The World Association for Medical Law (WAML) was founded 50 years ago in Belgium and has sponsored triennial and later biennial congresses until 2014 when they became annual.

The membership consists of delegates from over 60 countries and 18 member Board Governors from 18 countries. I am the WAML Vice-President, Treasurer and the Program Chair for the 50th GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 2017 Congress. Look forward welcome you in Baku!

HISTORY
Partial listing of the World Congresses since 2000.

- Helsinki, Finland 2000
- Maastricht, The Netherlands 2002
- Sydney, Australia 2004
- Seoul, Korea 2005
- Toulouse, France 2006
- Beijing, China 2008
- Zagreb, Croatia 2010
- Maceio, Brazil 2012
- Bali, Indonesia 2014
- Coimbra, Portugal 2015
- Los Angeles, U.S.A 2016
- Baku, Azerbaijan 2017

Coming WCML will be in:

- Tel Aviv, Israel 2018
- Tokyo, Japan 2019
- Toronto, Canada 2020
- Istanbul, Turkey 2021

1st time on the border of Europe and Asia, on the crossroads of the Great Silk Road
Dear international delegates, colleagues and friends, welcome to the 50th WAML GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY Congress that is first time ever held in the center of Eurasia, on the crossroads of civilizations, West and East, South and North. The 23rd WAML World Congress provides an international forum for discussion of a broad range of issues covering Medical Law, Bioethics and Forensic Medicine from perspectives of multiculturalism, different religions, cultures and traditions. Baku as one of the well-known centers of Multiculturalism, Tolerance and Intercivilizational Dialogue will be wonderful host city in which to discuss it.

Four subthemes will be the following topics:

1. Environmental Health Law
2. Medical Law and Bioethics Education
3. Challenges of Medical Law and Forensic Medicine in XXI Century
4. Bioethics, Religion and Multiculturalism

Environmental Health Law
The environment is everything around us — the air we breathe, the water we drink and use, and the food we consume. It's also the chemicals, radiation, microbes, and physical forces with which we come into contact. Our interactions with the environment are complex and are not always healthy. Environmental health laws and policies are created to regulate and safeguard our environment.

Medical Law and Bioethics Education
Adoption of UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights with set of bioethical principles agreed upon by 191 Member States of UNESCO provides global common platform to strengthen Medical Law and Bioethics Education within each Member State. The primary target group includes medical and law students, medical staff and health workers.

Challenges of Medical Law and Forensic Medicine in XXI Century
Medical Law and Legal (Forensic) Medicine are closely related disciplines. Forensic medical experts play key roles in development of Medical Law worldwide. There are many challenges in XXI Century in further developments of healthcare systems they may achieve together.

Bioethics, Religion and Multiculturalism
Multiculturalism, cultural and religious diversity, is common heritage of humanity. This is source of exchange, innovation and creativity, necessary for humankind as biodiversity is for nature. One of main bioethical principles is respect for cultural, religious diversity and pluralism. Multiculturalism is lifestyle for Azerbaijan. Our capital hosted annually five Baku International Humanitarian Forums, 7th Global Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations, World Forums of Intercultural Dialogue.

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