Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum Founded in 1926

General Secretary
Prof. Antti A. Mäkitie



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Dear Members and Friends of the Collegium ORL Amicitiae Sacrum

This is the CORLAS Annual Report 2024, along with warm greetings to all our members and friends and their families.

The Annual Meeting in Vienna was again the highlight of the CORLAS year. This was the third time for our society to meet in Austria and our president Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner and his team fulfilled all the high expectations. They had spared no effort in making wonderful, unforgettable arrangements for the success of the meeting. All aspects of science, historical background, culture, food and Viennese hospitality were fully present. The number of participants was record high and everyone was certainly satisfied with the content of both the scientific and the social program. We are very grateful to Professor Baumgartner's team for all their time and consideration for the benefit of the CORLAS family.

The meeting in Vienna offered the members a great opportunity to discuss current research and scientific issues, and to plan future collaboration. It will be meaningful to present the results of these efforts at the Annual Meetings, the next of which will be in Stockholm 2025 followed by the 100-year Anniversary in Groningen 2026.

Within this report, you will find the Minutes of the Board Meeting and the General Assembly 2024, as well as our Financial Report. Notes regarding the Annual Meeting 2024, the scientific meeting, social programme and post congress tour are included.

BOARD MEETING

Location and time: Palais Hansen, Vienna, Aug. 24th, 2024 at 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Present: President Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner

Vice President Peter Franz

General Secretary **Antti Mäkitie** Second Secretary **D. Bradley Welling**

Treasurer **Sandro Stöckli**Councillor **Mariela Torrente**Councillor **Barbara Wollenberg**President Elect **Lars Olaf Cardell**

Credentials Committee: Allen Ryan, René Leemans

Apologies: Councillor Kaoru Ogawa, Editorial Secretary Matti Anniko, Past President Tatsuya Yamasoba, Credentials Committee Member Valerie Lund

Minutes

- 1. Introduction: General Secretary welcomed the Board.
- 2. The Annual Report 2023 was approved without changes.
- 3. Commemoration of deceased members: Seung-Ha Oh, Seoul, Korea, Nov. 26, 2023; Vittorio Colletti, Verona, Italy, Jan. 3, 2024; Juhani Kärjä, Kuopio, Finland, Feb. 5, 2024; Antoni Pruszewicz, Poznan, Poland, July 11, 2024; Klaus Ehrenberger, Vienna, Austria, Aug. 23, 2024.
- 4. Membership status 2024: in total 631 members; honorary 300, senior 158, regular 173.
- 5. New national Chairs: Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner, Vienna, is the new Chair of the Austrian Group after Wolfgang Gstoettner.
- 6. Status of the Board Member Positions: Koichi Omori, Kyoto, Japan, is the new Asian Councillor after Kaoru Ogawa. For the period 2024-2025 Lars Olaf Cardell (Stockholm) will serve as the CORLAS President and Matti Anniko (Uppsala) as the Vice-President.
- **7.** Recommendation for new members 2024: President of the Credentials Committee, Allen Ryan, presented the review work of the Jury regarding the received 26 membership applications: this proposal of 19 applicants was discussed as the new member candidates:
 - Ihab Atallah, France
 - Dirk Beutner, Germany
 - Chia Jung Busch, Germany
 - Yen-Fu Cheng, Taiwan
 - Philippe Gevaert, Belgium
 - Giorgia Girotto, Italy
 - Stephan Hackenberg, Germany
 - Alexander T. Hillel, USA
 - David Horn, USA
 - Jeong Hun Jang, Korea
 - Nidal Muhanna, Israel
 - Jesper Hvass Schmidt, Denmark
 - Chanan Shaul, Israel
 - Kristina Simonyan, USA
 - Kenichi Takano, Japan
 - Vincent Van Rompaey, Belgium
 - Olivier Vanderveken, Belgium
 - Nicolas Verhaert, Belgium
 - Bradford Woodworth, USA

- The focus areas of the applicants include otology and hearing loss 9, H&N 4, laryngology 2, sleep apnea 1, rhinology 2, genetics 1.
- 8. CORLAS Prizes: The James B. Snow Jr. Award for Tinnitus Research is a recognition reserved for those who have made significant contributions to our understanding and treatment of tinnitus. This year the recipient of this prize is Dr. Daniel B. Polley (Boston). His work has markedly impacted the field of auditory neuroscience, and especially the complex neural mechanisms underlying tinnitus and hyperacusis.
- 9. Treasurer Sandro Stöckli presented the Financial Report for 2023-2024 (see below). The annual membership fee was suggested to remain at 100 Euros.
- 10. Report Regarding the Secretarial Assistance by GUARANT International was discussed.
- 11. The Annual Meeting 2024 was discussed. Total attendance 274, 163 attending members, 94 accompanying persons 17 staff persons. The programme includes 123 abstracts (all oral presentations). Fourteen new members as presenters and 17 guests (2 special invited guests). 20 oral sessions (2 Audiology, 2 Otology, 5 Hearing loss, 4 Cochlear implants, 1 Vestibular, 1 Miscellaneous, 4 Head & Neck, 1 Rhinology). With nineteen exhibitors the total number is 310.
- 12. The plans for the Annual Meeting 2025 (Stockholm, Aug 25-27) were discussed. President of the congress will be Prof. Lars Olaf Cardell (Stockholm). Vice-President will be Prof. Matti Anniko (Uppsala).
- 13. Plans for the future Annual Meetings were discussed: The 100th Anniversary Annual Meeting 2026 will be organized in Groningen (Aug 24-26, 2026). The IFOS Congress will be held on Sept. 9-13, 2026, in Istanbul, and it was discussed that due to the almost overlapping dates we will not organize a CORLAS lunch at IFOS but possibly a CORLAS session in the scientific programme. For the 2027 Annual Meeting two BIDs have been received (Taiwanese and Australian groups) and one for 2028 (Warsaw), and these will be discussed at the General Assembly.
- 14. Editor-in-Chief of Acta Oto-Laryngologica prof. Matti Anniko informed the Board via email that the D-line for papers from the Annual Meeting 2024 is Nov. 1st.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CORLAS Business Meeting)

Location and time: Palais Hansen, Aug. 26, 2024, at 2:50 – 3:50 PM

Present: 65 members

Minutes:

- 1. General Secretary welcomed all members.
- 2. A list of apologies from non-attending members was presented.
- 3. Deceased members were commemorated (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting).
- 4. Annual Report 2023 was approved.
- 5. The membership status was presented (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting).
- The list from the Credentials Committee and the Board regarding the proposal of 19 new CORLAS members (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting) was presented and approved by the General Assembly.
- 7. New national Chairs: Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner, Vienna, is the new Chair of the Austrian Group after Wolfgang Gstoettner (see the Minutes of the Board Meeting).
- 15. Status of Board Member Positions: for the period 2024-2025 Lars Olaf Cardell (Stockholm) will serve as the CORLAS President and Matti Anniko (Uppsala) as the Vice-President. Koichi Omori, Kyoto, Japan, is the new Asian Councillor after Kaoru Ogawa.
- 8. Chairs of the national groups are invited to contact the General Secretary regarding proposals for new member candidates by mid-May 2025 at the latest.

- 9. General Secretary informed the GA about the Secretarial Assistance by GUARANT International (Prague, Czech Republic). The annual fees are now collected on-line. Still a considerable number of members (around 50%) do not pay their fees. This issue was discussed.
- 10. The Treasurer Sandro Stöckli presented the Financial Report for 2022-2023 (see below).
- 11. The financial report was approved by the General Assembly. The Board was granted discharge. The annual fee for the regular and senior members remains at 100 Euros. Regarding the non-paying members it was agreed as follows: two reminders will be sent by Guarant Int'l by email, then the member will be contacted by email, then the National Chair will be contacted, and if there is no successful outcome, then a discontinuation of the membership will take place.
- 12. Report Regarding the activities of the Secretarial Assistance by GUARANT International was given by the General Secretary. It was also discussed again that according to the current GDPR, we are not allowed to have a list of members on our website. However, a note is included in the annual fee invoice where the member can allow her/his name and address to be added in list of members on our website. So, the aim is to have this list on the website in the near future.
- 13. The plans and arrangements for the Annual Meeting 2025 (Stockholm) were presented by Prof. Lars Olaf Cardell. The scientific meeting will take place during Aug 25-27, 2025, the Family Tour on Sunday Aug 24, and the Post Congress Tour during Aug 28-30. Please, visit the congress webpage www.corlas2025.com for further information.
- 14. The plans regarding the future Annual Meetings were discussed (see also the Minutes of the Board Meeting). According to the received BIDs and discussions thereafter, the GA approved that the Annual Meeting 2027 will be held in Melbourne, 2028 in Taipei, and 2029 in Warsaw.
- 15. The members were informed about the submission D-line (Nov 1) of the Annual Meeting 2024 papers to the CORLAS Supplement of Acta Oto-Laryngologica.
- 16. Closure of the General Assembly.



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The programme consisted of 123 abstracts (all oral presentations). Fourteen new members held their inaugural presentation. There were 17 guests including 2 special invited guests. Twenty oral sessions covered 2 in audiology, 2 otology, 5 hearing loss, 4 cochlear implant, 1 vestibular, 1 miscellaneous, 4 Head & Neck, and 1 in rhinology.

Monday (Aug. 26th)

In the Opening Ceremony the welcoming addresses were presented by the President Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Austrian ENT Society Peter Franz, and the CORLAS General Secretary Antti Mäkitie.

Jay Rubinstein introduced the invited special guest George Shambaugh IV (Georgetown, USA) by giving us a presentation of the Shambaugh family and the CORLAS during 1929 through 2024. George E Shambaugh Sr (1869-1947) was one of the first two CORLAS US members. George E Shambaugh Jr (1903-1999) endowed the Shambaugh Award with other family members in 1949. The prize was transferred to the US group in 1999 by George E Shambaugh III. At the opening ceremony Prof. George E. Shambaugh IV, Director, Master of Foreign Service Program at the Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA, gave us a very thoughtful presentation titled 'Promoting Innovation and Trust in Science without Borders'.

The 1st Scientific Session comprised presentations on Head and Neck Genetics and was chaired by Patrick Gullane and Sandro Stöckli. Presentations covered collaborative machine learning, novel

therapeutic targets, prediction markers, drug delivery in tumors, liquid biopsies of cell-free HPV-DNA, and platelet-derived exosomes.

Session 2 on **Cochlear Implant Technology** chaired by Kimitaga Kaga and George Wanna discussed various aspects of cochlear implant placement, electrode insertion, measurement, and imaging.

Session 3 focused on **Cochlear Implant Physiology** and was chaired by Andrej Kral and Badr Eldin Mostafa. Results on intracochlear electrocochleography, vestibular schwannoma and cochlear nerve functionality, electroneural interface, perioperative impedance, auditory brainstem implants, and pediatric single-sided deafness were presented.

Session 4 was titled **Rhinology** and chaired by Lars Olaf Cardell and Antje Welge-Lüssen. Questions on interferon and coronaviruses, drug repositioning for polyposis therapy, vitamin D3 for chronic rhinosinusitis, pediatric endoscopic skull base surgery, surgery in orbitocranial fungal infection, and dilatory Eustachian tube dysfunction were discussed.

Tuesday (Aug. 27th)

The programme started with the **Session 5** on **Vestibular System** and was chaired by Anil Lalwani and Stephen O'Leary. Semicircular dehiscence, SemontPLUS maneuver, digitally assisted brain stimulation, virtual reality in vestibular assessment, MRI in Ménière treatment monitoring, and vestibular schwannoma management were discussed.

Session 6 chaired by Orlando Guntinas-Lichius and Sebastian Schmerber was titled '**Vertigo / OSAS / Olfactory'** and included presentations on time-frequency analysis for gait patterns, Fabry disease, hypoglossal nerve stimulation for OSAS, sleep trackers, temporal dynamics of olfactory function, MRI in post-traumatic olfactory dysfunction, and complex nasal reconstruction.

Session 7 was titled 'Hearing Genetics' and chaired by Hubert Löwenheim and Shin-Ichi Usami. Precision medicine, gene therapy, AAV vectors, Zika virus and CMV infections, USH3A gene therapy, and CHD7-SOX gene regulatory networks were presented.

Session 8 was 'Hearing Genetics II' and chaired by Karen Avraham and Michael McKenna and presented a German cohort study on HL and CI outcomes, cochlear Lgr5+ endogenous progenitor cells, vesicle-enriched secretome fractions, protection against cisplatin- and age-related HL, and mTORC2 in hair cells.

Session 9 was titled '**Head Neck I**' and chaired by Carol Bradford and Robert L Ferris. Melanoma biomarkers, Al in endoscopic laryngeal diagnostics, nerve-specific fluorescence imaging, US-guided H&N procedures, 3D-image-guided navigation, and ultra high-resolution CT for preoperative staging were discussed.

Session 10 was titled '**Head Neck II**' and chaired by Elisabetta Zanoletti and Koichi Omori and discussed extracapsular parotid tumor dissection, modern thyroid surgery, endoscopic laryngopharyngeal surgery, 3D scaffolds for tracheal reconstruction, carotid body tumors, and long-term survival in pediatric tracheostomy.

Session 11 (Cochlear Implant I) was chaired by Marco Caversaccio and Bruce Gantz and included papers on a newly invented inner ear implant device, inner ear dexamethasone delivery techniques, CI electrode array design, FLEX34 CI electrode, X-ray guidance in CI fitting, and exoscope in ORL.

Session 12 (Cochlear Implant II) was chaired by Tatsuya Yamasoba and Marlan Hansen and discussed identification of CI candidates, children with cochlear nerve deficiency, mumps-related hearing loss, syndromic patients, congenital CMV infection, auditory brainstem implantation, and the international consensus on intraoperative testing.

Wednesday (Aug. 28th)

Session 13 was titled **'Facialis, Tinnitus, Audiology'** and chaired by Paul van de Heyning and Ashley Wackym. Facial electrical stimulation to prevent muscle atrophy, tinnitus and orofacial complaints, tinnitus and cortical GABA receptors, an outcomes measure for pediatric hearing impairment, German matrix speech test in noise, a mechanical middle ear model, and AI and surgical mastoidectomy videos were discussed.

Session 14 (Audiology) was chaired by Allen Ryan and Maurizio Barbara and included papers on HL in absence of language, gut microbiome and hearing, CI in the first years of life, machine learning and GJB2-related SNHL, psychophysical tests from computational models, and the Hearing Health Forum EU Manifesto.

Session 15 (Hearing Genetics III) chaired by Konstantina Stankovic and Yehoash Raphael included presentations on AK-OTOF gene therapy, presenescent auditory neuroprogenitors, human-induced pluripotent stem cells, drug-induced otoprotection and neurite outgrowth, and Otoferlin-related phenotype.

Session 16 (Hearing Genetics IV) chaired by Pascal Senn and Hinrich Staecker discussed combinatorial hair cell protection, HL in DFNA9, antioxidative gene therapy for NIHL, inner ear development mechanisms and single-cell genomic data, and phenotype variations with m7471dup variant in MTTS1.

Session 17 (Head Neck Oncology I) was chaired by Ichiro Tateya and Jens P Klussmann and included presentations on TORS in the management of unknown primary, quantitative approach in studying oligometastatic disease, organ preservation via immunotherapy, sarcopenic hypopharyngeal cancer patients, metabolic tumor volume, and transoral videolaryngoscopic surgery for older patients.

Session 18 (Otology / Varia) was chaired by René Leemans and Claes Möller. Streptococcus angionosus, HNC and medical-dental collaboration, temporal bone SCC, otosclerosis surgical findings around the fissure ante fenestrae, ossicle palpation during otologic surgery, pediatric postoperative pain, and direct microneedle intracochlear injection of gadodiamide and MRI imaging were the topics.

Session 19 (Hearing Loss) was chaired by Stefan Plontke and Philippe Levebvre and the topics were: VHIT findings in semicircular canal dehiscence plugging, lateral semicircular canal fistula, angiopathic sudden SNHL, hyperacusis after NIHL, auditory agnosia and herpes encephalitis, and HBO and steroids for sudden SNHL.

Session 20 (Otology) was chaired by Shakeel Saeed and Christophe Vincent and discussed Usher syndrome, navigation in otologic surgery, microbiome in OSCC, cerebrospinal otorrhea repair,

prognostic factors for myringoplasty, public health insurance for presbyacusis in Chile, and otology in Greenland.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The social program of the congress had been planned with big heart and great effort. Every detail had been prepared and confirmed in advance. We experienced wonderful glimpses to Austrian history, culture and science.

During the congress days there were several optional tours available for the members and accompanying persons: Vienna City Tour, Vienna's Grand "Boulevard of Splendor", Art Nouveau: Gustav Klimt, Otto Wagner and the Secession, the Jewish Vienna, the Schönbrunn palace – Home of the Habsburg Dynasty, etc.

On **Sunday Aug 27**th the Family Tour took the group of 76 attendees to the Austrian countryside: first by bus to Krems, one of the oldest towns in Austria, and then to Dürnstein where we boarded a riverboat. The ship cruise took us along the beautiful Danube River in Wachau to the City of Melk. We had a guided tour through the astonishing Melk Monastery (built 1702-1736) where the Abbey has been since 1089. The library with its book collection was amazing. The founding words of the Benedictine Abbey still remain very current: 'Stabilitas, Obedience, Ausculta'. The lunch at the Monastery Restaurant Melk was a relaxing and enjoyable moment.

On Sunday evening at the get-together reception in Palais Hansen 210 persons were already present and the Congress President Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner welcomed us with a flying buffet and beautiful live music.

On **Monday Aug 28**th at the Cultural Evening a special performance, only for the CORLAS group, was organized in the Golden Hall of the Wiener Musikverein ("Goldener Saal des Vienna Musikverein") by the Vienna Philharmonic together with the Camerata Prima Wien, which promotes young musicians. We listened to Schubert and Tchaikovsky and were amazed by the skillful performance by the high-talented young people. This was in fact the third occasion in the history of the Vienna Musikverein, when a private concert was organized. After the concert we enjoyed a dinner at the Heurigen "Mayer am Pfarrplatz" a.k.a. the Beethoven-house, because the composer lived there in 1817 and worked on the 9th Symphony. This traditional winery and the romantic landmark-protected house is the epitome of Vienna's heurigen culture and has been producing the best of Viennese wine since 1683.

On **Tuesday Aug 29**th the Members' Dinner was organized at the 'Naturhistorisches Museum Wien' and the Accompanying Persons' Dinner at the 'Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien'. The CORLAS Group photo 2024 was taken at the stairway of the museum. We had a chance to have a guided tour among the extensive collections covering biology, earth sciences, anthropology and archaeology – the museum was founded 270 years ago. One of the interesting objects was the 'Venus of Willendorf', which is a paleolithic female figurine found in 1908 at Willendorf, Austria. The building really is a perfect and inspirational meeting place for dialogue and exchange of scientific ideas. Again, something very special had been organized for our society: this was the first time ever when a dinner was organized at the 'Cupula' of the museum. Altogether, 160 members attended. Such thoughtful planning to have Members' Dinner here. A wonderful platform for participation, dialogue and exchange of views on current issues among the members. After the speeches given by the President and the General Secretary, altogether 22 new members were introduced at the podium, and they received the CORLAS

History Book and the CORLAS Pin. In addition, the General Secretary acknowledged the work of two Councilors who had ended their term at the Board: Kaoru Ogawa and Hamlet Suarez. They received the CORLAS Medal (Photo below).



At the Accompanying Persons' Dinner 145 persons were present. Outi Mäkitie thanked Alexandra Jappel for all her efforts in the congress organization and interviewed Alexandra about her own professional work and experiences in organizing the meeting.

On **Wednesday Aug 28**th after three congress days the Gala took place in the historic festival hall at the Vienna Town Hall, where the representative of the City of Vienna held a welcome speech. During the dinner the General Secretary thanked the organizing faculty for all their great efforts in making this meeting such a successful and enjoyable gathering of the members. Our President Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner and Alexandra Jappel and our Vice-President Peter Franz and Irmgard Müller received gifts as a token for our gratitude.

The 2nd Secretary D. Bradley Welling announced the Benjamins Prize recipient for the best presentation of the year, which is delivered to a young researcher. This prize is funded by a donation from the Dutch group, and the jury consists of the President of the Congress, the Vice-President, and the CORLAS General Secretary. This year the recipient was Vincent Van Rompaey (Antwerp) with his presentation titled 'S16 L2 -Disease-modifying therapy for autosomal dominant hereditary hearing loss in DFNA9'.

At the end of the Dinner the President of the forthcoming year and next Annual Meeting prof. Lars Olaf Cardell welcomed us all to Stockholm in August 2025. This was followed by a prom in the traditional Viennese way with live music. An extraordinarily nice scene at the CORLAS Gala!

POST CONGRESS TOUR

The four-day Post congress Tour took us through many beautiful and interesting sights of Austria.

On **Thursday Aug 29**th we visited the world's oldest salt mine (still in active use) in Hallstadt. It is located on the west bank of the fjord-like Lake Hallstatt. This was an unforgettable adventure which took us through 7,000 years of salt mining. During the day our perfect guide (Wolfgang Baumgartner) provided us with fascinating notes of Austrian history, for example when we drove through Bad Ischl, which was the summer residence of Emperor Franz Joseph I and Empress Elisabeth of Austria, known as Sisi. There were numerous places and notes that our guide shared with us starting from the 'Halstadt time' (10,000-15,000 years ago). The dinner was arranged at the Hotel Arabella Jagdhof Resort where we stayed overnight in Fuschl am See.



Our tour guides Wolfgang and Alexandra in Hallstadt.

On **Friday Aug 30**th we drove to Salzburg to meet our guides who took us with the funicular to visit the Fortress Hohen Salzburg, which is seen high above the Baroque towers of the city. This 'Castle of Salt' is one of the largest existing castles in Europe from the 11th century. Its towers over Mozart's city of Salzburg existed already under the Roman Empire, 50 BC, and it was never occupied or besieged by foreign armies. We then returned to the city and during the tour visited Mozart's birthplace, enjoyed of course the 'The Real Salzburg Mozartkugeln' (The Salzburg confectioner, Paul Fürst created these chocolates in 1890) and enjoyed the lunch at the pleasant garden restaurant Sternbräu. We then headed to the Mirabell Garden at the Mirabell Palace (Schloss Mirabell), which is among Salzburg's most popular attractions. It is a baroque pleasure garden created by archbishop Marcus Sittikus. The large, beautiful garden comprises various water automats, grottos, fountains that he had built to astonish, entertain and befuddle his guests. It is a unique cultural jewel right next to Salzburg. The entire site belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage list. We then walked also through the Castel Hellbrunn and its garden before returning to our hotel.

On **Saturday Aug 31**st we drove to Wattens, Tyrol and visited the Swarowski Kristallwelten where the crystals can be observed in all their facets that define Swarowski. The history of this family company is fascinating. The next part of the tour was to visit the MEDEL company where the CEO, Prof. Ingeborg J. Hochmair-Desoyer welcomed us with her staff. We were guided through the experimental and training laboratory, development and production systems of the company before the lunch. In the afternoon we had a city tour through Innsbruck before the transfer to Kitzbühel and Hotel Kitzhof Mountain Design Resort. Some of the members ended their tour on Saturday and were transferred to Airport Innsbruck. In the evening, we enjoyed a fantastic memorable dinner under the dark skies in the garden of the hotel.

On Sunday **September 1**st some of us took a shuttle to Munich Airport and the main group continued the tour via Heiligenblut (photo stop at Waterfall "Jungfernsprung") over Großglockner Hochalpenstraße. Lunch was arranged at the highest reachable point (2370 m) at the Panorama Restaurant Kaiser – Franz Josef Höhe. The tour then went over Großglockner Hochalpenstraße in direction to Ferleiten and finally to Vienna.

This was a tour planned to the smallest detail and executed perfectly, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Each item of the agenda was carefully selected and pre-tested personally by Wolfgang and Alexandra. Thank you so much for all the work!

PHOTOS

The photos of the Annual Scientific Meeting and the Social Programme are available on the official Annual Meeting website: www.corlas2024.com

IMPORTANT DATES

The Chairmen of the national groups are invited to contact the General Secretary **by mid-May 2025**, at the latest, to propose new member candidates. These individuals will then be officially invited to send their applications to the Jury by mid-June 2025 at the latest.

The Annual Meeting 2025 will take place in Stockholm, Sweden during Aug 25-27, 2025. Family Tour is organized on Aug 24. Post congress Tour will take place during Aug 28—Aug 30. Please, visit the congress website www.corlas2025.com for further information.

Outi and I would like to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Holiday Season. May the New Year bring peace, hope and happiness to all of us.

We look forward to seeing you all in Stockholm in August 2025.

Helsinki, December 13th, 2024

Antti Mäkitie

General Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT (by prof. Sandro Stöckli 8/2024)

Income statement	
Income (Revenue)	EUR
membership fees	15'700.00
exchange rate gains	0.00
total income	15'700.00
Expenses (costs)	
service Guarant Int.	4'424.87
bank charges	267.87
web services	360.00
mailchimp fee	369.85
Guarant invoice for 2022	4'534.16
presidential medals	9'812.64
Gala Dinner Vienna	15'000.00
total expenses	34'769.39
Difference (loss)	-19'069.39

Balance sheet	
Assets	
cash (on bank account GI)	126'176.84
receivables	0.00
total assets	126'176.84
Liabilities and equity	
Liabilities	0.00
equity capital	126'176.84
total liabilities and equity	126'176.84