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Message from JLSM

Japan Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (JLSM) has commented on the purpose of WFSLMS and also on the plans for the near future or tentative action

1. Concerning the purpose of WFSLMS

Recently the number of societies and associations related to Laser Surgery and Medicine (LSM) are growing. However all societies are working independently.

As globalization proceeds, various health, medical, social and industrial problems concerning LSM have risen at the global level.

In spite of the urgent requests to solve these problems, past conferences and meeting have been managed only fragmentarily and have not discussed the solutions fully.

WFSLMS is organized to create a forum where member societies and associations can communicate with each other, to concentrate discussions on such various problems concerning LSM.

WFSLMS should become the ground where different societies and associations can make an effort to find common solutions for these problems and reach a consensus.

This should be stated first as the purpose of organizing WFSLMS.

2. Action Plans of WFSLMS

(1) To create Guidelines for

PDT, LLLT, PLDD etc.

Safety

(2) To complete Education & Training

MD, Engineers, Paramedicals

Citizens, Governmental offices, Politicians

(3) To promote Medical and Cosmetic Laser Industries

National Project

International Project

(4) To communicate with related Organization

WHO, FDA, WTO etc.

3. The WFSLMS Forum will be held under the ISLMS umbrella in Miyazaki, JAPAN

1) Report from the Representatives of member societies and associations

(40 to 50 member societies , 15 minutes each)

2) Organization of committee

a) Guide Lines Committee

b) Laser Safety Committee

- c) Manufacturing and Equipment Committee
- d) Education Committee
- e) International Official Organizations (IOO):WHO,WTO,FDA etc
- f) Blood Saving Campaign (B-SAC) Committee
- g) Others

WFSLMS Articles, simplified format

Though you may have or may not have the actual WFSLMS Bylaws to hand, there have been several claims that the Bylaws are difficult to read and understand. Requests for a digested version of the Bylaws were forwarded and so this News Letter presents the WFSLMS articles in a simplified format. This set of Bylaws is still subject to change and has already had minor changes such as matters concerning the membership fee (US 1\$ per number of member society no fee).

However since such changes are not final, this News Letter will present this simplified format in its original form.

At the 15th ISLSM meeting in Munich this year., 2 hours will be allotted for WFSLMS business. However there is much on the agenda and time for discussion and voting on the Bylaws is limited. Secretary General Dr. Ohshiro asks for your thoughts and ideas, so we can be discuss these matters as fully as possible through e-mail beforehand. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Article 1: Name and Terminology

The name of the Federation is **the World Federation of Societies for Laser Medicine and Surgery (WFSLMS)**

The WFSLMS address will be the same as the current Secretary-General, and the WFSLMS will exist under the umbrella of the ISLSM

Article 2: Aims of The Federation

The WFSLMS aims are:

to provide a forum for cooperation between Member Societies

to promote laser medicine and surgery

to promote medical laser research, development and education

Article 3: Membership

- a) WFSLMS membership is open to any recognized medical laser association, who must then pay the WFSLMS fees to become a recognized Member Society
- b) Any medical laser society is welcome to apply for WFSLMS membership, in writing, to the current Treasurer. Once their application is accepted, the new Member Society must say how many members they have, and pay the WFSLMS membership fee of US \$1.00 per 1(one) member.

If any Member Society behaves badly, causes problems for the WFSLMS or does not pay their membership fees, then their membership can be withdrawn by the WFSLMS executive.

- c) The maximum number of representatives for Member Societies is 4, depending on the size of the society membership: from 101 to 600, 1 representative; 601 - 1100, 2; 1101-2100, 3 and over 2101 members, 4.
- d) Member Societies may resign from the Federation at any time, in writing to the Secretary-General. They don't get any of their fees back.
- e) If the contact address of a Member Society changes, they must write to the Secretary-General with the new address.

Article 4: Organization

- a) Executive Committee
 - i: There will be 7 members in the Executive Committee: The Chairman, Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General, Scientific Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Chairman-Elect and immediate past Chairman, plus an international Council.
 - ii: The Chairman will begin his term at the Representative Assembly of the meeting of which he is president, after approval of the Membership.
 - iii: All the Executive Committee members must be approved by the Membership, and will serve for 4 years.
 - vi : Executive Committee members will be proposed in writing and elected by the member's vote at a Representative Assembly.
 - v: The job of the Executive Committee is to make sure the Federation holds regular meetings and to have a Representative Assembly every 4 years.
- b) If any subcommittee is required, the Executive Committee will appoint them, but all members must be representatives of a Federation Member Society.
- c) Each WFSLMS congress will have its own Organizing Committee, separate from the Federation Executive Committee
- d) There will be two permanent standing subcommittees, the Bylaws Committee to look after the Bylaws, and the Finance Committee to look after the Federation's finances. The members will always come from the Executive Committee.
- e) Federation Representative Assembly
 - i: There will be a Federation Representative Assembly every 4 years.
 - ii: The Agenda of the Assembly must contain acceptance of the Minutes of the previous Assembly, the Chairman's report, the Treasurer's report, and the election of the new Executive Committee members
 - iii: A list of new Federation Member Societies may be presented at the Representative Assembly

- iv: Changes may be made to the Membership fees at the Assembly
 - v: The location of the following Representative Assembly will be decided, and its Chairman, who will then join the Executive Committee as Chairman-Elect.
 - vi: The new Executive Committee will take over their posts.
- f) Meetings
- i: The Federation Chairman, or an elected representative from the Executive Committee, will chair all meetings.
 - ii: The Secretary-General must keep written records of all meetings (the Minutes). If the Secretary-General is not at a meeting, another member of the Executive Committee must take the Minutes.
 - iii: If the vote at a meeting is tied, the Chairman will always have the power to make the final decision
 - iv: Voting at meetings will always be made by raising hands, except for secret voting for Executive Committee members.
- All Member Societies can vote by written proxy if they cannot attend a meeting.

Article 5: The Congresses

- a) The Federation Congress will be held every 4 years at the same time and usually in the same place as the ISLSM meeting, and will be run by the congress organizing committee.
- b) The choice for the next meeting in 4 years' time, and its Chairman, will be presented at each congress.
- c) The written proposal for each congress must be sent to the Executive Committee, and must include a Representative Assembly.
- d) The Organizing Committee must keep the Membership informed about their meeting, and must send out announcements to all the Membership at least one year in advance of the meeting.

- e) Anyone who pays the Congress registration fee is entitled to attend the Congress, but only representatives of Member Societies who have paid their Federation Membership Fees can attend the Representative Assembly and vote at it.
- f) Each organizing committee is responsible for fixing their registration and other congress fees, and must report on the congress finances at least six months after the end of the congress. At least 50% of any profits from a congress must be paid into the Federation funds. The Executive Committee may offer funds in advance to a congress organizing committee to prepare announcements, *et cetera*, but these funds must be paid back after the congress.
- g) The official language of all congresses will be English, although simultaneous interpretation may be offered by each congress organizing committee.

Article 6: Finances

- a) The Federation financial year is from January 1st to December 31st of the same year.
- b) The Hon. Treasurer is responsible for banking and managing the Federation funds.
- c) If the Federation decides to make any investments, they must be in the Federation's name, and all profits from these investments belong to the Federation. All investments must be signed by both the Hon. Treasurer and the Chairman.
- d) If the Federation is closed down, any excess funds will be donated to a charity chosen by the Executive Committee
- e) The Federation will be organized as a non-profit group.

Article 7: Federation Newsletter

The Federation will issue a Newsletter to keep the Membership informed about Federation events

Article 8: Voting and Changes to the Rules

- a) Voting will be by the majority decision. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman has the power to make the final decision. If a Member Society representative cannot attend a meeting, they can send in their proxy vote in writing, and who they wish to hold their vote (usually the Chairman or Secretary-General).
 - b: Changes to the Bylaws
 - i: Changes to these Bylaws can only be made and voted on at a Representative Assembly
 - ii: Any proposed change has to be made in writing to the Secretary-General at least 3 months before a Representative or Special Assembly. Any change has to be voted on at the meeting.
 - iii: These bylaws cannot be changed without an advance written note to the Secretary-General.
 - iv: Only if the majority of representatives (more than 50% of those present who are entitled to vote) vote for any change, then the Bylaws can be changed.
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A proposal to change the name of WFSLMS

Secretary-General Ohshiro and Assistant Secretary-General Narong Nimsakul have proposed to change the name of WFSLMS. They write as follows.

Our federation has just finished its 3rd Steering meeting, and we have been thinking that the nomenclature “World Federation of Societies for Laser Medicine and Surgery” is very lengthy, and its acronym WFSLMS is extremely hard to pronounce, and thus this we hereby propose that the name be changed to one that is shorter, easier to pronounce and remember.

We still have time till the 2005, the First conference in Miyazaki and we believe that the new name will be set by that time.

If you agree, we would like to call for candidate names.

Basically the name should

- make clear and emphasize that it is not a single society but a federation of world-wide laser societies.
- be such that it will not be confused with already existing societies
- be easy to remember and the acronym should be easy to pronounce.

We would like to have this proposal on the agenda for the Munich meeting, and have it thoroughly discussed at that time.

In this connection, Dr. Ohshiro's candidate names are:

1. WOLFEM (**W**orld **L**aser **F**ederation in **M**edicine)
2. WOFMELS (**W**orld **F**ederation for **M**edical **L**aser **S**ocieties)

We are eager to hear from you and await your ideas.

A proposal for a Blood Saving Campaign (B-SAC)

Secretary General Dr. Toshio Ohshiro proposes to realize a campaign originally conceived by Dr. Narong Nimsakul. This is a proposal for a blood saving campaign to be led by WFSLMS. He writes as follows.

It is a well known and world wide concern that there is a shortage of blood for transfusion and blood derived medicine. Many groups headed by the International Red Cross are campaigning to increase blood donations. The WFSLMS, as a Federation of medical societies and whose purpose is to ameliorate the health and welfare of mankind by cooperating with international organizations, should also take action for this serious problem. Therefore I and Dr. Narong Nimsakul propose that the WFSLMS organize a blood saving campaign (B-SAC) to complement the movement to increase blood donations.

This campaign to save blood is the promotion of new technology and treatment methodology such that there will be less blood lost during surgery and therapy and hence decrease the need for blood transfusions. It is in essence promotion of laser surgery and therapy. The usage of photo-destructive laser scalpels diminishes intra-operative hemorrhage from 1/3 to 1/5 compared to conventional knives. This means promoting the laser scalpel will save from 2/5 to 4/5 of other wise spilt blood and

lessen the likelihood of a transfusion.

Latest advances in photosensitizing agents have made photodynamic therapy an even more appealing treatment for cancers, which means less blood loss compared to conventional open surgical procedures.

Usage of Low reactive Level Laser Therapy with its photo-bio-stimulation effect may stimulate erythropoiesis and may make blood transfusion unnecessary in some instances.

If this campaign is successful it will reduce the need for blood donations and any surplus can be used for blood derived medicine and help underdeveloped and developing countries. Decrease in blood transfusion will lessen the morbidity of known blood borne diseases such as AIDS and hepatitis and lessen the risk of yet unknown blood borne diseases.

This campaign can support the already progressing blood donation movement from the side and is worthwhile because it can raise the QOL of aging societies.

The idea behind this campaign is not at all new. It was first proposed by myself in 1996 at the 6th Meeting of Asian Pacific Association of Laser Medicine and Surgery (APALMS) held in Korea. It was proposed again in 2002 meeting of APALMS by Dr. Narong Nimsakul.

Exactly how to promote this campaign will probably differ from country to country, for geological socio-economical and political reasons. We do not expect all member societies to uniformly promote this B-SAC in single way, but we do ask member societies to participate and to cooperate in their capacity. Presently Dr. Narong Nimsakul (Thailand) is contacting the president of the World Rotary Club, Mr. Pichai Rattakul. Mr. Rattakul is also from Thailand and has helped Dr. Narong Nimsakul perform 50 cleft lip and palate surgeries through the help of the Bangkok Rotary Club.

I am an active member of the Tokyo Central Rotary Club and am planning to ask for the cooperation of the Japan Rotary Club.

I ask again for your participation and cooperation for a cause worthwhile.

Call for information of your Medical Laser Society

- 1) As Secretary-General, Dr.Ohshiro has opened the website of the International Medical Laser Information Center (IMLIC) within his website for his laboratory,
Japan Medical Laser Laboratory (JMLL) in Japan.
The URL of IMLIC is <http://www.jmll.co.jp/imlic/>
Website expenses will be covered by Ohshiro.
- 2) At the IMLIC website, information concerning WFSLMS, and also information on associations or societies of laser medicine and surgery all over the world are presented
- 3) This website will be used as a tool for exchanging information.
Any information and news concerning lasers and laser societies are requested.

Information format

Please fill in the format below and send to the following e-mail address:

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information

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Abbreviation	ADT		
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	The number of the members	300	
others	area	Japan	
	category	Dental	

About next Congress	The date of the next Congress	Sep.30,2001	
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