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1. The Kaplan-Atsumi Foundation (KappA Foundation) commences!



Fig.1: The one hundred dollar bill donated from Mrs. Masha Kaplan: June 25, 2003

At the 15th ISLSM congress held at Munich, Prof. Kaplan donated \$100 to WFSLMS. The Federation will use this as seed to start a Kaplan-Atsumi Foundation(KappA Foundation). The Foundation will for tax purposes set up an NPO and then call for donations. There are already many applicants including Prof. Atsumi willing to donate, and the Foundation is estimating that \$50,000 will be collected up front. This money will be used for the activities of WFSLMS. Therefore by the first congress of WFSLMS in 2005, we would like to take actions world wide with the Laser B-SAC Committee and Education & Training Committee. We ask for your cooperation and donation once the NPO is established.



Fig.2: the 8th WFSLMS in Munich

2. Agenda for the 8th WFSLMS forum

1). Report from the President

WFSLMS President K. Atsumi announced the commencement of the forum and followed with

these words. “ Thank you for gathering for the WFSLMS forum. The first congress of WFSLMS will be held in Tokyo, 2005... WFSLMS is ready to grow and develop, but in order to do so we will need your support and cooperation. Please give the secretariat any information, thoughts and advice on any subject of WFSLMS. We will be very grateful.”

2). Report from the Secretary-General

WFSLMS Secretary-General T. Ohshiro spoke on the origin of the Federation and on the schedule of the first congress of WFSLMS. He also asked the members present at this forum to act as tentative delegates from their respective medical laser societies and associations, and to become active members of the committees of WFSLMS.

3). Confirmation of the purpose of WFSLMS

Prof. K. Atsumi, Prof. T. Ohshiro and Prof. N.Nimusakul, following thorough discussion confirmed the purpose of WFSLMS and made the differences between ISLSM and WFSLMS clear, as shown in Table 1. Therefore, the aim of WFSLMS was revised drastically in Table 2.

	ISLSM	WFSLMS
Member	Individual person	Laser related member societies and
Friendship & Discussion	Individual person	associations plus industrial societies,
Duty of Congress Fee	Individual person	official organizations and social groups
Edu. & Train. System	Regional	World wide
Indust. Contribution	Regional	World wide
Laser License	Paramedical	Medical
Social Activity	Not so active	Active
Laser B-SAC	Not so active	Active
Congress	Every 2 years	Every 4 years

Table1: Differences between ISLSM and WFSLMS

The aim of WFSLMS

1. Contribute to the health and welfare of mankind through the merit of minimum tissue damage and highly efficacy of hemostasis in laser medicine.
2. Promote the world-wide friendship and discussion among the member of medical, dental, veterinary laser societies and associations plus the laser related industrial societies, official organizations and social groups.
3. Create the world-wide educational and training system of the laser medicine and educate the medical staffs in developing countries.
4. Contribute the world-wide development in the laser related industries.
5. Grant the laser license for the paramedical staffs.
6. Cooperate with the related official organizations and social groups such as WHO, WTO, Rotary and Lions Club, Red Cross (Crescent) etc.
7. Promote the world-wide Laser B-SAC

Table 2: The aim of WFSLMS

4). Revision of the purposed bylaws

In the second newsletter the simplified form of the bylaws was presented (it can be seen on the HP of IMLIC <http://www.jmll.co.jp/imlic/>). However, since the purpose of WFSLMS has

changed drastically, the executive committee will revise the bylaws by the first WFSLMS congress in 2005.

5). Recommendation of additional council members

Assistant Secretary-General N.Nimusakul called for recommendations for new council members, aside from those already present at the 8th forum. He stated that all recommendations be placed to secretariat.

6). Proposal of the program of the 2005 Japan meeting

ISLSM President-Elect H. Katoh reported on the joint meeting of the 16th ISLSM, 1st WFSLMS and JaLTA. He stated that the joint meeting will take place in Tokyo, September 7-9, 2005 at the Shinjuku Keio Plaza Hotel. He also introduced the congress venue and site seeing spots surrounding the Tokyo metropolitan area.

7). Proposal to create an International Education & Technological Advisory Team

Prof. N.Nimusakul has been elected as the chairperson of the Education & Training Committee. He is currently organizing a team for CO² laser surgery, photodynamic therapy and LLLT. Dr. Jung Heng Lee reported that a laser center is being opened in a newly built hospital in Beijing, China and that Dr.Nimusakul will head, and act with the members of the Education & Training Committee at this center. At the same time, Prof. I. Kaplan announced that he is willing to donate literature to the center as soon as the hospital is open.

8). Blood Saving Campaign (B-SAC) project by WFSLMS

Prof. T. Ohshiro head and act with the members of the Laser B-SAC committee. He reported on Laser B-SAC (Table 1)and its action plans (Table 2) and on Laser B-SAC Ring (Fig. 3).

1. **Laser B-SAC with Surgical Laser Treatment (HLLT)**
2. **Laser B-SAC with Internal Laser Therapy (LLLT)**
3. **Laser B-SAC with Newly Developed Laser Instruments**
4. **Laser B-SAC with Newly Developed Technique**

Table3: The method of Laser B-SAC

- 1 . **Find the Budget to donate Laser Surgical Instruments to Hospitals in Developing Countries.**
(Laser B-SAC Committee, Official Organization & Social Group Committee)
- 2 . **Encourage the Use of Laser Surgery in the Major Surgeries , LLLT and Photodynamic Laser Treatment for Early Stage Cancer.** (Laser B-SAC Committee, Education & Training Committee)
- 3 . **Form the International Educational and Training Team to educate the Medical Staffs in Developing Countries.** (Laser B-SAC Committee, Education & Training Committee)
- 4 . **Send the Mobile Laser Treatment Team to treat the Patient in Undeveloped Countries.**
(Laser B-SAC Committee, Education & Training Committee and Laser Industrial Activation Committee)
- 5 . **Encourage the Research & Development for the New Medical Laser Instruments.**
(Laser B-SAC Committee, Laser Industrial Activation Committee)
- 6 . **Promote the New Laser Treatment, such as Endoscopic Laser Treatment, Robotic Laser Treatment, Remote Controlled Laser Treatment , Laser Gene Therapy and others.**
(Laser B-SAC Committee, Education & Training Committee and Laser Industrial Activation Committee)

Table 4: The action plan of Laser B-SAC

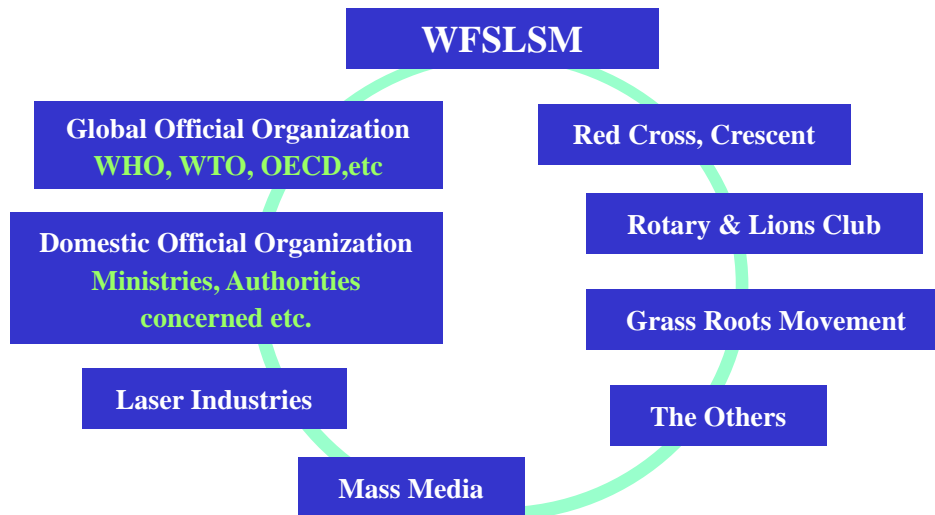


Fig.3: Laser B-SAC Ring

9). Others

The Journal of Medical Laser Application (Dr.F. Frank editor in chief, Germany) was chosen as the official organ of WFSLMS.

New symbol mark for WFSLMS has been chosen.

The result of the ballot is as follows: of the 32 votes, design #1 gained 16 votes, design#2 received 10 votes while design # 3 gained 6 votes.

As a result design #1 will be the new symbol of WFSLMS. We will be using this symbol in future newsletters etc.



Mini-questionnaire: Which medical laser society or association do you belong to ?

Please let us know of all (if multiple) the names of the medical laser societies and associations.

<p>Your name:</p> <p>e-mail address:</p> <p>Name of society or association : 1.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">2.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">3.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">4.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">5.</p>
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Fig. 5: Mini-questionnaire

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Secretary-General, Prof. Ohshiro has opened the website of International Medical Laser Information Center (IMLIC) within the website for his laboratory and website expenses is covered by Ohshiro.

At the IMLIC website, information concerning WFSLMS, and also information for associations or societies all over the world are presented. This website will be used as a tool for exchanging information. Any information concerning lasers and laser societies are requested !

Any comments, advice or ideas to the secretariat are welcome!