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**INTERNATIONAL OSTOMY ASSOCIATION**



**Greetings to all our friends in IOA**

I am pleased to be able to send you greetings in this first edition of the newsletter for 2007. I trust that it will be a good year for us all bringing peace, prosperity, contentment and good health.

It will certainly be an important year for IOA we hold our 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress in the lovely island of Puerto Rico in August. There is the important work of conducting the business of IOA as well as electing the new Executive. We would like to see as many delegates as possible ; your input on the future direction of IOA is so important and it is most valuable to know what is important to our IOA family.

Details regarding the World Congress can be found on pages 4-8. Take a look at the exciting events that we have planned and plan to spend your summer vacation in the Caribbean enjoying the hospitality of the islands as well as sharing in the camaraderie of the World Congress. It is not too early to book your flight and make your reservations.

In this edition of the newsletter I am including again the information in regard to proposed changes to the IOA Constitution and the call for Nominations and Elections. The deadline for recipients for the IOA Awards has already passed and I thank you for the entries that we have received.

**TO ALL FULL IOA MEMBERS**

Dear Presidents:

The time has come for all full members of our organization to send nominations for the candidates they propose to serve IOA for the years 2007–2010. Nominations will be accepted for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The election will take place at the upcoming World Congress.

- The nomination must come from a member organization, not the candidate.
- The organization must have the approval of the nominee to place his or her name in nomination and state this in the Nomination Letter.
- Each candidate must provide a complete curriculum vitae (CV) to accompany the Nomination Letter.
- The nominees for President and Vice-President shall have leadership skills and organizational experience gained at the IOA member national, and regional or international levels. The Treasurer, if possible, should have similar experience.
- The current Treasurer shall have the right to serve successive terms if duly nominated and elected.

The nominations should be sent by **April 1, 2007** to the Nominations Representative Ms. Brenda Flanagan.  
Email [brenda.flanagan@btinternet.com](mailto:brenda.flanagan@btinternet.com)

Airmail Ms. Brenda Flanagan  
26, Manor Road  
Slyne  
Lancaster LA2 6LB  
England

**AMENDMENTS TO THE IOA CONSTITUTION**

If any Full Member of IOA wishes to propose an amendment to the IOA Constitution, they must send their proposal to the Secretary of IOA with a copy to the President to arrive no later than **March 1, 2007**.

- Amendments may be proposed by the IOA Executive Council or any Full Member Association.
- A rationale for any proposed amendment should be included.

Send proposed amendments to the following:  
Email: [secretaryioa@ostomyinternational.org](mailto:secretaryioa@ostomyinternational.org)

Airmail: Ann Favreau, IOA Secretary  
6010 Teahouse Road  
Venice, Florida  
34293 USA

Copy to:  
Email: [president@ostomyinternational.org](mailto:president@ostomyinternational.org)

Airmail: Di Bracken, IOA President  
102 Allingham Gardens  
Toronto ON  
M3H 1Y2 Canada

### UPDATE IOA HANDBOOK

Our secretary, Ann Favreau, is currently working on updating the IOA Handbook. As you are aware this manual is backbone of our organization, and we must keep it up to date. Our Executive Council members who are in charge of projects are helping with the updates. Ken Aukett updated the IOA Constitution in 2005 and that has already been circulated to you. Once it is complete, we will send each member country an electronic copy.

### IOA WEBSITE PUBLICATIONS

<http://www.ostomyinternational.org/publication.html>

This link is worth a visit if you are interested in newsletters and other magazines from other member countries. Having said that, the latest addition is not from a member country but is the newsletter from FOW Canada. You may want to take a lot at it – very interesting reading. If you are interested in having your magazine/ newsletter included, please let our Webmaster know at [webmasterioa@ostomyinternational.org](mailto:webmasterioa@ostomyinternational.org)

### [“Train the Trainer, Stoma Care” workshop at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, India, December 4 – 11, 2006](#)

Workshop was organized by Dr Harikesh Buch and Ms.Anjali Patwardhan

#### Teaching Team

Prof. Carlo Pezcoller - Prof of Colorectal surgery ,Modena, Italy.  
Ms Di Bracken - President ( IOA),from Canada  
Dato'John Cardosa - President ( AOA ) , Malaysia  
Ms.Anjali Patwardhan - Director Stoma care, Stoma Clinic, Tata Memo.Hospi.,Mumbai,  
Dr Harikesh Buch - Surgeon & IPP AOA, Mumbai.  
Local surgeons and nursing tutors

This was a joint project between Lions club of Modena ,Italy & Lions International with Mr Mehta as IPP Lions International & now as Chairman of Lions International Charity Foundation,Tata Memorial Cancer hospital, International Ostomy Association ( IOA ) & Asian Ostomy Association ( AOA ).

There were 18 Enterostomal Therapist ( ETs ) from 16 states across India 4 surgeons & 18 ostomates from the same states of India . All were trained to train others in their respective states to create awareness & give knowledge about "Stoma care " & will be helped to form association of ostomates as a support group in their respective states.



Di Bracken, Mrs. Kokila Mehta, Prof Carlo Pezcoller, Dr Ashok Mehta, Giovanna Pellacani, Lion Shyam Malpani, Mumbai, Governor Pellacani, Italy, Dr Harikesh Buch

The travel expenses of the International Travelling Teaching Team were by the Lions Club of Modena Wiligermo and District 108Tb, Italy. The local hospitality of the Teaching Team was borne by monies from the Lions Club of Sion, Mumbai.

**IOA VISITOR TRAINING GUIDE** was unveiled at this meeting. Discussion was led by IOA President Di Bracken. Medical component was discussed by Prof. Carlo Pezcoller and Harikesh Buch. The training guide was presented in English but it has already been translated into Hindi for use across India.

**Note:** This training guide was developed by Di Bracken, President IOA; Susan Stelton, MSN, APRN, BC, CWOCN WCET Vice-President; Professor Carlo Pezcoller Lions Club " Modena Wiligermo " District 108Tb – Italy. Responsible for the Project "LIONS FOR STOMA CARE" and Katsuhisa Shindo, MD, PhD. Professor of Surgery, Head of Kinki University Center for Health Affairs, Osaka Japan

The writing Team was supported by an educational grant from ConvaTec.

This was a most successful Train the Trainer session and

the aim now is to hold similar workshops in at least four different areas of India. I am sure that the details of the workshop will be of interest to many of our countries and I have agreed with the teaching team and the presenters at the meeting that I will write a detailed report on the meeting – programme etc in a separate document which we will hopefully get to you by the end of February. Again, we will send this out to you electronically.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can possibly come to Puerto Rico. Please make your reservations as soon as possible and be in touch if you need any further information.

As always,  
With affection



**Martha Velez de Nieves**  
**Congress Chair**



Hola!

I would like to meet you in Puerto Rico.

It is time to start making your reservation.

I'm sure you don't want to miss this congress as it will be in a different atmosphere. Enjoy the wonders of this Tropical paradise. There are many tourists attractions, and you will be able attend to the activities we have planned for all of you, and the most important is to meet ostomates from around the world. If you are planning to attend and need a letter of invitation for your Visa process, and/or need any other information, send me an email : [ostomizadospr@yahoo.com](mailto:ostomizadospr@yahoo.com)

So take some time right now and fill out the Registration form.

Please visit the IOA Website for more information <http://www.ostomyinternational.org>

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME****INTERNATIONAL OSTOMY ASSOCIATION  
12<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS**

HOSTED BY  
ASOCIACION DE OSTOMIZADOS DE PUERTO RICO

Fajardo Inn, Fajardo, Puerto Rico  
7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August 2007

VIVA LIFE - VIVA VIDA

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> August**

09.00 - 17.00 IOA Executive Council Meeting

Arrival of participants

Registration desk open

19.00 - 22.30 WELCOME RECEPTION at the Bamboo Beach Pool. Karaoke

Finger food. Cash Bar

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> August**

Registration desk open

08.00 - 10.00 Regional Association Meetings

ALADO

AOA

EOA

NCACOA

SPOA

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 - 11.30 Congress Opening Session

Parade of Flags

Puerto Rican Dignitary Official Welcome

Greetings, IOA and AOPR. Presidents

Archie Vinitski Award

Professional Services Award

11.30 - 12.30 IOA World Council Meeting

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 15.30 IOA World Council Meeting

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 18.00 IOA World Council Meeting

19.00 - 22.00 Welcome Dinner

Coloplast WOD Award

Hollister Photograph Competition Awards

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> August**

Stoma Clinic –by appointment only  
Programme

Open forum with IOA officers and candidates

Manufacturers Presentation

Co-ordination of international support

Future direction for IOA World Congresses

World Ostomy Day presentation **with translation into Spanish**

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

Workshops

Irrigation for colostomates

**with translation into Spanish**

Future goals for IOA Strategic Plan (Di Bracken)

Intimacy (Linda and Kenneth Aukett)

**Workshop in Spanish**

15.00 -15.30 Coffee break

Workshops

IOA Visiting Programme **with translation into Spanish**  
**Special Invited speakers**

17.00 - 21.00 Dinner on own

**EVENING ENTERTAINMENT**

- 1 Putting competition in Fajardo
- 2 IOA Auction
- 3 Member countries entertainment

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Workshops

LIONS FOR STOMA CARE

Maintaining membership - an interactive forum

The IOA website and the Internet

Adaptation after ostomy surgery

Future of IOA 20/40 Focus

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.30 - 21.00 Tour of historic San Juan

Dinner in San Juan

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> August**

IOA World Council Meeting

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

Elections

IOA World Council Meeting conclusion

19.00-24.00 Closing Banquet

Tribute to the outgoing President

Photographic memories

Closing comments

Entertainment

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> August**

Departure

09.00 - 13.00 IOA Executive Council Meeting

Full and half-day tours will be arranged for accompanying registrants by the Puerto Rican Tourist Board.

Suggestions: Tour of the rain forest

Catamaran sail to off-shore islands

Bacardi rum distillery

**CONGRESS REGISTRATION FEE US\$150.00****Accompanying Person \$100.00**

Includes the following:

Admission to all Congress sessions  
Congress material,  
4 lunches  
4 coffee breaks

August 7<sup>th</sup> a Welcome Reception at the Bamboo Beach Pool. Appetizers will be served with Cash Bar available

August 8<sup>th</sup> Grand Opening Dinner

August 9<sup>th</sup> Putting Competition, karaoke and Auction

August 10<sup>th</sup> Tour of San Juan with evening dinner.

August 11<sup>th</sup> Closing Banquet

**JOIN US AT THE FAJARDO INN FOR THE 12th IOA WORLD CONGRESS****THE FAJARDO INN****Property Amenities**

High Speed Internet, Atm Cash Machine, Bar, Barber/Beauty Shop, Business Center, Guest Laundromat, Mini Golf, Playground, Pool, Restaurant on Property, Air Conditioned, Breakfast, Cribs Available, Fax Machine and Services, Hairdryers Available, Ice Machines, International Calls, Iron & Ironing Board, Maid/Housing Keeping, Outdoor Parking, Wake Up Call.

Fajardo is one of the most originally beautiful spots on the island's shores. Located in the east region of the island, bordering the Atlantic Ocean, north of Ceiba and east of Luquillo. Fajardo is a major boating center, with a wide range of rentals and charters available, with daily and sport-diving excursions as well as scheduled ferries and air service carrying passengers and cargo to Culebra and Vieques. Puerto del Rey Marina, home of 750 ships, is the largest in the Caribbean.

Fajardo's perfect beaches are bounded by calm, clear water ideal for snorkeling, Seven Seas Beach, offers plentiful water sports facilities, offshore points for sailing, snorkeling and plenty of scuba diving.

A good base for those visiting El Yunque, this inn is ideal for those who are seeking a location in the east. Lying on a hilltop overlooking the port of Fajardo, this parador evokes a Mediterranean villa with its balustrades and grand staircases. The inn and its pool are handsomely landscaped. The Fajardo Inn's restaurant specializes in Creole and continental cuisine, especially fresh fish, with indoor and outdoor dining.

**Las Cabezas de San Juan State Park**

Las Cabezas de San Juan State Park located in Fajardo. Embraces a portion of the island's lush tropical rain forests. It also has a scientific research center, which serve as a home of many endangered species. Visitors can explore the reserve along a network of trails and board-walks. The Island's second oldest lighthouse, El Faro, is located here. Offers a magnificent view that, on a clear day, reaches distant Caribbean islands.

# CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM and HOTEL BOOKING

AUGUST 7TH – AUGUST 12TH, 2007

**Congress Registration:**  
The Fajardo Inn  
P.O. Box 4309  
Puerto Real, P.R. 00740  
Puerto Rico

Tel: +787 860- 6000 EXT: 404  
Fax: +787 860- 5063  
Email: [info@fajardoinn.com](mailto:info@fajardoinn.com)  
[www.fajardoinn.com](http://www.fajardoinn.com)

**Please complete and return this form together with payment to the above address BEFORE June 15th, 2007**  
**We can not guarantee accommodation after this date**

Title: Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. / Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you attending 20/40 Focus?  Yes  No Age \_\_\_\_\_ years (Must be between 20-40 years)

Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Telefax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_ # of nights: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Carrier & No: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: Delegates & Attendees - US\$150.00 Accompanying Person - US\$100.00**  
(Each delegate to fill out individual form except for accompanying persons)

**Registration Fee Total US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hotel Registration: (per night)**

Single Room - Queen Bed 1/Per. \$ 83.95 2/Per. \$ 92.90..... **Total US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Single Room - w/Balcony, Queen Bed 1/Per. \$ 92.50 2Per. \$ 102.45..... **Total US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Double Room - 2 Queen Beds 2/Per. \$105.10 ..... **Total US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Triple Room - 3 Queen Beds 3/Per. \$135.85 ..... **Total US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Grand Total US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**All Rooms are on a Bed & Breakfast basis – complete stay must be paid in advance**  
**(Four nights before or after the Congress, available at the same price)**

**Payment Methods:**

Credit Card: Visa / MasterCard / American Express / Discovery Card /

Credit Card No: ..... Expiry Date .....

Card Holder's Name: .....

**Money Order Payment to:** Congreso Mundial IOA

**Mail to:** PMB -14 P. O. Box 6022 Carolina, Puerto Rico 00984-6022

**Forms sent without full payment of the Registration Fee and Hotel Booking Fee will not be accepted.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION****Registration / Information**

The registration forms should be sent to the Fajardo Inn on the address given at the top. All other inquiries should be addressed to **Martha Velez de Niéves, President ASOCIACION de OSTOMIZADOS de PUERTO RICO, PMB-14 P. O. Box 6022 Carolina, Puerto Rico 00984-6022**

e mail: ostomizadospr@yahoo.com

**Passports / Visas**

All travelers to Puerto Rico other than American citizens, will require a valid passport that establishes the bearer's identity and nationality. This passport must be valid for six months beyond the intended stay.

Under the VISA WAIVER PROGRAM, residents from the following countries do not need a Visa to enter the USA: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Belgium and Slovenia require a machine readable passport (MRP)

There are no passports or Visas necessary for United States citizens which means that US citizens can travel freely in and out of the island without going through immigration or customs. What US citizens will need is photo ID – whatever was used to board the plane – usually a driver's licence or a Government Issues Photo ID.

**Residents of all other countries require a Visa to enter the United States.** Please read carefully the information sheet attached. It is important that you apply for a Visa early so that background checks can be made. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the US government made some changes in laws governing visitor entry and exit. The Visa process now takes more time as the US authorities require additional application forms and security clearances.

For additional information or concerns about travel requirements to Puerto Rico, please contact the US National Passport Center at 1, 888. 874. 7793

**Please note that the management of the Fajardo Inn requires a copy of the passport information for all foreign nationals.** This is to be sent at the same time as the Registration Form.

**Arrival Information**

The 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress starts on 7<sup>th</sup> August evening with a Welcome Reception and ends with the closing Closing Banquet.

As soon as you have your flights confirmed, please could you let Martha Velez de Niéves, President ASOCIACION de OSTOMIZADOS de PUERTO RICO, know your arrival and departure times. We are conducting negotiations with some travel companies in order to arrange transportation from the San Juan International Airport to the Fajardo Inn and will need to have this information.

**Registration Fee**

The registration fee includes admission to all sessions, congress material, 4 lunches and coffee breaks, a Welcome Reception, Grand Opening Dinner, tour and dinner in San Juan and Closing Banquet.

**Payment Methods:**

The management of the Fajardo Inn accepts the following credit cards for payment:

Visa / MasterCard / American Express / Discovery Card /

We understand that not all attendees have a credit card so we have made the following arrangements so that payment can be made by a money order. The money order will be sent to our Congress bank account and then transferred to the Fajardo Inn.

Please make out all money orders payable to the Congreso Mundial IOA

**The money orders should be mailed to the following address:**

PMB -14  
P. O. Box 6022  
Carolina, Puerto Rico 00984-6022

**Cancellation Policy**

**A medical certificate must be presented in order for the Hotel to issue a reimbursement. Said reimbursement will be worked-out after the Congress has checked-out from the Hotel and dealt directly with Mrs. Martha Vélez, as per her instructions.**

## FOW-USA Service Award

The finest way to honor someone in a volunteer organization is to publicly express appreciation for the time, personal sacrifices, and humanitarian support that person has given.



Thanks in advance for helping us select the best recipient for the 2006 Service Award  
 Al Maslov, Manager Professional Services,  
 Global Marketing Organization, Hollister  
 With Michael Cherry, Hollister

Through the years, Al Maslov has been the consistency that has helped FOW-USA achieve its mission. He has been there to support in small and large ways, as an individual and as an exemplary industry representative whether we were meeting in Ohio or Glenview.

Al Maslov understands and believes in the FOW-USA mission. He facilitates accomplishment of the mission by convincing Hollister to provide shipping cartons to FOW-USA and volunteers a day each month at the FOW-USA warehouse in Glenview. FOW-USA purchased video cameras for Zimbabwe and Pakistan to help those countries to train people in ostomy management. Al ensured those cameras were technologically compatible with the technology in those countries.

Al understands the importance of good public relations and getting information to the public. Many of the slides that were used to make our current DVD were Hollister slides provided to us by Al. Al convinced Hollister to permit some of their graphic artists to use their knowledge and tools to design and develop a brochure for FOW-USA.

Al has offered and delivered viable solutions for FOW-USA when he recognized a need. He did not wait to be asked. I often wonder where FOW-USA would be without Hollister and Al Maslov.

Nominated by Ival Secrest Date October 1, 2006



## **We will always remember her..**

A long and strong struggle was lost in December last year, for some rainy day here in Norway I got the information that I had feared for some time. Rita Silanos had lost her

fight against her cancer.

Rita Silanos was Italian, she lived in Cagliari on the island Sardinia, and she was the vice president of the Italian ostomy organization, FAIS, where she was a very hard working and popular person always willing to do her best for ostomates in Italy. Rita entered the EOA Coordination Committee in August 2004 in Porto. I had never met Rita before that, but just a short time after our first meeting it became clear to me that she was an especially dedicated person. She spoke Greek and Spanish in addition to her mother tongue which was a great advantage for us in the EOA-CC.

She volunteered to work especially with countries in the Mediterranean area and managed to bring ostomates in Spain together in one organization. She also travelled to Greece trying to start an organization for ostomates there. Hopefully this could have come thru if she been able to go on with her work.

Also countries in Northern Africa was on her "wishing-list", but as a woman it would have been difficult to travel to some of those countries – even for a woman with the great courage she had. But I am sure she would have managed to do something for ostomates also in North Africa.

I had the pleasure of working together with Rita for more than three years – both via E-mails and at CC-meetings in Germany and in Lithuania. I remember her great engagement and dedication which will be deeply missed in the future. I had hoped to meet her during my visit to FAIS's celebration of World Ostomy Day in Montesilvano, but than she was in hospital not able to travel. But we had a very good telephone conversation, and I was so lucky to meet her aunt – who promised to give my love to Rita when returning to Cagliari. During

that meeting I met a lot of people who told me how much they missed Rita – both as a person and as the Vice President of FAIS.

Rita will be deeply missed in EOA. We have lost a hard working officer and a great friend. We will have to reorganize the Coordination Committee – and we hope to fulfil as much as possible of the work Rita started.

Rita Silanos will always be in our minds!

Arne Holte, president EOA

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## **FOND REMEMBRANCES OF TOM KEILY**

We in the International Ostomy Association are very sorry to hear that Tom Keily has passed away.

For some years Tom was involved in the work of IOA, serving our organization faithfully.

In 1997, Tom became the IOA Liaison to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) serving on two committees; on the Technical Committee – Systems and Aids for Disabled and Handicapped Persons and Aids for Ostomy and Incontinence. Tom kept a watching brief on both committees on behalf of IOA. He had a passion for his work with ISO and it is unfortunate that ill health prevented him from being more active.

For several IOA World Congresses, Tom was IOA's Nominations Officer. He was very diligent making sure that all candidates running for election met the strict procedures established by IOA.

Tom had a great interest in the business affairs of IOA being most interested in the IOA constitution, which led him to have frequent input at World Council sessions.

Tom also was one of the original Trustees of the IOA Charity registered with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom in 1998.

IOA owes a debt of gratitude to Tom for his many years of volunteer services to our organization. He was always a great help to everyone and will be much missed.

## FROM SNEZANA CMILJANIC

We have arrived from Slovenia-Ljubljana 7 days ago, where we were attending the United Against Cancer Summit, which was organized by the ECPC (European Cancer Patient Coalition). I do not understand why any ostomy organization didn't apply, I told everyone and no one answered. The organizers paid for everything and it was a great way for us to see each other.

Three of us attended the Summit which took place from 2-5.11. in Ljubljana. Our ILCO Delegation was the only participant from Serbia. I have recognized the president of Izrael ILCO Assotiation (from Porto), he was accompanied by the first ostomy nurse from Izrael. We spent time together many times.



Here is the Summit summary:

### **SESSION 1 – IMPROVING CANCER SURVIVAL**

#### **Differences in the Outcome in Cancer Care across Europe**

*Prof Michel Coleman, London School of Hygiene & Tropical –Medicine*

#### **The need for national Cancer Plans**

- Slovenian Cancer Plan, *Dr. Marija Seljak, Director General, Public Health Directorate, Ministry of Health Slovenia*
- UK Cancer Plan, *Prof Mike Richards, National Cancer Director, Department of Health, UK*

France Cancer Plan, *Mrs Brigitte Guillemette, Institut National du Cancer, France*

#### **Prevention of Cancer - Making Cancer Screening a Priority**

Cervical Cancer Screening, *Dr Magdalena Bielska-Lasota, M. Sklodowska-Curie Cancer Center, Warsaw*

### **SESSION 2 – CANCER RESEARCH AND GOOD PRACTICES**

#### **Making Cancer Research a priority for Europe**

*Commissioner Potočnik, DG Research*

#### **Academic Cancer Research in CEE countries**

*Prof. Dr. Tanja Čufer, EORTC General Board*

#### **Training experts in oncology - Learning to care**

#### **Making Cancer Prevention a priority for Europe**

*Dr Adamos Adamou, MEP and co-chair of MAC*

**Healthy Lifestyle**

Mr Marjan Videnšek, founding President of 'Revival'-Movement for Healthier Lifestyle  
 Dr Alberto Costa - European School of Oncology

**SESSION 3 – ACCESSING NEW ANTI-CANCER TREATMENTS****Access to Treatment – Why is it so difficult?**

*Mrs Lynn Faulds Wood, President ECPC*

**EU Approval of Cancer Medicines**

*Prof. Dr. Stanislav Primožič, Director of Slovenian Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices*

**Less Patients and more Survivors**

*Dr Mojca Senčar, EuropaDonna Slovenia*

**Personal experience – My Cancer Journey**

*Mr Jaka Jakopič, Slovenian Footballer and Cancer Survivor*

**SESSION 4 – CREATING THE POLITICAL WILL ACROSS EUROPE****Portuguese Health Plan and EU Presidency Agenda**

*Mr. Joaquim Gouveia, National Coordinator for Oncology Diseases, Ministry of Health Portugal*

**The Warsaw Declaration : the Polish experience**

*Mrs Magda Bojarska, Institute for Patients' Rights and Health Education, Poland*

**PANEL DISCUSSION: How do we implement the Warsaw Declaration on combating cancer?**

Also, I am sending you some pictures from the Summit:

Snežana and **Lea ( gen. Secretary deputy)**

Snežana and the **president of Izrael ILCO Assotiation**

Snežana and the **future president of Slovenia mis.ALOJZA PETERLE**

**ASTOM RUSSIA**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2006 organization of ostomy patients ASTOM held an enlarged All-Russian conference of ostomists at the State Scientific Center of Coloproctology in Moscow.

Meeting of the Coordination Council of the Russian regional ostomy patients' organizations took place in ASTOM's office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.



Organizers of the conference were: the Moscow Public Organization of Ostomy Patients ASTOM, and the State Scientific Center of Coloproctology.

The conference was held with assistance of the Public Relations Committee of the Moscow Government, Departments of Healthcare and Social Protection of Moscow.

Coloplast A/S (Denmark), ConvaTec (Great Britain), Palma Ltd. (Russia), SCA Hygiene Products Russia Ltd. took an active part in preparation and work of the conference.

194 ostomy patients, members of ASTOM, representatives from the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development of Russia, the Federal Fund of Social Insurance, the State Scientific Center of Coloproctology, Department of Social Protection of Moscow, Public Relations Committee of the Moscow Government, producers of ostomy care products – Coloplast A/S (Denmark), ConvaTec (Great Britain), Palma (Russia), city drugstores, Sub-faculty of Medical and Psychological Rehabilitation of the Moscow State University

of Service, Interregional public organization "Together against cancer", newspaper "Russian Invalid", heads of regional public organizations of ostomy patients from Russia and the CIS: KUBSTOM, Krasnodar, URALSTOM, Perm, BURRASSTOM, Ulan-Ude, NovosibOBSTOM, Novosibirsk, MAGSTOM, Magnitogorsk, INSTOK, Kursk, ILKO Ukraine, Kiev took part in the conference.

All participants of the conference received participant's sets, which included information and advertising materials and gifts from ASTOM, Coloplast and ConvaTec. The concert of the jazz band Body & Soul and a buffet party for the guests followed the conference.



Alexander Gordeev and Viatcheslav Sukhanov

President of ASTOM V. Sukhanov opened the conference and read the address of the Minister of Healthcare and Social Development of Russia M. Zurabov to the participants of the conference.

Speakers of the conference were: Director of the State Scientific Center of Coloproctology Acad. Prof. G. Vorobiev, Consultant Doctor of the Ostomy Patients' Rehabilitation Center of the SSC of Coloproctology O. Zaresaev, Consultant Doctor of the Ostomy Patients' Rehabilitation Center of the SSC of Coloproctology M. Suslova, Consultant of the Public Relations Committee of the Moscow City Government, representatives of the producing companies ConvaTec, Coloplast, medical and rehabilitation institutions, public organizations of ostomy patients of Russia and the CIS.

All the speakers pointed out that the World Ostomy Day is a significant event in the life of ostomy pa-

tients' in Russia, which focuses attention of all participants of the rehabilitation process on this social problem and coordinates the work of state bodies, healthcare and social protection authorities, producers of ostomy care products and public organizations of ostomy patients.

The central place of the conference was occupied by the report of the President of ASTOM, Chairman of the Coordination Council of Russian public organizations of ostomists V. Sukhanov who said: "... the process of foundation of public organizations of ostomists in the Russian regions is rather complicated and is accompanied by numerous difficulties. Public organizations of ostomists were established in St. Petersburg – ASSKOL, Perm – URALSTOM, Novosibirsk – NovosibOBSTOM, Orenburg – ASTOMA, Kursk – INSTOK, Krasnodar – KUBSTOM, Ulan Ude – BURASSTOM, Krasnoyarsk – KRASSTOM, Rostov-na-Donu – ROOSI, Magnitogorsk – MAGSTOM.

ASTOM is taking an active part in the foundation of public organizations of ostomists in Russia providing informational and methodological support.



Public organizations of ostomists are working in Ukraine, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Belarus. ASTOM is maintaining friendly and business relations with all these organizations. Ukraine is experiencing active development of ostomy patients organizations and ASTOM provides informational and analytical assistance to ostomists' organizations in Lviv, Odessa and Kiev, actively participates in their conferences and meetings.

In order to promote development of ostomy care service in Russia in September 2004 ASTOM initiated set up of the Coordination Council of Russian Regional Public Organizations of Ostomists.

The Coordination Council of Russian Regional Public Organizations of Ostomists is a coordinating and advisory as well as informational and consultative body. Its work is guided by a new model of the invalidity concept in accordance with the reform of the system of social protection of invalids, which is carried out in Russia.

In February 2005 the Association of Russian Coloproctologists and the Coordination Council of Russian Regional Public Organizations of Ostomists signed "Protocol on cooperation in organization and development of ostomy care service in Russia".

In March 2006 Coordination Council on the development of ostomy patients' rehabilitation service was founded on the base of the SSC of Coloproctology and the Association of coloproctologists of Russia. Academician of the Russian Academy of Medicine Sciences Prof. G. Vorobiev was elected Chairman of the Council.

Thus, process of organization and development of ostomy patients' rehabilitation service in Russia has entered the phase of active development.

Accumulating experience of doctors, ostomists and public organizations of ostomists medical and social rehabilitation is acquiring features of an organized process solving medical, psychological and social issues.

It is necessary to mention the growing role of state healthcare and social protection bodies in the successful development of medical and social rehabilitation of ostomists on the base of improvement of the legislative base, adapting it to the generally accepted norms and modern requirements as it is done abroad.

Complex rehabilitation of ostomy patients comprises medical as well as social measures. Moreover, only in case of effective interaction of these two aspects of complex rehabilitation it will be possible to achieve effective results and to integrate ostomy patients in the society. However, in practice medical and social rehabilitation is impossible if modern ostomy care products are not available for all ostomists. And these products should be supplied regularly.

It is significant to say that as a result of the social policy of the Russian Government ostomy care products have become available for almost each ostomy patient in any region of Russia.

Now high quality ostomy care products of the world leading producers Coloplast A/S (Denmark) and ConvaTec (Great Britain) and also products of the Russian producers Palma, Ltd. and JSC Khronotron are offered in the Russian market.

The present period of the development of the Russian society is characterized by formation of civil society. One of the aspects of this process is formation, development and growth of activity of public voluntary organizations and unions including public organizations of ostomists. These organizations together with the state can be engaged in social work.

The regional public organization of ostomy invalids ASTOM established on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 1993 by a small group of enthusiasts proved that on the base of social partnership with three main subjects of social work: state structures, commercial and public organizations it is possible to effectively solve an important task of reintegration of ostomists into society.

ASTOM is taking an active part in the social reform of the Russian Government working out proposals aimed at perfection of the legislative base related to improvement of quality of life and social status of ostomists. One of the main directions of cooperation with the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development is working out of the legislative base providing free access for each ostomist to technical means of rehabilitation (ostomy care products - ostomy and urine bags). Standard mechanism of supply and standards of rehabilitation services are being actively developed too.

The SSC of Coloproctology in cooperation with ASTOM worked out recommendations on rehabilitation measures and supply of invalids with ostomy care products and rehabilitation services. This document was approved by the Federal Fund of Social Insurance and sent out to all Russian regions. Majority of the regional affiliates of the Fund are using these recommendations in practice.

The Bureau of Medical and Social Expertise took proper account of ASTOM's proposals on optimization of implementation of the Individual Rehabilitation Program of the invalid.

Creation of a model of complex rehabilitation of ostomy patients comprising medical rehabilitation measures performed by the Medical Rehabilitation Service of Hospital # 24 and social rehabilitation measures carried out by ASTOM is a result of long-term and fruitful cooperation between ASTOM and Hospital # 24.

ASTOM, Hospital # 24 and Healthcare Department of Moscow are solving one of the urgent social problems of Moscow – rehabilitation and integration of ostomists into society and have created a system of supply of ostomists with ostomy care products which started to operate in 1995 when the Moscow ostomy patients' rehabilitation center was opened on the base of Hospital # 24.

Participation in the realization of the social policy of Moscow is another example of partnership between ASTOM, Social Protection Department of Moscow, Public Relations Committee of Moscow and the City Charity Council.

In the period 1996-2006 ASTOM implemented 3 socially important competitive and 7 charity programs and is still continuing work in this direction. Great assistance in this work is provided by the City Charity Council and Social Protection Department of Moscow, Public Relations Committee of the Government of Moscow.

In the framework of the city programs developed and implemented by ASTOM ostomy patients of Moscow have received wide range of social services that considerably expanded (improved) the rehabilitation model and enabled to provide not only medical but also social rehabilitation making rehabilitation process complex.

Producers of ostomy care products ConvaTec, Coloplast, Palma provide valuable assistance and support to all ASTOM's undertakings directed at the development of the rehabilitation process in Moscow and in Russia.

ASTOM also signed cooperation agreements with the State Scientific Center of Reconstructive Medicine and Balneology, Federal Bureau of Medical and Social Expertise, Moscow University of Service in order to work out projects, normative and legal documents and recommendations on medical and social rehabilitation of ostomists and their integration into society for government bodies including the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development and Federal Fund of Social Insurance.

Since 2000 ASTOM has become participant of specialized international exhibitions "Planet and Health", "REHATECH": equipment and new technologies of complex rehabilitation", "Health of the Nation – Well-Being of Russia".

ASTOM actively cooperates with mass media, is engaged in informational and educational activities. 16 articles on social topics were published in local and international newspapers and magazines. Booklets devoted to ASTOM's activities were published 4 times in Russian and in English. Recommendations for ostomists: "Rehabilitation of ostomy patients. Problems and Solutions", "Social adaptation of ostomy patients. Problems and Solutions", "Diet of ostomy patients" are very popular among patients and specialists.

ASTOM together with the Moscow State University of Service, Sub-faculty of medical and psychological rehabilitation and Sub-faculty of sociology and social work conducts educational, scientific and research work in the sphere of medical and social rehabilitation of ostomists, prepares and publishes educational literature for specialists of social sphere.

Such educational materials as "Social rehabilitation of ostomy patients", "Complex rehabilitation of ostomy patients in Moscow" were prepared for specialists in the sphere of rehabilitation of ostomy patients and social protection specialists. The chapter "Social and medical rehabilitation of ostomy patients" was included into the students-book "Aspects and methods of social work" for students specializing in social work. 22 scientific articles on social aspects of ostomy patients' rehabilitation were published. The Ph.D. thesis "Social rehabilitation of ostomists in present-day Russia: sociology aspect" was defended.

Manuscript "Public health: problems of rehabilitation of individuals with limited vital functions (social and medical aspects)" is being prepared for publication.

Social reform and social protection are becoming priorities of the state policy of Russia. Interaction of government bodies and non-commercial organizations requires new approaches, which will enable to increase their involvement in solution of social problems."

The second day of the conference the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2006 was devoted to the meeting of the Coordination Council of Russian regional public organizations of ostomists, which took place in ASTOM's office.

At the meeting newly established organizations MAGSTOM (Magnitogorsk), INSTOK (Kursk) became members of the Coordination Council.

Thus, the Coordination Council consists of 9 regional public organizations of ostomists:

ASTOM, Moscow; ASSKOL, St.-Petersburg; KUBSTOM, Krasnodar; URALSTOM, Perm; BURRASTOM, Ulan-Ude; NovosibOBSTOM, Novosibirsk; KRASTOM, Krasnoyarsk; MAGSTOM, Magnitogorsk; INSTOK, Kursk.

Vyacheslav Sukhanov, President of ASTOM, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Coordination Council. Valery Lezhnin, President of the Krasnodar regional public organization of ostomy invalids, was unanimously elected Deputy Chairman of the Coordination Council. Members of the Council discussed matters related to foundation of the All-Russian public organization of ostomists, the first-read of its Charter and the name of the organization. Draft plan of this project was approved.

The meeting of the Coordination Council was fruitful and effective. Moreover, it was an educational seminar for all its members. Many urgent problems in the sphere of rehabilitation of ostomists and supply of modern ostomy care products were touched upon. Representatives of the producing companies invited to the meeting received a lot of useful information.

The day finished with a friendly dinner in a restaurant sponsored by Coloplast and ConvaTec.



## Canada

Submitted by: Doug Graham  
President United Ostomy Association of Canada Inc.  
(UOAC)

We send greetings and best wishes for the year 2007 to you and your members from the United Ostomy Association of Canada. Our hope is that this report finds you in good health and spirit.

### Enjoying the Challenges

Four months into my Presidency and I'm enjoying the challenges of the position. I continue to be very busy with reviewing our position and planning for this year's activities. Annually we develop a strategic plan in which each committee prepares an, "Actions and Tactical Plan (A&T)" for the year. The plan is submitted to the Vice president, Mike Woolridge and our Treasurer, Don Miller. Mike will correlate the Committee A&T's and place it in a format to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee. Based on each committee's projections of the cost to achieve the goals of their A&T, Don will develop a proposed budget to be approved at the Executive Committee. As this will be Mike and Don first time developing the plan, I am working with them by providing some historical information of the A&T's. Our Executive Committee will meet on February 15, 16 and 17, 2007 in Toronto, Ontario to finalize our strategic plan. The plan is then presented to our Board of Directors for approval and then to the Delegates at our Annual General Meeting for approval.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Let us briefly review UOAC's history. On June 15, 1997 at the Canada Day meeting held as a part of the International Ostomy Association's 9<sup>th</sup> Congress that was held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a motion was made by the Board of Directors that the chapters who elect to join the United Ostomy Association of Canada Inc. direct their membership dues to the United Ostomy Association of Canada Inc. The motion was carried by a vote of 42 in favour and 2 opposed. This year we are holding our conference in Calgary, Al-

successes we have had. If you are in the neighbourhood and would like to join our celebration August 16 to 18, 2007, please do. Inquires about the conference should be addressed to [uocan@astral.magic.ca](mailto:uocan@astral.magic.ca) or mail to, UOAC, P.O. Box 825, 50 Charles St. East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4Y 2N7. Phone 1 (416) 595-5452.

Several of us are planning to attend the IOA 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Puerto Rico, August 7 to 12, 2007. I hope to see many of you there and as you are that close to Calgary, Alberta you are welcome to join in our Conference.

Doug Graham,  
President, UOAC

## GERMANY

There were two big events which determined the work of Deutsche ILCO during the year 2006: the move of the national office in March and the national conference in October combined with the World Ostomy Day.

### Move of the office

More than 30 years the national office of Deutsche ILCO had its residence in Freising – a nice little town near Munich. During all these years Helga Englert, the wife of the chairman of Deutsche ILCO had run the office with an enormous commitment. The development of the office from a small nucleus to the foundations of the association was the result of her work and her great effort. Helga had also been the heart of the office and together with her husband Gerhard she impressed her stamp on the work. She had been supported by two part-time secretaries and a part-time assistant and – from time to time – people for special projects.

After so many years of a successful work it is very important to care for the time when achieving the retirement. Therefore in 2003 Maria Hass, former vice-chairman, already joined the staff of the office as she should become the successor of Helga.

At the same time the alliance of 7 national cancer self-help organisations to which Deutsche ILCO belongs made an important decision: There was the chance to rent a house in Bonn – the former capital of Germany. All national offices should move into this house while the independence of every national office had to be respected also for the future work. The

main reason was the objective of an easier and quicker cooperation – particularly in common interests (lobbying, social and health politics). Deutsche ILCO and its office had been the first association which made that step. Meanwhile the offices of three associations have moved completely and three partially.

Indeed, it had been a very big step. Not only the work to do up more than hundred boxes and to unpack them after the transport about 600 km to the north. The biggest challenge was to restart the work itself with four new employees. After half a year's work at Bonn and supported by Helga we could manage the occurring problems. The understanding and ideal support of the national board had been very helpful. And it had been very helpful that the chapter leaders, other voluntary cooperators and the members were very patient if things needed more time to be done during these months.

But now are looking forward optimistically to continue the experienced way of Deutsche ILCO and to develop the important work for ostomates and for people with colon cancer. Fortunately Helga continues some of her former tasks on a voluntary level: the responsible editing of the magazine, of the brochures and hand-outs.



“International Wall” with magazines of IOA member associations



### National Conference

About 400 people joined the three-annual national conference which was held in the wonderful townhall of Leipzig, the famous fair town in the east of Germany. Most of the participants were members and voluntary cooperators. But also professionals – mostly

nurses and stomatherapists – participated. The annual “ILCO-meeting of younger ostomates” (20 to 50 years) took also place in Leipzig, so for the first time all these people joined the national conference as well.

During the information day a big exhibition of manufacturers, pharmaceutical industry, associations of stomatherapists, mail-order firms and the national cancer organisation attracted a lot of participants.

As the Conference was closely connected with the World Ostomy Day the first part of the information day got an insight into the situation of ostomates living in 3 other countries: Bolivia, Palestine and Ukraine. A very hearty “Thank you” to the representatives of the three ostomy associations (all associated members of IOA) who helped us a lot to collect the needed information. We had prepared a questionnaire based on some subjects of the “charter of ostomates rights” and from all three associations we got the answers. And not only this: additionally they sent us photos or the history with the challenge of the every day’s life of an ostomate. So we had very good material and we could present a very interesting comparison of the very different – and mostly difficult – circumstances for ostomates in these countries which had affected all participants of the conference. It could be shown again that only the founding of national and nationwide ostomy associations – run by ostomates – can improve the situation more permanently.

But we also wanted to know what’s peoples’ experiences in Germany. Would the charter be already fulfilled? Would Germany be a “golden country” for ostomates? A small questionnaire with one question for every point of the charter had been spread among the participating ostomates and had been evaluated during the conference. The result was: There are subjects where we can see an improvement during the years. But there are also subjects (information in the hospitals, independent information about ostomy supplies) where the situation is still as bad or worse than it has been 30 years ago. It seems that Deutsche ILCO will still have enough work for the next years...

The other main topic during the conference had been “the quality of care for ostomates and for people with colorectal cancer”. During the medical part three surgeons threw a light on some frequent problems:

- possibilities of surgical therapies after complications of the urostomy,
- possibilities of surgical therapies after complications of colostomies/ileostomies and
- possibilities of surgical therapies of rectal cancer when the sphincter could be saved (no ostomy) and there are problems with the continence or other problems.

In the afternoon there was a health political panel discussion which dealt with the above mentioned main topic. Representatives from different organisations gave their statements to the following questions: What is the meaning of “quality”? What are the deficits like in the care? What has already been done by your organisation to improve the quality of care? The objective of the discussion afterwards was to work out which steps could lead to an improvement, how to control the quality and how to guarantee the quality. One important result has been that it is essential to let selfhelp associations like Deutsche ILCO take part in the development of quality criteria because they are the only ones who have the knowledge and the experience of affected people.

This panel discussion was no easy fare – and also no simple recipes could be given. Therefore it was really wonderful that a lot of participants stayed up to the end of the discussion.

Besides all the work and information also nice fringe events had been organized. The participants enjoyed the possibility to make friends, to meet old friends and to talk... The evenings showed that even an ostomy or cancer don’t discourage people from enjoying good meals, dancing and having fun. The interesting days ended with a guided sightseeing walk through the impressing city of Leipzig.



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## **Programme du congrès des jeunes adultes stomisés le 10 mars 2007**

**Program for meeting of Young Adult Ostomy Group March 10 2007.**

09h00-09h45

Accueil – café

**Welcome-coffee**

09h45

Ouverture officielle de la journée par le Président de la Fédération des stomisés de France :

M. Guy Gatignol (Président de la Fédération des stomisés de France)

**Official opening of the meeting by the President of the Federation of Ostomates of France, Mr. Guy Gatignol**

10h00-10h30

Aspect corporel post-opératoire

M. Patrice Couric (Compétence conseils à Bordeaux)

**Body issues/ post operative aspect –Mr. Patrice Couric , Bordeaux, Competence conseils**

10h30-11h00

Relation des stomisés avec leur famille proche et leur entourage.

Madame Françoise Caugant (Psychologue clinicienne à l'hôpital de Morlaix)

**Relating to close family and friends by the ostomate—Madame Françoise Caugant, Clinical psychologist Morlaix Hospital**

11h00-12h00

Présentations des nouveautés en stomathérapie.

(Les laboratoires Convatec, Hollister, B-Braun et Coloplast)

**What's new: presentations by ConvaTec, Hollister, B-Braun and Coloplast**

12h00-14h00

Pause déjeuner

**Lunch break**

14h00-14h30

Stomies:

L'acceptation de l'enfant, de l'adolescent et des parents.

Madame Odile Perrusson (Psychologue clinicienne à l'hôpital Debré Paris)

**The stoma/ostomy: acceptance by the child, the adolescent, and by parents—Madame Odile Perrusson, clinical psychologist at Debre Hospital, Paris**

14h30-15h00

Activité physique.

Thierry Schuster (Responsable des jeunes adultes de la Fédération des stomisés de France)

**Physical Activity—Thierry Schuster, leader of the Young Adult Group of the Federation of Ostomates of France**

15h00-15h30

Informations diverses

M. Marcel Humbert (Vice-président de la Fédération des stomisés de France)

**General information—Mr. Marcel Humbert, Vice President of the Federation of Ostomates of France**

15h30-16h00

Discussions – Divers

**Miscellaneous topics/discussion**

16h00

Clôture de la journée

M. Thierry Schuster ( Responsable des jeunes adultes de la Fédération des stomisés de France)

**Closing-- Thierry Schuster, leader of the Young Adult Group of the Federation of Ostomates of France**

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