

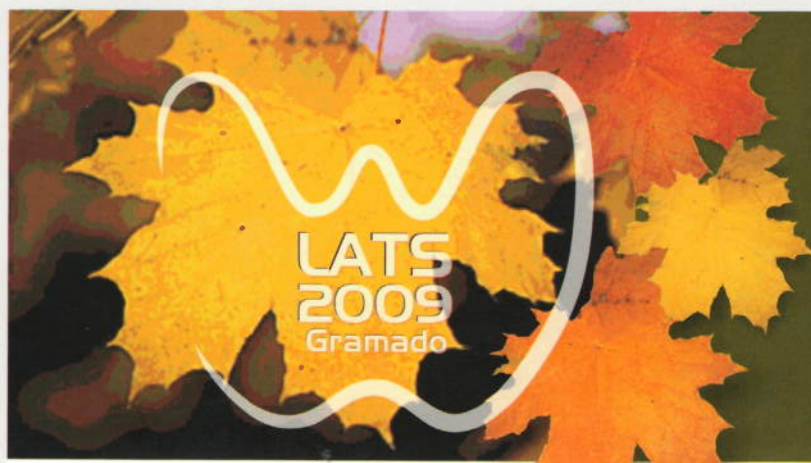
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HISTORICAL OUTLINE OF THE LATIN AMERICA THYROID SOCIETY

Sociedad Latino Americana de Tiroides

Geraldo Medeiros-Neto (Brazil) and Hugo Niepomniszce (Argentina)

(1). During the 13th International Congress of Endocrinology, in Rio de Janeiro, we decided to have a meeting with the purpose of providing an historical perspective of the Latin America Thyroid Association (LATS), based on our recollections of main events since its' foundation in 1974.

(2). Foundation of LATS. In October 31st 1974, in the Sheraton Hotel, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the Panamerican Congress of Endocrinology, organized by Roberto Soto, Geraldo Medeiros-Neto (Brazil) transmitted to a group of thyroidologists, presents at the Meeting that in a personal conversation with David Solomon (from California, USA), at that time from the Board of Directors of the American Thyroid Association, that it would be nice and useful that the Latin-American Endocrinologists interested in Thyroid Disease should consider to charter an Organization, under the name of Latin America Thyroid Society. Therefore an official meeting took place with the presence of the following thyroidologists:

1. Noe Altschuler (Argentina)
2. Walter Bloise (Brazil)
3. Osvaldo J. Degrossi (Argentina)
4. Pablo Fletcher (Panama)
5. Eduardo Gaitan (Colombia)
6. Jorge Maisterrana (Mexico)
7. Geraldo Medeiros-Neto (Brazil)
8. Willian Nicolau (Brazil)
9. Hugo Niepomniszce (Argentina)
10. Gustavo Pineda (Chile)
11. Mario Pisarev (Argentina)
12. Eduardo Pretell (Peru)
13. José Varea Teran (Ecuador)
14. Manfredo Weinstein (Argentina)

During this meeting Medeiros-Neto mentioned the suggestion of David Salomon and made a motion that the new "Sociedad Latino Americana de Tiroides" should be founded. The motion was seconded and approved by all the thyroidologists present at the meeting. Also it was decided to indicate a provisional Executive Committee to take the first steps to consolidate the new scientific Society. Walter Bloise motioned that Geraldo Medeiros-Neto could be elected as the first President of LATS, with Hugo Niepomniszce as General Secretary, and Eduardo Pretell as

vice-president. Also the other thyroidologists present at the Meeting should be designated as delegates of their respective countries. Gustavo Pineda (Chile), Eduardo Gaitan (Colombia), Pablo Fletcher (Panama), Jorge Maisterrena (Mexico) e J. Varea-Teran (Ecuador). Later on, this first Board of Officers constituted the official directors of the LATS, with four years of mandate (1974-1978).

(3). Members that were considered as founders: at the meeting in 1974 it was decided that all presents should be considered as co-founders of the new organization. All new members that would join LATS until December 1975 should also be considered as co-founders. In 1975 Niepomnizsce prepared the provisional By-laws that were approved by LATS members. Later on the By-laws were adapted to the Brazilian Civil Code and registered in the notarial office in Sao Paulo (Brazil) in 1976. A year later it was formally chartered and registered at the Ministry of Justice in Brazil with all the proper rights to start its activities as a Scientific Society.

(4). The first years of LATS during the few years of existence of LATS (1974-1978) Medeiros-Neto, as President decided to organize on a yearly basis scientific meetings in Sao Paulo, Brazil, during the official Course on Thyroid Diseases, at the Hospital das Clinicas, University of Sao Paulo Medical School. With the support of the Pharmaceutical Industry, several members of the LATS were invited to come to Sao Paulo to participate in these meetings as speakers. Moreover an official meeting of LATS members was simultaneously arranged and new ideas and suggestion were made.

(5). International recognition of LATS: in the International Thyroid Congress in Boston, USA, in 1975, LATS was officially recognized and accepted as the new "sister" of the already chartered Thyroid Societies, as the American Thyroid Association and the European Thyroid Association. Later on the Asia and Oceania Thyroid Association joined this group.

(6). International Thyroid Congress: in Sidney, Australia, in 1980, during the 8th Intl. Thyroid Congress, LATS proposed that this international meeting could take place in South America. Indeed, the proposal was to have the 1985 Intl. Thyroid Congress in Sao Paulo (Brazil) and in 2005 in Buenos Aires (Argentina), based on a system that would give to each "sister" Society the right to have the ITC every 20 years. This rule was approved by the International Committee of the Thyroid Societies representatives in Sydney, Australia.

(7). First meetings of LATS: the first official meeting of LATS was organized in 1981 by Hugo Niepomnizsce in Mar del Plata, Argentina, and attended by a great number of endocrinologists of South America. This first event helped to consolidate the new Society. In 1983 Eduardo Pretell was the organizer of the second meeting of LATS in Lima, Peru. In 1985 Sao Paulo (Brazil) was selected as the site for the 9th International Thyroid Congress, with Geraldo Medeiros-Neto as President. This meeting gathered more than 1,100 delegates from several countries and was considered as an important Scientific and Social success.

In 1986 the Fourth LATS Congress was organized by Maria Cristina Blanco in Caracas, Venezuela. In 1989, Fierro-Benites from Ecuador, could not find support for the LATS meeting in Quito, Ecuador, and therefore, Joao H. Romaldini and



LATS PRIZE

The LATS Prize is awarded at each LATS Congress to an Active member of the Society who has made outstanding contributions to thyroid research over a considerable period of time. The Executive Committee will make the award. The Executive Committee can indicate a special board of experts, not necessarily members of LATS, to work as referees. The final decision will be made by the Executive Committee. Candidates for the Prize may be proposed and seconded by any two Active members of SLAT. The proposal should include the candidate's curriculum vitae (of no more than 10 pages) and a short citation (of no more than 2 pages) indicating the nature of candidate's personal contribution to thyroid research to the Secretary. The recipient is asked to deliver a lecture at the LATS Congress.

Past Winners

2007	Mário Vaisman
2005	Héctor Rubén Harach
2003	João H. Romaldini
2001	Gregorio Chazenbalk
2000	Antonio C. Bianco
1999	Eduardo A. Pretell
1997	Doris Rosenthal
1995	J. Enrique Silva
1993	Hugo Niepomniszcze
1991	Rui M. B. Maciel
1990	Mario Pisarev
1985	Eduardo A. Gaitan
1983	Aldo Coleoni
1980	Geraldo A. Medeiros-Neto

Rui Maciel were able to have the 5th LATS meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1991. Two years later, in 1993, Mario Pisarev organized the 6th LATS meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 1995, Toronto (Canada) was selected as the site to host the 11th Intl. Thyroid Congress and several LATS members were present at this meeting both as speakers or presenting scientific papers.

(8). Board of Directors of LATS after the first Board of Directors (1974-1978), the following members of LATS were elected as Presidents with a mandate of four years:

Eduardo Pretell	1978-1982
Eduardo Gaitan	1982-1986
Jorge Maisterrena	1986-1990

In 1990 it was motioned and approved that the Board of Directors would have a mandate of two years and the following Presidents were:

Mario Psarev	1991-1993
João H. Romaldini	1993-1995
Gustavo Pineda	1995-1997
Hugo Niepomnizce	1997-1999
Rui Maciel	1999-2001
Aldo Coleoni	2001-2003
Doris Rosenthal	2003-2005
Nelson Wolhk	2005-2007
Guillermo Juvenal	2007-2009

(9). Meetings of LATS and respective organizers

1997	Viña de Mar, Chile (Gustavo Pineda)
1999	Foz do Iguacu, Brazil (Hans Graf)
2001	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Carmen Cabanelas Pazos-Moura)
2003	Cordoba, Argentina (Aldo Coleoni)
2005	Buenos Aires, Argentina (International Thyroid Congress)
2007	Santiago de Chile (Nelson Wolhk)
2009	Gramado, Brazil (Ana Luiza Maia)

(10). This Historical “resume” of LATS shows very nicely that LATS has emerged from a small group of scientists interested in Thyroid Diseases to a strong Association that equals the other Thyroid Societies (ATA, ETA and AOTA) and contributes to expand the knowledge of Thyroid Diseases in Latin America. More specifically it has been quite active, under the leadership of Eduardo Pretell (from ICCIDD) to improve Iodine Nutrition in Latin America. Contributions of our members to many aspects of thyroid disease (Thyroid cancer, dyshormono-genesis, thyroid nodular disease, Graves’ disease and autoimmunity, among others) have been recognized in the medical literature. Moreover members of LATS have been actively participants in many of the Thyroid meeting around the world and certainly they integrate the thyroid scientific community.



YOUNG INVESTIGATOR

The LATS Prize – young investigator – is awarded at each LATS Congress to 2 young members of the Society (less than 40 years of age) presenting an accepted paper at the Congress. The categories under which the prize will be given are: (1) clinical and (2) basic research. The young investigators must be the first author and must be present at the Congress and the work presented must have been made in full in a country of Latin America.

Past Winners

- 2007 Flavia Roche Moreira Latini – basic
Helton Estrela Ramos – clinical
- 2005 Maria Izabel Chiamolera – basic
Cleber P. Camacho – clinical
- 2003 Marcia Khaled Puñales – clinical
Alejandra Dagrosa – basic
- 2001 Gisele Giannocco – basic
Janete Maria Cerutti – clinical
- Leonardo Gabriel Bazzara – basic
Maria Carolina P. do Nascimento – clinical
- 1999 Magnus R. Dias da Silva – clinical
Tania M. Ortiga Carvalho – basic
- 1998 Claudia G. Pellizas – basic
Marcelo Branco – basic

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Centro de Convenções Serrano
Avenida das Hortênsias, 1.480
Gramado – RS – Brasil
95670-000
Tels.: 55-51-3012.7240/3022.7200

REGISTRATION DESK

The registration and Service desk is set up at the conference venue hotel, ground floor on the following Schedule: April 30th to May 2nd, 2009, from 08h00 to 18h00; May 3rd, 2009, 08h00 to 17:00.

PRESENTATIONS

The slide desk will be open from 8h00 to 18h00, ground floor. PowerPoint is the preferred format for presentation. Presenters must check in their presentation at least 2 hours before their session begins. All conference rooms are fully equipped with a PC for presentation. It will not be possible to use slides or overhead projection.

POSTER DISPLAY

Posters will be displayed at the designated area located in the ground floor. Poster presenters are personally responsible for affixing and removal of their posters. Assistance and material for mounting the poster will be provided by the congress' secretariat. Poster size should not exceed 0.90m in width and 1.00m in height. Presenters should put up their posters at the number assigned to their abstracts by 10h00 – Friday, May 1st. The posters will be displayed during all the time of the meeting. The presenter must be present during the time dedicated for Poster Discussion (May 3rd, 17h00). All posters should be removed at the end of the congress.

BADGES

Badges must be worn at all times and to all events during the meeting.

LANGUAGE AND TRANSLATION SERVICE

The official language of the meeting is English. However Presenters may also give their talk in Portuguese or Spanish. There will be English-to-Portuguese translation service on-site for the conferences and symposia with International Speakers.

MAIL AND MESSAGES

Computer facilities will be provided to all participants for internet access to email. The se facilities will be located at the ground floor, near to the Registration Desk. Additionally, free Wi-Fi wireless internet access is available in the entire Convention Center.

TICKETS AND TRANSFERS

The Official Agencia (Poster area, ground floor) will be available for informations from 9h00 to 17h00.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Opening Ceremony – Welcome Coquetel (Room Erico Verissimo)
19h30, Thursday, April 30th, 2009
All participants are invited. Please wear your name badge.

Gala Dinner (Room Erico Verissimo)
21h00, Saturday, May 2nd, 2009
Invitation required for admittance.