

**Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum**  
**Amicitiae Sacrum**  
**Founded in 1926**

**General Secretary**  
**Prof. Antti A. Mäkitie**



Helsinki, December 20th, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of the Collegium ORL Amicitiae Sacrum

I hope you are all doing well at the end of this eventful year. Several crises are currently plaguing the world – this is the time for us to strengthen and build what we know to be valuable. We are motivated to continue advancing scientific collaboration and communication of our latest research through CORLAS. This year's Annual Meeting showed that all our efforts have paid off.

We have a special reason to thank our President Marcos Goycoolea, Vice President Hamlet Suárez and their local organizing committee, who were deeply committed to their work and organized an unforgettable Annual Meeting 2022 in Santiago de Chile. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Annual Meeting had been postponed twice (instead, we organized Zoom Meetings in 2020 and 2021) and the live meeting could only be organized in November 2022. This particularly successful event reinforced our confidence regarding the operations and future of CORLAS after two years of remote activities.

The Board has held several remote meetings during the past year to discuss the functions of our society. One significant structural change is that CORLAS will now be an officially registered society. We have also entered into an agreement with a company providing association management services (GUARANT International, based in Prague, Czech Republic) regarding secretarial and administrative tasks. The members have already received correspondence from the company during the past year regarding contact details that need to be updated in our registry.

In this report you will find the Minutes of the Board Meeting and the General Assembly 2022.

## **BOARD MEETING**

**Location and time:** Hotel Plaza El Bosque Nueva Las Condes, Nov. 12th, 2022 at 4:00 PM

### **Present:**

President Marcos Goycoolea  
Vice President Hamlet Suárez  
General Secretary Antti Mäkitie  
Second Secretary D. Bradley Welling  
Treasurer Sandro Stöckli  
Councillor Kaoru Ogawa (via ZOOM connection)  
Councillor Barbara Wollenberg (via ZOOM connection)  
Editorial Secretary Matti Anniko  
Guest: Credentials Committee Chair Allen Ryan  
Guest: President Elect Tatsuya Yamasoba (via ZOOM connection)

### **Minutes**

1. Introduction: General Secretary welcomed the Board and the Guests
2. The Annual Report 2021 was approved without changes.
3. Commemoration of deceased members: Jacob Sadé, Israel 2021, Nils-Gunnar Toremalm, Sweden 2021, Börje Drettner, Sweden 2021, Jan Stahle, Sweden 2021, Wieslaw Sulkowski, Poland 2021, James Byron Snow, Jr., USA 2022, David Baguley, UK 2022, Poul Bretlau, Denmark 2022, Yasuo Hisa, Japan 2022.
4. Membership status 2022, in total 616 members: honorary 292, senior 169, regular 155.
5. New national Chairs: France, Christophe Vincent; Korea, Jong Woo Chung; Spain, Nicolás Pérez Fernández.
6. Recommendation for new members 2022. President of the Credentials Committee Allen Ryan presented the review work of the Jury regarding the received membership applications: this was discussed, and 16 proposed applicants were accepted as the new members of CORLAS:  
**Agrawal, Yuri, USA**  
**Cheng, Alan Gi-Lun, USA**  
**Choi, Byung Yoon, Korea**  
**Goncalves, Stefania, Venezuela**  
**Grønhøj, Christian, Denmark**  
**Landis, Basile, Switzerland**  
**Lee, Yoon Se, Korea**  
**Mantokoudis, Georgios, Switzerland**  
**Ozawa, Hiroyuki, Japan**  
**Pérez Fornos, Angélica, Switzerland**  
**Sinkkonen, Saku, Finland**  
**Vaisbuch, Yona, Israel**  
**Waissbluth, Sofia, Chile**  
**Wu, Chen-Chi, Taiwan**  
**Zanoletti, Elisabetta, Italy**  
**Zuur, Lotje, the Netherlands**
7. Status of Board Memberships: it was decided that the Past President will be onboard for one extra year (two extra years in case of an IFOS meeting) to provide continuity for the arrangements of the Annual Meetings.
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary D. Bradley Welling informed that the Shambaugh Prize 2022 candidate has been selected and the announcement will be postponed until 2023. Also, the James B. Snow Jr. MD Tinnitus Research Award will be delivered in 2023.

9. The Annual Meeting 2022 was discussed. The programme includes 69 abstracts, 9 scientific sessions, 2 keynote presentations, 2 minisymposia, and 2 posters.
10. Secretary General informed the Board about the contract regarding the Secretarial Assistance by GUARANT International (Prague, Czech Republic). CORLAS will now be registered as a society and the Secretariat will provide administrative assistance regarding our membership registry, communication with members, and collection of annual fees.
11. Treasurer Sandro Stöckli presented the Financial Report for 2022 (see the attachment). Investment was completely dissolved prior to the stock-market crisis and thus, CORLAS finances are stable and solid. The annual membership fee was suggested to remain at 100 Euros. The collection of fees for 2022 and 2023 will be started by GUARANT Int'l after the Annual Meeting 2022.
12. The plans for the Annual Meeting 2023 (Tokyo, Japan) were discussed. President of the congress Prof. Tatsuya Yamasoba presented the plans. Vice-President will be Prof. Koichi Omori. Mini-Symposia topics: Age-related hearing loss, regenerative medicine. Seminars possibly co-sponsored by industrial companies were discussed. Post-Congress Tour will be arranged to Hakone hot-spring district, Mt. Fuji, and the winery country area.
13. Plans for the future Annual Meetings were discussed: Tokyo 2023, Vienna 2024, 2025 still open (outside Europe), the Netherlands Group has sent a BID for 2026 and this was accepted as there are no other BIDs for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Annual Meeting. 2027 outside Europe.
14. Editor-in-Chief of Acta Oto-Laryngologica prof. Matti Anniko informed the Board that the D-line for papers from the Annual Meeting 2022 is December 31th.
15. Other items: none were discussed at the Board live meeting. However, after the Annual Meeting the Board made an addendum to the Minutes of the Board Meeting through an email meeting stating that with regards to the Russian ongoing aggression and war in Ukraine the participation of Russian members to CORLAS activities is suspended for the time being. The Board will reconsider this decision in case of fundamental changes of the situation will take place.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Location and time:** Hotel Plaza El Bosque Nueva Las Condes, Nov. 14th, 2022 at 4:45 PM

**Present:** 60 members

### **Minutes:**

1. Secretary General welcomed all members.
2. Annual Report 2021 was approved.
3. Deceased members were commemorated (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting).
4. The membership status was presented (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting).
5. The list from the Credentials Committee and the Board regarding the 16 new CORLAS members was presented (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting).
6. The list of the new national Chairs was presented (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting).
7. Status of Board Member Positions and the Secretary General Position: for the period 2022-2023 Prof. Tatsuya Yamasoba (Tokyo) will serve as the CORLAS President and Prof. Koichi Omori (Kyoto) as the Vice-President.
8. Chairs of the national groups are invited to contact the General Secretary regarding proposals for new member candidates by mid-May 2023 at the latest.
9. Secretary General informed the GA about the contract regarding the Secretarial Assistance by GUARANT International (Prague, Czech Republic).
10. Treasurer Sandro Stöckli presented the Financial Report for 2022 (see the attachment).

11. The plans and arrangements for the Annual Meeting 2023 were presented by Prof. Tatsuya Yamasoba.
12. The plan regarding the future Annual Meetings was discussed (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting). The GA was informed that the Board has decided not to arrange a CORLAS Lunch Meeting at the IFOS 2023 Congress in Dubai, as we will now have two Annual Meetings in a time period of nine months.
13. The plans for the Annual Meeting 2023 (Tokyo, Japan, Aug 28-30, 2023) were presented. Family Tour will be on Sunday Aug 27, and the Postcongress Tour during Aug 31 through Sept 3, 2023.
14. The members were informed about the submission D-line (Dec 30<sup>th</sup>) to the CORLAS Supplement of Acta Otolaryngol.
15. Closure of the General Assembly.



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme included 69 abstracts, 9 scientific sessions, 2 keynote presentations, 2 minisymposia, and 2 posters. The two posters were presented by the President and the Secretary General in order to highlight the value of poster presentations at our Annual Meetings although this year all other members had exceptionally a chance to keep an oral presentation.

**Monday (Nov. 14th)** In the Opening Ceremony we enjoyed the Guest Lecture given by the Chilean Former Secretary of Health, Jaime Mañalich MD, titled **Chile and COVID-19**. The first Minisymposium chaired by President Marcos Goycoolea and Vice-President Hamlet Suárez presented **South American Southern Cone ORL-HNS Research** and the four papers covered auditory and cochlear investigations. The Scientific Session 1 was chaired by our 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary D. Bradley Welling and the President Elect Tatsuya Yamasoba and focused on **Novel Imaging Techniques in ORL**. The 1st Keynote was given by Camila Corvalán MD., PhD. Head of the National Program and reported on the **Chilean Food Labelling Law**. The Scientific Session 2 on **Hearing Loss** was chaired by Edwin W Rubel and Fan-Gang Zeng and included both basic science and clinical investigations.

**Tuesday (Nov. 15th)** started with the Keynote Lecture 2 given by Ingeborg Hochmair-Desoyer titled **Update of Cochlear Implants** really provided us with a comprehensive view of the past development and future prospects. This was then followed by Scientific Session 3 on **Cochlear Implants**, which was chaired by Bruce J. Gantz and Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner, and included ten presentations in this field. Scientific Session 4 was titled **ORL-Initiatives** and was chaired by Valerie Lund and Matti Anniko. The five papers presented various innovative research aspects in our specialty. The Scientific Session 5 chaired by Sandro Stöckli and Maie A. St. John was the only **Head and Neck Cancer** session at this meeting, and the eight presentations covered various basic, translational and management aspects in this field. Scientific Session 6 on **Otology** was chaired by Nicola Quaranta and Maurizio Barbara and included four presentations on various types and management approaches of hearing loss.

**Wednesday (Nov. 16th)** Scientific Session 7 titled **Drug Delivery to the Ear** was chaired by Hinrich Staecker and Marlan Hansen. The seven presentations formed a special discussion regarding different therapeutical approaches. Scientific Session 8 on **Genetics in ORL-HNS – Methodology** chaired by Jeffrey Harris and Rick A. Friedman presented research approaches regarding Meniere's disease, rare bone diseases, and non-syndromic vestibular dysfunction. Minisymposium 2 focused on **COVID-19** and was chaired by Lars Olaf Cardell and Douglas Mattox. The last part of the scientific programme was Scientific Session 9 titled **Otitis Media Symposium** and chaired by Regie Santos-Cortez and Allen Ryan. Seven papers were presented and then followed by a general discussion.

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

On Sunday Nov. 13th during the Family Tour we had an exceptional opportunity to experience Chilean colonial life at the at San Miguel Farm at Colina Town near Santiago. The authentic and thus very rare colonial farmhouse belonging to the Goycoolea Family forms an extremely beautiful property with its garden, chapel, and buildings. We followed wonderful music and dance performances and enjoyed a lunch with Chilean wines in the picturesque garden. In the evening a get-together welcome cocktail was arranged in the venue hotel.

On Monday Nov 14th Santiago City tours were organized for the accompanying persons. In the evening the Members' and Accompanying Persons' Dinner was at the Vista Santiago Restaurant at San Cristóbal

Hill in a natural environment with a privileged and unparalleled view of the city at sunset. The Secretary General welcomed the members and also forwarded the regards from our Ukrainian member Oleg Borysenko who had emailed his message to us from Kiev in the middle of war circumstances. All the new members attending the Annual Meeting presented themselves and were congratulated and given the CORLAS Rules. At the Accompanying Persons' dinner speeches were given by Outi Mäkitie and Hortensia Goycoolea.

On Tuesday Nov 15th a tour was organized to Valparaíso and Viña del Mar. In the evening the Cultural Evening included a visit to the artisan village located in Las Condes, Santiago, that is a small town in the middle of the City, with a large number of artisans from all over the country. This town was developed and is administered by the Cultural Corporation of the City of Las Condes in Santiago. In this location the artisans make their handcrafts in their multiple small shops and sell them to the visitors. The evening ended in Parque Mahuida, where we had a memorable wine tasting under the guidance of a famous Chilean sommelier.

On Wednesday Nov 16th a visit to a typical Chilean central zone farm at Estancia El Cuadro-Casablanca was organized for the accompanying persons. In the evening we enjoyed the festive Gala Dinner at the Hotel Plaza el Bosque. The dinner speech was given by the Secretary General addressing and thanking the commitment and well-performed work by Marcos and Hortensia Goycoolea and Hamlet and Mariana Suárez and their organizing committee. The recipient of the Benjamins Price 2022 – Dr. Sofia Waissbluth (Santiago) - was announced by our 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary D. Bradley Welling. Dr. Waissbluth presented as a guest on « Immunohistochemical localization of MATE1 in the cochlea and its potential role in cisplatin-induced ototoxicity » and was also accepted as a new member at this Annual Meeting.

## **POSTCONGRESS TOUR**

The postcongress tour was organized in Calama - San Pedro de Atacama in northern Chile 1700 km north of Santiago. The town, San Pedro, is located in a high plateau 2400 meters above the sea level in an oasis of the Atacama desert, and surrounded by three mountain chains namely the Andes, Domeyko and the so called Salt mountains, with volcanos, desert, large salt areas and lakes of amazing natural beauty including for example flamingos. The Atacama Desert is the driest nonpolar desert in the world and its most prominent characteristic is the almost total lack of precipitation. We all stayed in a Chilean style Hotel Cumbres and spent time together during the programme activities. The amicitiae sacrum spirit could be truly experienced and the days and atmospheric dinners were unforgettable.

The tours took us to, for instance, the Cejar Lagoon in the Andean Highlands, where there is a Salt Flat basin. The lagoon has been formed by the progressive accumulation of precipitated salts. We had the great experience of swimming in the salty lagoon under the Chilean sun. Another tour headed to the Moon Valley, which resembles the moon landscape with its stones and sand formations that give the desert amazing colors and texture. Green, blue, red and yellow colors together with the sunlight formed an amazing geological spectacle. The local guides appeared to be true specialists of this area and we received wonderful lessons of the area. As there is no rain and the sky stays very clear, the Atacama area is perfect for astronomy. An astronomical evening was organized for us with the local experts lecturing and assisting us with the star telescopes. Another tour to the Laguna de Chaxa was ornithological experience as it is the national reserve for flamingos locating 2300 meters above sea level. In the surroundings, the surface salt crusts are visible as they are caused by constant accumulation of crystals produced by the underground water evaporation of heavy saline load. We could observe three types of flamingos: Andean, Chilean and James flamingo. An absolute beauty.

## IMPORTANT DATES


Chairmen of the national groups are invited to contact the General Secretary **by mid-May 2023** at the latest to propose new member candidates, so that these can then officially be invited to send their applications to the Jury by mid-June 2023 at the latest.

Annual Meeting 2023 in Tokyo, Japan during Aug 28-30, 2023

Outi and I wish you and your loved ones all the best for this Holiday Season. May the New Year be peaceful and happy.

We look forward to seeing you all in Tokyo in August 2023.

Helsinki, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Antti Mäkitie

General Secretary



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### CORLAS

### Income Statement

For the Period August 2021 to August 2022

Currency: Euro

Revenue	2022	2021
Sales accessories		-
Membership fee	632	3'295
Financial revenue dividend	-	780
Financial revenue performance	112'032	-
Interest revenue	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>112'664</b>	<b>4'075</b>
Expenses		
Expenses Annual Meeting	1'683	
Purchase accessories		
Commissions Six Payment	338	197
Commission Raiffeisen CHF Account	-	283
Commissions Raiffeisen Euro Account	568	39
Guarant Office	1'759	
Equipment		-
Web hosting and domains	360	360
Other	1'161	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5'869</b>	<b>879</b>
Net Income Before Taxes	106'795	3'196
Income tax expense	-	-
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>106'795</b>	<b>3'196</b>



Date: November, 2022

Currency: Euro

<b>Assets</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash Euro Account		142'312	35'074
Cash CHF Account		-	2'936
Accounts receivable		30'000	-
Inventory Accessories Ties		2'000	3'016
Other		-	-
	<i>Total current assets</i>	174'312	41'026
<b>Fixed (Long-Term) Assets</b>			
Long-term investments		-	123'496
Other		-	-
	<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	123'496
<b>Other Assets</b>			
Other		-	-
	<i>Total Other Assets</i>	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>174'312</b>	<b>164'522</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable		-	-
	<i>Total current liabilities</i>	-	-
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>			
Long-Term Liabilities		-	-
	<i>Total long-term liabilities</i>	-	-
<b>Equity</b>			
Equity		67'587	149'509
Profit		106'725	15'013
	<i>Total equity</i>	174'312	164'522
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>		<b>174'312</b>	<b>164'522</b>