 5
Hong Kong 1	Switzerland 6
Hungary 1	Thailand 2
India 5	Turkey 2
Iran 3	United Kingdom 7
Italy 14	USA 54

2) The 27th World Congress of Lymphology held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from September 23-26, 2019, was a great success where more than 50 renowned experts met with close to 1,000 registrants including pa-

tient attendees. Basic science sessions were complemented by panels, oral presentations, and posters on latest advances in basic and clinical lymphology including management of lymphedema particularly imaging and surgical approaches. The meeting venue and arrangements were congenial and the dining and sightseeing options diverse. The social events kicked off with the opening reception. A special highlight of the Congress was the Gala Dinner at the Esquina Homero Manzi. The Congress ended with a Post-Congress at Iguazú on September 27-29, 2019.

3) Two meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the 28th Congress on 9/21 and 9/23/21. In addition to the reports of the President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and Editor, the Executive Committee discussion items included the annual budget and proposed expenditures, status of Lymphology, membership, the Consensus Document, Young Lymphologists, collaborative research projects, and future meetings.

4) A revised up-to-date ISL Membership List containing names, addresses, telephone, FAX numbers, and E-mail addresses in alphabetical order (with key research/clinical interests) along with a listing of ISL members by country is available in pdf format at the ISL Membership table or requested by e-mail from the ISL Central Office. The ISL Membership Directory is provided to ISL members only, and the listing should not be used for commercial purposes. The list should not be reproduced by members and/or sold or distributed to non-ISL members or other groups or associations. Please update personal information at the Central Office desk or send e-mail to [grace@surgery.arizona.edu](mailto:grace@surgery.arizona.edu). [Addendum: Members were urged to maintain active status by paying their annual dues by March 31st.]

d. Editor/Journal Report (M Bernas):

One hundred and twenty-five (125) manuscripts were received since the last General Assembly (there were additional manuscripts in process at that time). We have published 45 since the last Congress, 62 were rejected, and 1

was withdrawn by the authors after receiving the first reviews. There are currently 37 manuscripts in the works. The journal website is working very well and all our past issues dating back to the first in 1968 are uploaded. (<https://journals.uair.arizona.edu/index.php/lymph/index>)

e. Young lymphologists - no formal meetings were held at this Congress, but many young lymphologists presented and interacted (some online) during the meeting in Athens.

f. Chapters and Regional Societies are functioning well.

#### 4. Future Congresses:

a. 2023 - 29<sup>th</sup> Congress plans were presented by Dr. Corrado Campisi. He thanked Dr. Dimakakos for the current Congress which has been a difficult time, but he has done very well. He presented goals of the next Congress which will now be held September 11-15, 2023, in Genoa. The venue will be large with lots of rooms and is right on the port. There will be a collaboration with the technology for health program. Also, surgical and imaging companies will join us as well as join the society. Many topics are planned to be included. This plan has been approved by the Executive Committee and now by the General Assembly.

b. 2025 - 30<sup>th</sup> Congress. Potential locations discussed included Turkey, St. Petersburg, and possibly Istanbul or Colombia. There will be a new form (provided by H. Brorson) for Congresses to submit with their proposals (contact Grace in the Central Office for this). The ESL will meet in Assisi in 2022 and in Istanbul in 2024.

c. 2027 - 31<sup>st</sup> Congress. Perhaps in India by G. Manokaran, but no firm plans are available at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The following Young Lymphologists were presented 2021 Presidential Prizes at the Gala Dinner: Taylor Cox, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Tobias Karlsson, Lund University, Malmö, Sweden; and Christopher Vance, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. Many more Young Lymphologists were provided Congress Awards.

2. M Amore then took the microphone as the new President and thanked everyone for electing him as President. He first started by congratulating A. Dimakakos on a successful Congress despite the very trying times. He reflected that he has been a member of the Society for more than 20 years which is half of his life! He also wanted to acknowledge those who started him on his interest in Lymphology with strong clinical and basic sciences experience especially Dr. C. Papendieck. He ended with an acknowledgment for his family's support.

Dr. Amore then thanked the attendees for their participation in the General Assembly and closed the session.

<p><b>Art. 6—ISL Constitution:</b> Membership in the Society can be obtained on the basis of a written application. Names of new applicants will be published in the Society's Bulletin. Any member who objects to the admittance of a candidate must state their objections in writing to the Secretary-General no later than one (1) month after publication of the Bulletin. The reasons for the objection must be stated...</p>
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