



**15<sup>th</sup> International  
THYROID CONGRESS**



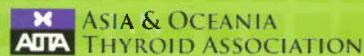
**85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association**

*Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort  
Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA*

**October 18-23, 2015**

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM & ABSTRACT BOOK**

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## 15<sup>th</sup> ITC Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

We welcome you to the 15<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Congress (ITC) from October 18-23, 2015 at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. International access, beautiful autumn weather and family activities make Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), Florida a great meeting destination for the 15<sup>th</sup> ITC.

The ITC is a collaborative meeting held every fifth year by the four world thyroid associations: American Thyroid Association (ATA), Asia and Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA), European Thyroid Association (ETA), and Latin American Thyroid Society (LATS). The Program Organizing Committee (POC) has selected renowned international thyroid experts for every symposium and discussion/debate. The POC has also set this ITC as one to highlight and involve our young investigators from around the world. The ATA will continue to promote the E. Chester Ridgway Trainee Conference with a unique and focused track for trainees; including accommodations and complimentary registration for a limited number of applicants who are first authors on accepted abstracts. The four international thyroid associations combine their efforts to contribute to this one of a kind, state-of-the-science experience! We welcome you to this "top of the mark" collegial event.

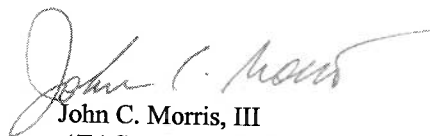
Hosted by the ATA, the ITC has brought together the international community of endocrine specialists, surgeons and other health professionals to present and discuss the latest research and developments in thyroidology. 870 regular call and 68 short call abstracts were submitted for poster or oral presentation from over 54 countries for the 15<sup>th</sup> ITC. The meeting will feature 58 oral abstract presentations and 127 short oral abstract communications. There are nearly 500 faculty members from over 33 countries for the 122 scientific program sessions, full-day endocrine neck ultrasound course and the E. Chester Ridgway Trainee Conference.

The ATA meeting organization is well known and well regarded by all those devoted to thyroid biology and to the prevention and treatment of thyroid disease through excellence in research, clinical care, education, and public health. In terms of logistics: the online registration and hotel reservation system have been reliable and responsive. The abstract submission and speaker management process were designed with the latest in technology. The social events are international in flavor and there is all day access to the hotel's sandy beach enclave and *Disney World*® water taxis.

We look forward to your participation.



Rebecca Bahn  
*Chair, 15<sup>th</sup> ITC Program Organizing Committee*



John C. Morris, III  
*ATA Secretary/ Chief Operating Officer*

## Past Meetings of the International Thyroid Congress

International Conference on Goitre, Berne, Switzerland – August 24-26, 1927

Second International Conference on Goitre , Berne, Switzerland – August, 1933

Third International Goiter Conference & American Association for the Study of Goiter, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC – September 12-14, 1938

The Fourth International Goitre Conference, London – July 5-8, 1960

5<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Conference, Rome – May 23-27, 1965

6<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Conference, Vienna, Austria – June 22-25, 1970

7<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Conference, Boston, Massachusetts – June 9-13, 1975

Eighth International Thyroid Congress and 55<sup>th</sup> Annual ATA, Sydney, Australia – February 3-8, 1980

9<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Congress, Sao Paulo, Brazil 1985 – September 1-6, 1985

10<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Conference, Netherlands Conference Centre, The Hague, The Netherlands – February 3-8, 1991

11<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Congress - The Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada – September 10-15, 1995

12<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Conference, Kyoto International Conference Hall, Kyoto, Japan – October 22-27, 2000

13<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina – October 30–November 4, 2005

14<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Congress, Palais Des Congres, Paris, France – September 11-16, 2010

15<sup>th</sup> International Thyroid Congress and 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida – October 18-23, 2015





The Latin American Thyroid Society (LATS) is an association interested to promote research in the thyroid field which brings together basic and clinical specialists and scientists from Latin American countries. LATS was founded in 1974 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In the International Thyroid Congress, Boston, 1975, LATS was recognized as a new sister of the already chartered thyroid association ATA and ETA. The aims of LATS are to encourage research on thyroid physiology and biochemistry as well as radiology, nuclear medicine, cellular and molecular biology and clinical science to improve knowledge in diagnosis, management and treatment of thyroid diseases.

Membership of LATS consist of Active, Corresponding, Honorary and Associate members. The society has now around 850 members in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Mexico, among other countries.

The Scientific Meeting of LATS is regularly held every two years and usually attracts over 1200 active participants including physicians and basic researchers. Outstanding fundamental and clinical scientists are invited from Latin American and other countries to share new knowledge on thyroid function and disease.

At each Congress the LATS Prize is awarded to an Active member of the Society who has made outstanding contributions to thyroid research over a considerable period of time. Besides, two young researchers receive the Merck Prize Young Investigator (one clinic and one basic). At least 30 to 50 Travel Grants are distributed to young investigators for the best oral and poster presentations.

The last XV Meeting was held in Florianopolis, Brazil, from 20 to 23 March, 2013. The number of registered attendees was 1450. Important topics were reviewed which dealt with new insights in thyroid biology and pathophysiology as well as molecular diagnosis and clinical management of thyroid diseases.

The LATS website (<https://www.lats.org>) is constantly updated to announce upcoming events and to provide new materials with important information on the thyroid field. The LATS directory maintains regular contact with its members through periodic Newsletters and communications. On the other hand, LATS website allows foreign colleagues to be updated with the society activities.

Several LATS task force groups have been set up address particular issues and to develop clinical practice guidelines for diagnosis and management of thyroid diseases.

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