Helsinki, December 28th, 2016

Dear Members and Friends of the Collegium

The 90th anniversary of our society was celebrated in Bordeaux, France on August 28-31, 2016. This was the third time for CORLAS annual meeting to be organized in Bordeaux. The meeting was wonderfully planned and hosted by our President René Dauman with the help of his wife Catherine and Vice President Olivier Sterkers, and with the support of the French CORLAS group. The record performance in terms of participants was achieved as more than 300 people attended the meeting. Bordeaux offered us a great week of high-class scientific programme and truly attractive social activities, which will be described in this report together with a summary on other CORLAS activities during 2016. Attached you will find the Treasurer’s report and a collection of photos from the Annual Meeting.

BOARD MEETING

Location and time: Hotel Mercure, Olympia Room, Bordeaux, Aug. 27th, 2016 at 3:00

Present:

- President: René Dauman
  - Vice-President: Olivier Sterkers
  - General Secretary: Antti Mäkitie
  - Second Secretary: D. Bradley Welling
  - Treasurer: Sandro Stöckli
  - Councillor: Wolfgang Arnold
  - Councillor: Yasuo Hisa
  - Councillor: Hamlet Suarez
  - Editorial Secretary: Matti Anniko

(Band: Prof. Reidar Grénman invited by the Gen. Secr.)
Minutes:

1. Welcome from the President René Dauman and presentation of the state of registration and overview of the conference: more than 300 attendants, 69 oral presentations and 54 posters, 11 presentations by new members.
2. Apologies from non-attending members.
3. Commemoration of deceased members: John Niparko, USA, Apr. 25th, 2016, at the age of 61 years and Per-Gotthard Lundquist, Sweden, May 4th, 2015, at the age of 78 years and Makoto Igarashi, Japan, Jan 26th, 2016, at the age of 87 years.
4. Membership resignations: Finland x1, France x2, the Netherlands x1. (A note received later: UK x2).
6. Shambaugh Prize, presented by Bradley Welling: Bruce J. Gantz (Iowa, USA).
7. Benjamins Prize: to be determined at the end of conference.
9. Treasurer’s report (Sandro Stoeckli) and discussion regarding unpaid membership fees: two admonitions should be followed by negotiations between the member and the national Chair. Also, the payment system will be changed: email notification, link for the payment, credit card payments etc. The Treasurer will email to each member to inform about the unpaid fees.
10. Future meetings: Paris 2017 (Lunch Meeting at the IFOS), Beijing 2018, one bid so far for 2019 (Swiss Group).
11. President for the period 2017-2018: this was discussed and it was agreed that René Dauman will be president until the IFOS Meeting 2018 and Weining Huang will start his presidency at the IFOS Meeting 2018.
12. New Board members: the replacement of Wolfgang Arnold as Counselor for Europe was discussed. Barbara Wollenberg, Lübeck, Germany, was proposed as his successor.
13. Recommendations of the Jury for new members. Allen Ryan presented the proposal of the Credentials Committee: there were 30 applicants and 27 of them will be proposed for the General Assembly to be members of CORLAS.
15. Letter signed by Henri Marres and Anne Schilder on behalf of the Dutch group regarding the structure of future annual meetings and how to improve their functions, was discussed and this issue will be presented to the members at the General Assembly. Also, a survey will be performed during the next year to gather a general opinion of the members.
16. Other items: none

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Location and time: Hotel Mercure, Bordeaux, Aug. 29th, 2016 at 14:30 – 15:30

Minutes:

1. President René Dauman welcomed all members.
2. Deceased members: John Niparko, Per-Gotthard Lundquist, and Makoto Igarashi were commemorated.
3. Apologies from non-attending members: Michel Portmann and Poul Bretlau.
4. Annual report 2015 was approved.
5. Status of memberships: total 517 members (200 honorary, 129 senior, and 188 regular).
7. The annual membership fee: it was decided to keep this unchanged, 50€.
8. Prizes to be awarded 2016: Shambaugh Award in Otology to Bruce J. Gantz, Iowa, USA; James B. Snow, Jr Tinnitus Research Award to Paul Van de Heyning, Antwerpen, Belgium.
9. Treasurer’s report (see attachment)
10. The following 27 new members were proposed by the Credentials Committee and their membership was approved by the General Assembly:

    Aarnisalo, Antti (Finland)
    Alobid, Isam (Spain)
    Choi, Jae Young (Korea)
    de Gabory, Ludovic (France)
    Garnis, Cathie (Canada)
    Hess, Jochen (Germany)
    Hsu, Wei-Chung (Taiwan)
    Kania, Romain (France)
    Kanzaki, Sho (Japan)
    Keogh, Ivan (UK Ireland)
    Kitahara, Tadashi (Japan)
    Konstantinidis, Yiannis (Germany)
    Koo, Ja-Won (Korea)
    Kunst, Dirk (the Netherlands)
    Lopez-Escamez, Antonio (Spain)
    Mehanna, Hisham (UK)
    Moser, Tobias (Germany)
    Murano, Emi (Brazil)
    Norena, Arnaud (France)
    Plontke, Stefan (Germany)
    Rodrigo-Tapia, Juan Pablo (Spain)
    Rosenthal, Eben (USA, California)
    Stokroos, Robert (the Netherlands)
    Taylor, S. Mark (Canada)
    Thurnher, Dietmar (Austria)
    Torrente, Mariela C (Chile)
    Wanna, George (USA, Tennessee)

11. Plans for future meetings: in 2018 the meeting will be held in Beijing. The only bid for the year 2019 came from the Swiss Group and Bern was decided as the city for the Annual Meeting 2019. The Annual Meeting for 2020 will be outside Europe.
12. The members were informed about the Letter from the Dutch Group (see Minutes of the Board meeting) and actions that will be taken accordingly in the future. These will include a survey among members on the structure and activities of Annual Meetings.
13. Information from the President regarding social programme.
OPENING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The opening ceremony was held on Sunday evening (Aug. 28th) at the Bordeaux University in the honour of professor Michel Portmann, and the first speech in honour of him was given by René Dauman. Although Michel Portmann was not able to participate by himself, his son Dr. Didier Portmann from the l'Institut Georges-Portmann gave a speech at the ceremony. We also heard great presentations given by Paul van den Broek (Homage to the Portmann family) and by Robert V. Harrison (Frequency analysis in the human cochlea revealed by electro-cochleography). The Shambaugh Prize in Otology, which is awarded every second year, was conferred to Bruce Gantz (USA) for his substantial contributions to our specialty and also to Jean-Marie Aran (France), who was recipient of this prize in 1985. All these festivities were followed by a beautiful concert by cello and piano.

A few weeks later we received the sad news that Michel Portmann (born in 1924) passed away on September 17, 2016.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme included:

- 69 oral presentations
- 54 posters (2 Poster Sessions)
- 11 presentations by new members
- Presidential Minisymposium
- Robotic Surgery Minisymposium
- Sessions on: Otology 1 and 2, Tinnitus, Audiology, Vestibular disorders, Rhinology, H&N Cancer, Role of HPV in H&N Cancer

On Monday Aug. 29th morning we were privileged to listen to two invited presentations: Michal Luntz (invited by the General Secretary) “Updates and current challenges in advanced hearing rehabilitation and implanted devices for hearing restoration” and Michael M. Paparella (invited by the President) “Endolymphatic sac revision - Pathogenesis and clinical relevance”. This was followed by a Presidential Minisymposium on “Stem Cell Therapy in ORL”, which had been thoughtfully designed and was chaired by Thomas Van De Water, with the support by Allen Ryan, Stefan Heller. These papers will be later published separately. Various areas of our specialty were covered and then a round table discussion followed. Dr. Pascal Senn (New member, Geneva and Bern) started the
Minisymposium with his presentation on “Cochlear progenitor cells” and at the end of the Annual Meeting he was chosen to be the recipient of the Benjamins Prize 2016.

On Tuesday (Aug. 30th) the programme included specific sessions on Otology (Chair: Richard Smith), Rhinology (Chair: Metin Önerci), Head & Neck (Chair: Yasuo Hisa), and Tinnitus (Chair: Jos Eggermont) and a Poster Tour including 23 out of the 54 posters in the meeting (Chairs: Mark Jorissen, Jay Rubinstein).

On Wednesday (Aug. 31st) the programme started with a Minisymposium on Robotic Surgery (Chair: Marco Caversaccio), which nicely pictured the history and the obvious future of this technology in various areas of ORL-HNS. This was then followed by scientific sessions on “The role of HPV in Head and Neck cancer” (Chair: Reidar Grénman) (this was included as so many well prepared abstracts were received although the topic was also discussed in 2015 in San Francisco), “Audiology” (Chair: Olivier Sterkers) and “Vestibular disorders” (Chair: Måns Magnusson). The Poster Tour (Chairs: Henri Marres, Ashley P. Wackym) included 31 posters.

The Poster Tour chairs chose the following presenters to receive a poster prize: Andrew Oxenham, Johan Frijns, Daniel Tollin, Rick Friedman, Juichi Ito, Kaoru Ogawa.

Some photos from the venue for the scientific programme are presented in the attachment of this report.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

On Sunday (Aug. 29th) the Family Tour took us first to Cité du Vin by the river Garonne, which is a unique cultural landmark and an international showcase and wine museum offering a spectacular journey through the world’s vineyards. During a self-guided tour we were able to visit 20 themed spaces explaining the culture of wine in a fascinating, sensorial setting. The final phase took us up to the belvedere of this modern architecturally fascinating building for a tasting of worldwide wines. We then continued to have a guided winery-visit, tasting and “entrecote party” at Château Haut Sarpe in the Saint-Emilion area. The ‘Grand Cru Saint-Emilion’ really turned out to be worth its reputation.

On Monday (Aug. 30th) during the day the accompanying persons visited Dune of Pyla, which is Europe’s tallest sand dune nestled between the Atlantic Ocean, an enormous pine forest, the Arcachon Bay, a sandbank and a peninsula. The journey continued with a visit to the picturesque Ville d’Hiver d’Arcachon and a lunch at Restaurant “Moules and Beef”. In the evening all participants departed for a visit and walking tour in the magnificent medieval town Saint-Emilion, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The dinner was served at the Château Siaurac, which perhaps is the most beautiful estate in the Lalande de Pomerol appellation. During the dinner a couple of table speeches (President Dauman and General Secretary Mäkitie) were given to express the thankful feelings and thoughts of the members. Our Second Secretary D. Bradley Welling presented the recipient of the James B. Snow Jr. Tinnitus Research Award 2016: Prof. Paul Van de Heyning.

On Tuesday (Aug. 30th) the accompanying persons had a chance to discover the seven bridges of Bordeaux and its historic centre (Port de la Lune) on a cruise on the river Garonne and on a walking city tour. Afterwards a dinner was organized at a gourmet restaurant “La Réserve au Pavillon du Château Raba” in the garden of an impressive 19th century neoclassical building. Catherine Dauman hosted the dinner together with Outi Mäkitie.
At the same time the **Members Dinner** at “Café du Port” by the river Garonne, with a fantastic view on the Pont de Pierre, which is a stone bridge connecting the left and right banks of the river, was a great success. The General Secretary summarized the current issues regarding the membership (see also minutes of GA) and some future aspects in his speech. The number of annually approved new memberships has increased during the past years, which is a very positive sign of the status of our society among colleagues of the global ORL-HNS community. The 10 new members from the year 2015 (their memberships approved in San Francisco) who were present were introduced and provided with the rules of CORLAS as well as with the History Book of our society. Our president René Dauman received a replica of the presidential medal (see photo below) and he handed the “General Secretary’s Key” (see photo below) to Antti Mäkitie. This key was first presented in 1987 when Prof. C.R. Pfaltz gave it to Prof. P. van den Broek, who was then starting his period as the General Secretary. The Shambaugh Prize recipient of 2016 Prof. Bruce J. Gantz had been invited to give a speech on his career and research; the speech was well received.

The **Gala Dinner** on Wednesday (Aug. 31st) at Château Giscours (Grand Cru Classé Margaux) was preceded by a winery visit and a cocktail party in a majestetic scenery. Our president acknowledged the support and help of the French Group for this extraordinarily well-organized annual meeting. The General Secretary and his wife Outi thanked René and Catherine for all their great efforts in putting all the details together in order to accomplish the successful meeting programme and schedule. The former treasurer Reidar Grénman received the CORLAS medal for his skillful and successful efforts in managing the accounts of our society during 2008-2015.

Some photos from various events during the social programme are presented in the attachment of this report.
POST-CONGRESS TOUR

Fifty-four people attended the post-congress tour, which on Thursday (Day 1) took us first to Toulouse and to a guided tour at the Airbus A380 sites; the magnificent Airbus assembly hall is by the way the largest building in the world. In the afternoon we continued towards the Cathar country and to Carcassonne to our hotels just next to the fortified, prosperous Medieval City (UNESCO World Heritage Site 1997) – home of the Cathars. Another UNESCO World Heritage Site (1996) was the Canal du Midi, which connects the River Garonne to the Étang de Thau on the Mediterranean and along with the 193 km long Canal de Garonne forms the Canal “des Deux Mers”, joining the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. The construction of the canal lasted from 1666 to 1681, during the reign of Louis XIV.

On Friday (Day 2) we experienced an unforgettable tour towards the deep South-France: Situated in the commune of Cucugnan, Château de Quéribus was the last bastion of the Cathar resistance and fell 1255. We all climbed up to its rocky peak and could experience the panoramic scenery of the entire Rousillon plain. The fortress has been preserved in a remarkable state (Photo). Lunch was arranged - with wine tasting first - at "La Maison du Terroir" in Estagel (Languedoc Roussillon) close to Perpignan. We also visited Rennes-le-Château, a village of the Aude, which is known throughout the world thanks to its priest, the Abbé François-Bérenger Saunière. We learned the fascinating story of his activities and role as a central figure in many of the conspiracy theories surrounding Rennes-le-Château. These speculations form the basis of several documentaries and books. Many elements of these theories were later used by Dan Brown in his best-selling 2003 novel The Da Vinci Code, in which the fictional character Jacques Saunière is named after the priest.

On Saturday (Day 3) we drove to Albi to visit the beautiful Cathedral (construction began in the 13th century), which is the biggest brick cathedral in the world. The well-organized tour guided us through an exceptional collection of frescoes and other pieces of religious art. It was amazing to learn how the brick construction of the building has made it possible for all the paintings to remain in excellent condition all the past centuries and without need for renovations in the cathedral itself. We then visited the Toulouse-Lautrec museum (opened in 1922), which is one of the largest international contemporary art museums. It is dedicated mainly to the work of the painter Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, who was born near Albi, and the museum houses over a thousand of his works. Before entering the museum Outi Mäkitie – pediatric endocrinologist herself – gave a short presentation about the rare bone disease Pycnodysostosis, also called Toulouse-Lautrec syndrome as the artist possibly had the disease based on his short stature, large head, multiple fractures and some other features.

Some photos from the post-congress tour are presented in the attachment of this report.

OTHER NOTES

Later during the fall we also received the message that Alain Morgon (born in 1931), who organized the CORLAS meeting in Lyon in 1999, passed away in his hometown on Nov. 27th, 2016.

IMPORTANT DATES

Chairmen of the national groups are invited to contact the General Secretary by mid-May 2018 at the latest to propose new member candidates, so that these can then be officially invited to send their
applications to the Jury by mid-June 2018 at the latest. As there is the IFOS Meeting in 2017, there will be no official call for new members during 2017.

All members who will participate in the IFOS 2017 meeting and the Members’ Lunch (Monday, June 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2017) in Paris are invited to send an email notification to the General Secretary (general.secretary@corlas.org) regarding their attendance by January 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2017 at the latest. There will be a two-hour scientific CORLAS Symposium on Monday June 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2017.

With my best wishes to all CORLAS members.

Helsinki, December 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2016

Antti Mäkitie
General Secretary
Treasury report 2015/16
Sandro J. Stoeckli

Corlas General Assembly
August, 29th 2016
Bordeaux

Bank Balance
1.1.2015 Turku
42,419.04€

Income
1.1.-31.7.2015

- Membership fees
  4050.00€

- Neck Ties, badges & history books
  125.00€

Total 31.7.2015
4175.00€

Expenses 2015
1.1.-31.7.2015

- Bank service fee
  102.81€

- Credit card service fee
  51.43€

- LOUIHI NET Webhotel
  58.50€

Total
493.60€

Bank balance
31.7.2015
46,100.48€

Account closed and transferred to Switzerland 17.5.16

Investment
100,000 € / 7.12.2010

- Nordea index-linked bond
  50,000.00 € (15.12.2015)

- Interest 2011
  866.52 €

- Interest 2012
  888.88 €

- Interest 2013
  859.43 €

- Interest 2014
  859.44 €

- Interest 2015 (1.1.-3.7.2015)
  429.72 €

Account closed and transferred to Switzerland 17.5.16

Investment:
100,000 € / 7.12.2010

- Capital / investment acc (2010)
  50,000.00 €

- Time deposit / interest
  1.1.-15.6.2015
  429.72 €

- Total 10.8.2015
  56,178.35 €

Account closed and transferred to Switzerland 17.5.16

Bank Account Switzerland

Beneficiary
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FI-00270 Helsinki
Finland

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Bank of beneficiary
Raiffeisen Schweiz Genossenschaft
Niederlassung St.Gallen
Vadianstrasse 17
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- Unpaid fees in 3 years: 25 516 €
- More unpaid fees in last 10 years

Membership fee payment process

- "pay by email"
  - Invoice sent to each member by email
  - Direct link to payment by credit card
  - Automated dunning system

- After two amonitions the national chair is contacted by the treasurer

- Suspension or termination of membership
Scientific Programme