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**To: UILI Members**

Your Governing Board held its latest meeting in preparation for the UILI General Assembly held in Brussels, Belgium on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 2007.

A number of important decisions were proposed by your Governing Board and approved by the General Assembly. I would wish to express my appreciation for those who contributed to the review of UILI's Constitution. The amendments proposed by the Governing Board were unanimously approved by the General

During the General Assembly a new Governing Board was elected as follows:-

- President: Dr. Manuel Dorado Gonzalez (Spain)
- Vice Presidents: Mr. Stephen Vincent (the USA)
- Vice Presidents: Dr. Hideo Tabata (Japan)
- Treasurer: Mr. Jan Soers (Belgium)
- Secretary General: Drs. Luc Scholtis (Netherlands)
- Ordinary Member Representative: Mr. David Stanger (Belgium/UK) and
- Immediate Past President: Mr. Gib McIntee (Canada).

The Governing Board also reviewed the challenges that most of the national associations of laboratories or individual laboratories will probably face in the immediate future. I attach to this message a summary of the activities that we have been or could develop in the future.

A full report on the work and decisions of the meetings held in Brussels will be included in the next edition of the UILI Newsletter.

In the name of the Governing Board

**M. Dorado**  
**President**

## **DESCRIPTION OF OUR FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

### **Introduction**

The approach to the concept of a global village defined by Marshall McLuhan as a frame of the economic, technological and scientific future developments makes it very important to improve the communication and strengthen the coherence of performances between all the actors who participate in a certain activity. The activity of our laboratories does not constitute an exception to this rule.

The different situation we must face in the development of our activities in different countries does not always have a common origin. Nevertheless, they must be solved from a global point of view taking into account our present and future business plans and projects.

### **Services to our members**

During our discussion on the development of a UILI Business Plan we identified the following criteria:-

- Issues of significant international interest having a direct impact on laboratory services
- Issues having potential to increase competence of laboratory services
- Topics that increase recognition and acceptance of laboratory services by our Clients, and
- Projects initiated by a decision of the General Assembly

We present here some activities that the UILI Governing Board has been developing in the past and others that we are planning to the future.

### **Future Activities**

#### **Representation with International Organizations.**

- ISO – Gib McIntee continues to maintain an annual contact with the ISO Central Secretariat.
- ISO/CASCO. David Stanger continues to both participate and monitor CASCO's policy committees and Dr. Toru Matshumura is our representative ISO/CASCO WG28 on proficiency testing.
- ILAC. David Stanger is making important work as representatives of UILI in this international organization
- UNIDO. We hold liaison status with the New York and Vienna offices

### **Technical Projects**

- Promoting the planning of new Proficiency Testing (PT) programmes. The first has been coordinated over the past two by Dr. Toru Matshumura and led by the Japanese association of laboratories (JEMCA) and the second by the North American Association of laboratories (ACIL). Future PT programmes will be adapted to the necessities and scopes of most laboratories.

### **Unfair Competition**

Evaluating the circumstances that such a situation occurs and to identify a solution to this unfair competition.

### **Participation by the UILI Members**

In order to carry out our services in an effective form, the active participation of all the members of UILI is very important. This participation must be established by support from our national associations, our ordinary members or directly by the Governing Board:

- To communicate its points of view.
- To demand the support of UILI on a subject.
- To ask for some legislation or specification in foreign country.
- Etc.

### **UILI Website.**

The use of the Website of UILI, of which access procedures are continuously being improved, will facilitate to the maximum the direct communication within individual national associations, members with a specific interest and when they consider it necessary with the Governing Board.

### **Governing Board**

This paper illustrates activities of UILI's Governing Board in acting as the liaison with our National Member Associations, all Ordinary Members; to receive its demands and to take the initiatives in order to act in the most suitable way for all UILI members.