



Regional Workshop

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InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP), Latin American Association of Academies of Medicine (ALANAM), InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS)
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on

Non-Communicable Diseases

Prevention and Control of Cardiovascular Diseases and Cancer

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 3-5, 2012

Background

The latest Global Status Report on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), issued by the World Health Organization (WHO), states that NCDs are the leading global causes of death, causing more deaths than all other causes combined, and that they strike hardest at the world's low- and middle-income populations. These diseases have reached epidemic proportions, which, however, could be significantly reduced, with millions of lives saved and untold suffering avoided, by means of decreasing their risk factors, early detection and timely treatments.

Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases must be given priority, and commitments must be made at the highest levels by governments, the private sector, civil society, the United Nations and international organizations, which should all work together.

Program

In order to promote the interchange of experiences among the 13 Academies that are members of IAMP and ALANAM, a Regional Workshop on Non-Communicable Diseases, focusing on Prevention and Control of Cardiovascular Diseases and Cancer, is being convened. The workshop will bring together two high-level experts, one in cancer and one in cardiovascular diseases, from each Academy to discuss their own national experiences on these subjects.

Besides discussing the state of the art of prevention and control of cancer and cardiovascular diseases in the Americas, participants will discuss collaboration opportunities among the Academies. An expected outcome of the symposium is a more powerful interaction between Academies in the continent.

Scientific Program Committee

The Conference is coordinated by Dr. Marcos Fernando de Oliveira Moraes and Professor Jacob Palis, respectively, President of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and President of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (BAS). The program and the organizational framework are being developed by a scientific committee chaired by Professor Marcello André Barcinski (NAM and BAS, Brazil) and composed by Professors Alvaro Moncayo (National Academy of Medicine of Colombia), Eduardo Moacyr Krieger (NAM and BAS, Brazil), Jerson Lima da Silva (NAM and BAS, Brazil), Raul Cutait (NAM, Brazil), and Wanderley de Souza (NAM and BAS, Brazil).

Local Organizing Committee

The local Organizing Committee comprises Professors Eduardo Moacyr Krieger (Heart Institute, University of São Paulo), Jacob Palis (BAS), Jerson Lima da Silva (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro), Marcello André Barcinski (Oswaldo Cruz Foundation - Fiocruz), Marcos Fernando de Oliveira Moraes (Cancer Foundation), Raul Cutait (University of São Paulo), and Wanderley de Souza (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro).

Dates and Venue

The Symposium is scheduled to start at 2:30 pm on **Wednesday May 2nd** and end at 12:30 pm on **Saturday May 5th**, 2012. On the evening of **Friday May 4th** an official dinner will be offered at the Rio de Janeiro Botanical Garden, established in 1808 and regarded as one of the leading Botanical Gardens in the world.

Speakers from 13 countries are expected. They will come from North, Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean, appointed by their own IAMP- and ALANAM-affiliated national Academies. There is no conference fee. Expected attendance is of approximately 60 participants.

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