

Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum
Amicitiae Sacrum
Founded in 1926

General Secretary
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Dear Members and Friends of the Collegium

The 91st Annual Meeting of our society was organized in Beijing, China, on September 17-19, 2018. This was the first time for CORLAS Annual Meeting to be organized in the People's Republic of China. Our Congress President Weining Huang and Vice-President Shiming Yang had a superb local organizing committee and also with the help of their families they succeeded in making this an unforgettable meeting for all of us. The meeting in this city with 22 million inhabitants and a 3000-year history was held in the China National Convention Center, which is located adjacent to the Olympic Games 2008 Area and its well-known monuments such as the National Stadium (Bird's Nest) and the National Aquatics Center (Water Cube). This Annual Meeting also highlighted the 100th Anniversary of Acta Oto-Laryngologica, which has been a true supporter and collaborator of CORLAS during its entire history. Attached you will find more details about the past year and the Annual Meeting itself, the Treasurer's report and a collection of photos from the Annual Meeting.

BOARD MEETING

Location and time: Duke Gui's Mansion, Beijing, Sept. 15th, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Present:

President	Weining Huang	Beijing
Vice-President	Shiming Yang	Beijing
General Secretary	Antti Mäkitie	Helsinki
Second Secretary	D. Bradley Welling	Boston
Treasurer	Sandro Stöckli	St. Gallen
Councillor	Hamlet Suarez	Montevideo
Editorial Secretary	Matti Anniko	Stockholm

President of the Credentials Committee: **Allen Ryan**

Invited past General Secretaries: **Pekka Karma, René Dauman**

Apologies: **Barbara Wollenberg, Yasuo Hisa**

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Minutes

1. Welcome from the President Weining Huang and presentation of the state of registration and overview of the conference: 94 members, 35 guests, and more than 100 abstracts. Twenty-eight countries/regions represented.
2. Apologies from non-attending Board members: Barbara Wollenberg, Yasuo Hisa
3. Commemoration of deceased members: Robert Kimura (USA), April 7th, 2017, Arnold G.D. Maran (UK), Dec 10th, 2017, John M. Fredrickson (Canada), 2017, Jan Wersäll (Sweden), 2017, Jim Baxter (Canada), 2017, John Tonkin (Australia), March 10th, 2018, David Lim (USA), June 29th, 2018, Mirko Tos (Denmark), Jan 18th, 2018, Jens Thomsen (Denmark), Aug 10th, 2018, Ruediger Thalmann (USA), Aug 25th, 2018
4. Membership resignations: UK, prof. Janet Wilson (UK Group Secr.)
5. New national chairpersons: Maurizio Barbara (Rome) will start in the beginning of 2019 and replace Gaetano Paludetti as the Chair of the Italian Group.
6. Second Secretary D. Bradley Welling presented the decision for the Shambaugh Prize in Otology i.e. this year the prize was decided to be shared by three recipients for their accomplishments in cochlear implant research: Claude-Henri Chouard (France), Graeme Clark (Australia), Ingeborg Hochmair-Desoyer (Austria)
7. Benjamins Prize: to be determined at the end of conference.
8. Second Secretary and the US Group Chair D. Bradley Welling presented the James B. Snow, Jr. Tinnitus Research Award recipient: Robert Dobie (USA)
9. Treasurer Sandro (Stöckli) presented the status of the Financial Report for 2018 and the new membership fee payment system: email notification, link for the payment, credit card payment etc. Two admonitions regarding unpaid dues will be followed by negotiations between the member and the national Chair.
10. Future meetings: Bern 2019, BID for 2020 (Santiago), 2021 IFOS, 2022 Europe, BID for 2023 (Kyoto), 2024 Europe, 2025 IFOS, BID for 2026 (Groningen). These were discussed and especially possible organizing European cities for 2022 and 2024.
11. President and Vice-President for the period 2019-2020: It was stated that the responsibilities of the new Presidency (Martin Kompis) and Vice-Presidency (Marco Versaccio) for the next Annual Meeting (Bern 2019) would start at the end of the Scientific Meeting in Beijing.
12. Recommendations for new members 2018. President of the Credentials Committee Allen Ryan presented the results of the work done by the Jury: there were 28 applicants and 24 of them were proposed to be discussed at the General Assembly as the new members of CORLAS.
13. Information from the Editor-in-Chief Matti Anniko of Acta Oto-Laryngologica: the 100-year Anniversary Symposium programme as part of the 1st day of the Scientific Programme was presented. Also, a special issue Acta Oto-Laryngologica 100 Years Supplement has been published and also its Chinese translation and this includes the most cited articles during the past 100 years which have been published. D-line for the new submissions for the next Acta Supplement (CORLAS Annual Meeting 2018) was announced: Oct 1st, 2018.
14. Other items: none

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Location and time: China National Convention Centre, Beijing, Sept. 17th, 2018 at 4:45 pm.

Minutes:

1. President Weining Huang and Gen. Sec. Antti Mäkitie welcomed all members.
2. Deceased members were commemorated (listed in the minutes of the Board meeting)
3. Annual reports for 2016, 2017 were approved.
4. Status of memberships: total 568 members (251 honorary, 136 senior, and 181 regular)
5. New national chairs: Maurizio Barbara starting 2019
6. The annual membership fee was decided to be kept unchanged (50€).
7. Prizes to be awarded 2018: Shambaugh Award in Otology to Claude-Henri Chouard (France), Graeme Clark (Australia), and Ingeborg Hochmair-Desoyer (Austria).
8. Treasurer's report (see attachment) and information regarding the new membership payment system.
9. Information regarding the Acta Oto-Laryngologica 100 Years Special Issue and its Chinese translation. Manuscript submission D-line for the next Acta Supplement will be Oct 1st, 2018.
10. The following 24 new members were proposed by the Credentials Committee and their membership was approved by the General Assembly:

- **Po Wen Cheng (Taiwan)**
- **Alain Dabdoub (Canada)**
- **El Amraoui Aziz (France)**
- **Robert Ferris (USA)**
- **Anna Fetoni (Italy)**
- **Abdulrahman Abdullah Hagr (Saudi Arabia)**
- **Thomas Hoffmann (Germany)**
- **Paul Hong (Canada)**
- **Kenji Kondo (Japan)**
- **Andre Kral (Germany)**
- **Robert Labadie (USA)**
- **Zheng Liu (People's Republic of China)**
- **Gino Marioni (Italy)**
- **John Oghalai (USA)**
- **Vinidh Paleri (UK)**
- **Jan Plzak (Czech Republic)**
- **Alkis Psaltis (Australia)**
- **Nicola Quaranta (Italy)**
- **Nicole Rotter (Germany)**
- **Regie Santos-Cortez (Philippines)**
- **Konstantina Stankovic (USA)**
- **Frederic Venail (France)**
- **Chen Chi Wang (Taiwan)**
- **Wei Xu (People's Republic of China)**

Chairs of the national groups are invited to contact General Secretary by mid-May 2019 at the latest regarding proposals for new member candidates.

11. Plans for future meetings: in 2018 the Annual Meeting will be in Bern and the information appears on the Society website. Registration opens in January 2019. The only BID for 2020 came from Santiago and a video produced by the CORLAS Chile Group was presented and Santiago was decided as the place for the meeting in 2020.
12. Information from the President regarding social programme.
13. Closure of the General Assembly.

OPENING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The opening ceremony was held on Monday Sept. 17th and addresses were given by the Congress President Weining Huang, Secretary General Antti Mäkitie and professor Feng Xu (President of the Beijing Hospital) and professor Zhiqiang Gao (President of the Chinese Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery). Second Secretary D. Bradley Welling announced the recipients of the Shambaugh Prize 2018 and described their remarkable efforts in cochlear implant research: Claude-Henri Chouard (France), Graeme Clark (Australia), and Ingeborg Hochmair-Desoyer (Austria).



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme included:

- 52 oral presentations
- 47 posters (2 Poster Sessions)
- 10 presentations by new members
- 21 guest presentations (9 oral, 12 poster)
- Acta 100 Years Jubilee Symposium
- 2 Keynote Lectures
- 3 Minisymposia: Microbiota, Head & Neck, Chinese ORL Research
- 6 Scientific Sessions: Otology 1., 2., 3., Upper Airway, Vestibular disorders, H&N Cancer

On Monday (**Sept. 17th**) after the Opening Ceremony the Scientific Programme started with the Acta 100 Years Jubilee Symposium chaired by Matti Anniko. We enjoyed three excellent invited presentations given by Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen (Barcelona, "Recent developments in endoscopic skull base surgery"), Gerard O'Donoghue (Guest, Nottingham, "Global hearing health – is anybody listening?") and Xu Wei (Guest, Shandong, "The profile of hypopharyngeal carcinoma therapy and our experience"). The next session was chaired by René Dauman and Antti Mäkitie and included two Keynotes presented by the Congress Vice-President Shiming Yang (Beijing, "Pig as a big animal model for the research on inner ear and Eustachian tube") and by Anil Lalwani (New York City, "Barriers to Precision Inner Ear Therapy"). After the traditional group photography (see above) and lunch Pekka Karma and Jan Veldman then chaired the Scientific Session 1 (Otology 1), which included chosen presentations on various aspects of hearing loss.

On Tuesday (**Sept. 18th**) the programme included the Scientific Session 3 chaired by Shiming Yang with a selection of topics in “Upper Airway Research”. There were two Minisymposia: the first one was titled “Microbiota in ORL-HNS” and was chaired by Jussi Jero. The discussion regarding these excellent presentations clearly showed that this theme needs to be addressed also in our future meetings. The Head and Neck Minisymposium was chaired by Antti Mäkitie and both our new member Hisham Mehanna (Birmingham) and Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen (Barcelona) nicely guided us through the ideology behind the topic: “Management of surgical margins: open versus minimally invasive trans-oral surgery”. The Poster Tour 1 was chaired by Sandro Stöckli and Hao Wu and included 25 posters with short oral presentations. This form of presenting the posters has its advantages and also an alternative way to include electronic poster presentations in the future meetings was discussed and preliminary plans were made. Robert V. Harrison chaired the afternoon Scientific Session 3 (Otology 2) on eight papers on Cochlear implantation.

The third congress day on Wednesday (**Sept. 19th**) started with the Scientific Session 4 (Otology 3) chaired by D. Bradley Welling and the presentations dealt with auditory and neural deficits, plasticity and rehabilitation. The Minisymposium on Chinese Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery was chaired by Lisheng Yu and included four presentations selected in order to present us the ongoing Chinese research in our field. Scientific Session 5 (Vestibular disorders) was chaired by Ashley Wackym and included among others three presentations on Ménière’s disease. Also, the Poster tour 2 chaired by Allen Ryan and Jussi Jero focused on vestibular and audiological research with 22 presentations. The last Scientific Session 6 (Head & Neck) was chaired by Antti Mäkitie and the five members presenting in this session discussed various novel research findings regarding Head and Neck neoplasms.

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

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

On Sunday (Sept 16th) the Family Tour took us to the **Great Wall** (Juyongguan Pass). This rare and magnificent construction with its inspiring history and majestic scenes is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and truly a great experience for visitors. We also drove 50 kilometers northwest from Beijing City to the **Ming Tombs** to visit the perfectly preserved mausoleums of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644) before heading back to Beijing and to the Congress Welcome Cocktail.

On Monday (Sept. 17th) during the day the accompanying persons visited two other UNESCO World Heritage Sites, namely the **Summer Palace** (the former imperial garden covering more than 290 hectares) and the **Temple of Heaven** (constructed between 1406-20). These ancient sites represent masterpieces of architecture and landscape design of one great civilization. In the evening we all enjoyed **Beijing Opera** (a national treasure with a history of 200 years) in the Liyuan Theater and a Chinese dinner. Discussions were as lively as always after having had these opportunities to enjoy culture and culinaryism together.

Tuesday (Sept. 18th) included tours for the accompanying persons to the **Forbidden City** (the largest royal palace in the world) and to the **Capital Museum**. In the evening the Members’ Dinner was organized in the in Quanjudu restaurant (founded 1864), which is one of the best restaurants for the famous Beijing Roast Duck. The dinner for the accompanying persons was hosted by Xixi Meng and Outi Mäkitie.

At the **Members Dinner** our new members who were presented at the Annual Meeting were introduced by the Secretary General and they received the History Book and the Rules: **Sho Kanzaki** (Tokyo), **Lisheng Yu** (Beijing), **Jan Wo Koo**, **Emi Murano** (Sao Paolo), **Wei-Chung Hsu** (Taipei), **Romain Kania** (Paris), **Hisham Mehanna** (Birmingham), **Stefan Plontke** (Halle, Germany), **Tadashi Kitahara** (Kashihara), **Antti A. Aarnisalo** (Helsinki), **Wei Xu** (Shandong), **Zheng Liu** (Huazhong). The Second Secretary D. Bradley Welling delivered the Shambaugh Prizes (that had been announced earlier) to **Claude-Henri Chouard** (France) and **Ingeborg Hochmair-Desoyer** (Austria) and the prize for **Graeme Clark** (Australia) was handed to Stephen O'Leary to be transferred to Australia. Ingeborg Hochmair-Desoyer and Claude-Henri Chouard gave a short speech together to thank the society. D. Bradley Welling then delivered the Snow Jr. Tinnitus award to **Robert Dobie** (US) who was not present at the meeting and P Ashley Wackym thus told us about the background and work that Robert Dobie has done. I had asked Matti Anniko to tell us about the main parts of the history of Acta Oto-Laryngology and we heard an interesting summary of the various aspects along the past 100 years. I would like to recommend to you that you also read the special issue Acta Oto-Laryngologica 2018, Vol. 138. No. S1, 191.

On Wednesday (Sept. 19th) the accompanying persons visited the **Lama Temple** (17th century) and then drove to the **Shichahai** scenic area and visited a hutong area by rickshaw. In the evening we were taken to the Gala Dinner organized at the **Diaoyutai State Guesthouse**, which is a historic hotel and the noblest and highest-standard guesthouse; nowadays it is used to house the foreign guests of the Republic. It is an important venue for Chinese leaders conducting foreign affairs and state activities. This very special occasion was made possible for our society by our president's personal relations and we were experiencing and enjoying the atmosphere of this presidential villa and the delicious Chinese cuisine provided by the team of chefs. During the dinner we heard speeches from the President Weining Huang and Secretary General Antti Mäkitie thanking all the participants and especially the organizing committee for all the efforts for this successful annual meeting. Also, the recipient of the **Benjamins Prize 2018** was announced: Dr. Zheng Liu, our guest speaker from Huazhong for his excellent presentation on "Endotyping chronic rhinosinusitis in Chinese".

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

POST-CONGRESS TOUR

Thirty-one people attended the post-congress tour, which on Thursday (**Day 1, Sept. 20th**) took us first to the **Gubei Water Town** close to the Simatai section - the most dangerous and majestic part - of the Great Wall. The Water Town displays architectural style of both late Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) and the Republic of China (1912-1949) periods. And of course, we took the cable car ride up to the Great Wall and did some hiking to see the magnificent landscape. Dinner was served after a "after sunset boat tour" along the canals of the town.

On Friday (**Day 2, Sept. 21st**) we drove to the **Imperial Summer Resort** (also a UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site), which is in the urban area of Chengde in Hebei province. It is the largest imperial park in the world.

On Saturday (**Day 3, Sept. 22rd**) we visited the **Puning Temple**, which was built in 1755 and enshrines the largest wooden Buddha statue in the world. The next site was the **Potala Palace** of the Panchen Lama Scenic Area, which is located to the north of the **Mountain Resort**, and we spent a few hours

exploring the palace area and photographing the beautiful sceneries all over the site. The bus then took us back to Beijing and we certainly felt us privileged and thankful for having experienced such a selection of Chinese cultural, culinary, historical and scenic aspects and all this flavoured with elements of true friendship during this week.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Chairmen of the national groups are invited to contact the General Secretary **by mid-May 2019** 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 2019 at the latest.

With my best wishes to all CORLAS members.

Helsinki, December 15th, 2018



Antti Mäkitie

General Secretary