



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This is my last communication to you as your president. This is not the time to say goodbye, but it is a much happier time - the time to hand off the reins of your society to your incoming president. Congratulations to Dr. Eric Wiener and welcome. Eric, you are not alone for, as you know, we have a very able and dedicated group of people to help you. You certainly will have me as a resource but so many of your colleagues are ready and able to help as they have helped me.

I have to thank all who have so selflessly helped and guided me during my two year tenure. I would have been nowhere without this help. A few people though deserve a very special mention. Maggie and Jeff and Vijaya have been standouts in leading this society and working so hard behind the scenes and sometimes from the forefront. My thanks to them and to all others too. This has been a rather challenging two year period for AMLII and for the country at large too. In spite of all the difficulties, your society has come out ahead. We have had two successful annual meetings, our finances are good, and our group is together. Kudos to a very hard working scientific affairs committee and the council. They have made sure that we weathered this storm, in style.

We will have challenges in the future, but our ability to survive and in fact thrive during the last two difficult years assures me that the society is strong and very resilient and capable of solving difficult issues that may come in the future. Our next meeting in Salt Lake City is already gearing up to be a grand affair. While our hybrid and virtual meetings were very successful, I hope to see you in person in August 22 in Salt Lake City.

Good Luck and Godspeed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Qasim', is positioned above the typed name.

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