

Regional Workshop on Non-Communicable Diseases

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Profile of the Participants

Organized by Countries

Argentina
Manuel Marti



Manuel Martí is a Professor Emeritus at the School of Medicine of the University of Buenos Aires and a permanent member (General-Secretary elected) of the National Academy of Medicine. From 2008 to 2010, he was the President of the Academic Council on Medical Ethics. He is also the Former President of the Internal Medicine Society (1967); of the History Medicine Society (1962); and of the Diabetes Society (1965).

Dr. Martí is an Honorary Member of the Internal Medicine Society; of the Medicine Society of Montevideo; of the Latin-American Society of Atherosclerosis; and of the Argentinean Medical Society. In addition, he is a Fellow of several Associations, such as the International Union of Therapeutics; the International Society of Medical Ethics; the American Diabetes Association; the International Society for the Study of Pain; the European Association for the Study of Diabetes; the Société Francaise de Pharmacologie Clinique et de Thérapeutique; and an Overseas Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine of the United Kingdom. He is also a Corresponding Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Cordoba; and of the Provincial Academy of Sciences and Arts of the Province of Buenos Aires.

Argentina
Marcelo Elizari



Marcelo Elizari graduated from the School of Medicine, of the Buenos Aires University. His current positions include being Chief of the Cardiology Division of the Ramos Mejía Hospital; Professor Emeritus of Cardiology at the School of Medicine of the University of Salvador; Director of the Career of Specialist Physician in Cardiology, at the School of Medicine of the University of Buenos Aires; Member of the Argentinean National Academy of Medicine; and a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology.

His previous positions include being a Member of the Advisory Council of the National Program of Chagas Disease; State Secretary of Science and Technology within the Ministry of Education of Argentina; President of the Argentinean Society of Cardiology, in Buenos Aires, and also President of the XVII Interamerican Congress of Cardiology in Buenos Aires. He is the former president of the Health Research Council of the Ministry of Health, of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires.

Dr. Elizari is also the author and co-author of more than 500 scientific publications, and a member of several international scientific boards. He has participated and has lectured in many international and national congresses and symposia and has received several national and international awards.

Bolivia
Eduardo Aranda Torrelio



Dr. Eduardo Aranda is a Pediatrician Hematologist. He was the President of the Bolivian Academy of Medicine from 2006 to 2010. He is currently a Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at the College of Medicine – Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA) continuing his educational work, in addition to being the President of the Bolivian Association of Editors of Biomedical Journals (ABEREB).

From 1984 to 1986, he was the President of the Bolivian College of Physicians and also the Director of the Postgraduate Division at the College of Medicine (UMSA) between 1991 and 1998. During more than twenty years, Dr. Aranda was the Head of the Postgraduate and Research Department of the Children's Hospital at La Paz-Bolivia.

Dr. Aranda has published several handbooks, guidelines, original papers and reviews pertinent to Hematology, Pediatrics, Antimicrobial Drugs, Medical Writing, Ethics and Infectious diseases, from 1974 to date.

On the other hand, Dr. Aranda organized a non-profit Foundation at Children´s Hospital (La Paz) whose principal objective is to get several kind of support for low-income children and adolescents suffering from cancer and leukemia, because the Bolivian Public Health Policy doesn´t include a free-program in benefit of these patients. Finally, he´s just developing a study to define the deleterious effects of environmental chemical waste influencing on a major incidence of diverse modalities of cancer near to the Andes and its rivers.

Bolivia
Luis Alberto Mercado Maldonado



Luis Alberto Mercado Maldonado was born on April 20th of 1950. He is a Clinical and Interventional Cardiology Doctor. He graduated from Aurelio Melean College of Medicine (UMSS), Cochabamba, in 1974. He took additional graduate courses at the Thoracic and Cardiovascular Institute and at the Catholic University of Lovaina, from 1975 to 1980. He completed internships on updates of invasive and interventional procedures at Saint Lukes Episcopal Texas Medical Center (Houston); the Cardiology Institute of Montreal (Canada); the Guemes Hospital in Buenos Aires (Argentina); the Tampa General Hospital in Florida (USA); the Cardiology Service at Stanford University (California); and finally, at the Heart Institute in São Paulo (Brazil).

From 1988 to 2008, Dr. Luis Alberto Mercado Maldonado was the Head of the Adult Cardiology Service of the Bolivian Belgian Medical Center in Cochabamba, Bolivia, in addition to being a Teaching Instructor of the Graduate course of Medicine at San Simón University, from 1997 to date. Since October 2011 he is the General Director of the Bolivian Belgian Medical Center. He is also the Head Instructor in Basic and Advanced CPR (BLS and ACLS) of the training Center organization of the American Heart Association.

He has been Fellow of the American College of Cardiology since August 1992. He was one of the founders of SOLACI, the Latin-American Interventional Cardiology Society, and also a Full Member of the Latin American Society of Cardiac Stimulation, since 1985. He was the President of the Bolivian Society of Cardiology from 1998 to 2000; President of the South American Society of Cardiology, from 2001 to 2002; and he was also the Vice-President of the Inter American Society of cardiology, from 2002 to 2004.

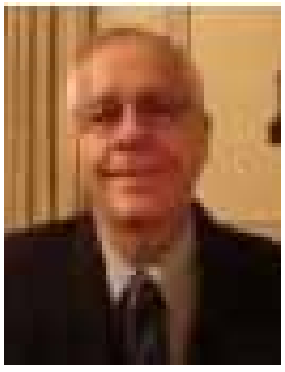
Brazil
Adib Jatene



Adib Jatene is a professor and a researcher, being a co-founder of the Heart Institute of the University of São Paulo (USP). He has been, for two term, the Minister of Health of Brazil. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, and is currently the General Director of the Heart Hospital in São Paulo – HCor.

Dr. Jatene is a Brazilian scientist who brought technological innovations. He has provided original contributions in the area of Bioengineering and to the field of heart surgery, having developed the technique of transposition of great vessels, known as "Jatene's operation", used successfully in cardiac surgery services worldwide. Jatene has also contributed tremendously by assembling research and teaching laboratories in major medical centers. He has also occupied the position of director of colleges, hospitals and foundations, in addition to public positions of greater relevance.

Brazil
Claudio Buarque Benchimol



Claudio Buarque Benchimol graduated in Medicine from the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ) in 1971 and got his MSC and PhD in Cardiology from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) at 1981. Since 1974, he is Adjunct Professor Cardiology/Cardiology Epidemiology of the State University of Rio de Janeiro and a faculty member of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, since 1990.

Dr. Benchimol is a cardiologist of the Clementino Fraga Filho University Hospital, and Chief of the Laboratory of Hemodynamic and Angiocardiography and Invasive Cardiology.

He is a Member of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology and Brazilian Society of Cardiology and Interventionist Hemodynamic. He is also a fellow at London University. In 1999, he was nominated a benefactor member of the General Policlinic of Rio de Janeiro.

Brazil
Daniel Goldberg Tabak



Daniel Goldberg Tabak graduated in medicine from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) in 1979 and completed his medical residence at the same University in 1981. He specialized in Internal Medicine at the Jackson Memorial Hospital, University of Miami (1984), Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (1982) and American Board of Internal Medicine (1984) and in oncology at the Washington University School of Medicine (1986).

His areas of interest are oncology and bone marrow transplantation. He is the Head of the Cellular Therapy at the São Vicente Clinic and Medical Director of the Center for Cancer Treatment (Centron) and he is a member of the Brazilian National Academy of Medicine.

Brazil
Eduardo Krieger



Eduardo Moacyr Krieger was born in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, in 1928. After graduating in Medicine (1953), he was scientifically trained in physiology by the group of Bernardo Houssay (Nobel Laureate in 1947), when he interacted strongly with Eduardo Braun Menendez, who discovered the angiotensin.

He worked at the Department of Physiology of the Medical School of Ribeirão Preto, USP (1957-1985). At the Medical School of the University of São Paulo, he was the Head of the Hypertension Unit at the Heart Institute-InCor.HCFMUSP (1985-2010), having under his direction a multidisciplinary research group that included molecular biologists, physiologists and clinical doctors. Eduardo Krieger currently coordinates a Translational Cardiology Programme.

From 1993 to 2007, he was the President of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences. He was also the Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (COSTED) of the International Council of Science (ICSU) - from 1998 until 2002. He was elected co-chairman of the InterAcademy Panel – IAP, for the 2000-2003 period. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the InterAcademy Council – IAC, from 2000 to 2010, and of the Inter-Academy Medical Panel, from 2010 to 2013. He is currently the director for International Relations of the Medical School of the University of São Paulo, and the Vice-President of São Paulo Research Foundation - FAPESP.

Brazil
Gilberto Schwartsmann



Gilberto Schawartsmann graduated in medicine from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRS), in 1980, and got a specialization in Clinical Oncology from the Middlesex Hospital University College Royal Marsden Hospital, in 1983. In 1988 he obtained his PhD in Pharmacology of Anticancer Drugs from the Free University Hospital and a postdoctoral training in 1991 at the European Organization for Research and Development of Anticancer Drugs and at the US National Cancer Institute in 1992.

He is currently a research professor of the Clinical Hospital of Porto Alegre (HCPA) and of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. His research interest is on the development of anticancer drugs. In the HCPA, he teaches basic oncology at the undergraduate and graduate programs. He is the Director of the Kaplan Oncology Institute of the Rio Grande do Sul and he is the President of the Foundation SOAD for Cancer Research. Since 1993, he is a member of the Council of the Childhood Cancer Institute of the Rio Grande do Sul, from which he is one of the founding members. Dr. Schwartsmann has published 3 books and almost 200 papers in specialized journals. He is the recipient of the Carmen Prudente Prize (2004), the Walter Guezzi Prize (2003) and the Research Highlight Prize from the Brazilian Society of Clinical Oncology (2001).

Dr. Schwartsmann is also member of national and international societies such as the National Academy of Medicine, the Academy Sul-Rio-Grandense of Medicine, the European Society of Medical Oncology, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the Royal Academy of Medicine of Spain, the Argentinian Society of Clinical Oncology and a founding member of the Medical Oncology of Latin-American Society of Medical Oncology.

Brazil
Jacob Palis



Jacob Palis has been working at the National Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics since 1968, after obtaining his PhD in Mathematics at Univ. of California, Berkeley, in 1967. Before he was a student at University of Brazil, presently Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, where he graduated at the Engineering School in 1962 and was awarded the best graduated student of the University of Brazil that year.

He has been awarded national and international prizes such as Premio Moinho Santista, 1976, TWAS Prize in Mathematics, 1988, Brazilian National Prize in S&T, 1990, Inter American Prize for Science, 1995, Mexico Prize for S&T, 2001, Trieste Science Prize, 2006, International Prize Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, 2008, and Balzan Prize in Mathematics, 2010.

Among the distinctions he has received, there is the Grand-Croix Brazilian Order of Scientific Merit, 1994 and the French Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, 2005, as well as honorary doctorates from several universities, both from Brazil and abroad.

He is a member of fifteen Academies of Sciences: Brazilian (1970), TWAS (1991), Latin America (1992), Indian (1996), Chilean (1997), Mexican (2000), US National (2001), French (2002), European (2004), Norwegian (2005), Russian (2006), Indian National (2008), Leopoldina (2010), Nazionale dei Lincei (2010), Lisbon (2011).

Presently, he is President of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences and TWAS.

Palis works in the global theory in dynamical systems and recently formulated a research programme aiming at the description of the typical trajectory of a typical dynamical system. If proved to be correct, it may have important implications concerning uncertainty of future predictions of dynamical models for natural phenomena and perhaps otherwise. The programme has spurred much research.

Brazil
Jerson Lima da Silva



Jerson Lima da Silva graduated in medicine in 1984 from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and obtained his PhD from the Carlos Chagas Filho Institute of Biophysics (UFRJ). He joined the Department of Medical Biochemistry of Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in 1987.

Since 1988, he is chief of the Thermodynamic Laboratory of Proteins and Virus and from 1994 to 1997 he was chief of the department of Medical Biochemistry. He has 65 publications, which have been published among others in "Annual Review of Physical Chemistry" and "Currents Opinion in Structural Biology".

In additional, he was nominated fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation in 1991 and in 1997, he was nominated International Fellow of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for five years.

He is currently the coordinator of the National Center for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance of Macromolecules (UFRJ). This center, the first one in Brazil, aim to improve the research in Structural Biology of Macromolecules. He is also coordinator of an important center, PRONEX, since 1998.

Brazil
Marcello Barcinski



Marcello André Barcinski is an MD (State University of Rio de Janeiro, 1965) and PhD (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, 1974) with post-medical and post-doctoral training at, respectively, the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, NY, and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, US. Dr. Barcinski was still a medical student when he began his research training at the Institute of Biophysics (presently, Instituto de Biofísica Carlos Chagas Filho) at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, where, in 1988, he became Full Professor of Biophysics. Taking advantage of the multidisciplinary approach to science prevailing at the Institute of Biophysics, he created the Laboratory of Immunogenetics which expanded its frontiers into several areas of immunological research and grew to what is now the Program of Immunology, producing high quality research and providing training for PhD. candidates in Immunology. In 1991, he moved to the Department of Parasitology at the University of São Paulo, with the aim of developing research in Immunoparasitology. In 1999, he was appointed by the Brazilian Ministry of Health to assist in the reorganization and expansion of research at the National Cancer Institute, in Rio de Janeiro. There, he created the Division of Experimental Medicine, and organized the Graduate Program in Experimental Oncology. Dr. Barcinski is a member of both the Brazilian Academy of Science and the National Academy of Medicine. He acted as Vice-President of the Brazilian Federation of Experimental Biology Societies (FESBE), President of the Brazilian Society of Immunology (SBI), member of the Brazilian Commission of Biotechnology (CTNBio), among other positions in research administration. He has served

as permanent or ad hoc member in several national and international granting and policy-defining agencies such as the Brazilian National Research Council (CNPq), National Coordination for Higher Education (CAPES) and the World Health Organization (three years as member and another three years as President of the Tropical Disease Research Steering Committee on Chagas Disease). He also headed the Local Organizing Committee of the 13th International Congress of Immunology, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2007. As a retired Full Professor he is now a Visiting Researcher at the Oswaldo Cruz Institute in Rio de Janeiro. He is still publishing original and review papers in high-quality journals and mentoring graduate students in Immunology and Parasitology.

Brazil
Marcos Cortesão Barnsley Scheuenstuhl



Marcos Cortesão Barnsley Scheuenstuhl is an economist graduated in 1988 from the State University of Rio de Janeiro. He later obtained his Masters degree at the same university and later went to the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro to develop a PhD. For many years he worked at the State University of Rio de Janeiro, with his work focused on Higher Education Policies and Funding of Higher Education in Latin America. He also worked for the Inter-Union Department for Socioeconomic Studies and Statistics, where he developed studies on the Brazilian national financial system, and as an adviser to the Rector of the State University of Rio de Janeiro. Throughout his professional career he has dedicated much attention to institutional capacity building and networking.

In 2000 he was invited to help organize the Office of International Affairs of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences. Within the Office he took responsibility over the Americas, playing a role in the structuring of the Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS), where he served as Executive Secretary since the establishment of the network until 2010. When in 2004 the Brazilian Academy of Sciences was designated lead Academy to the Water Programme of the InterAcademy Panel on International Issues (IAP), he was invited to act as Programme Director. For the last 8 years he has been working with networking of water researchers and managers, aiming at the enhancement of water management capacity in the developing world.

Besides the work developed at the international scenario, within the structure of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences he also plays and active role in the coordination of several national programs and initiatives, most of these in the areas of Science Education, Health and Environmental Issues.

Brazil
Marcos Moraes



Marcos Moraes is one of the mentors of the Cancer Foundation and has been a Chairman of the Board of Trustees since it´s foundation. As a member of over 35 Medical Societies around the world, he has also participated in over 30 international courses.

The path of success started at the College of Medical Sciences at the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ). In 1967, he organized the Surgical Service in the Regional Hospital of Santa Maria, his hometown. Back to Rio de Janeiro Dr. Marcos Moraes started his activities as a surgeon in the Hospital of Ipanema, in 1970. After 5 years, he went to the University of Illinois, in Chicago (US), where he developed several lines of research and then became a Fellow of the Surgical Oncology Service, from 1975 to 1977.

In 1978 he returned to Brazil and a year after, became a Full Professor at the Gama Filho Medical School. In 1990 he participated in the formulation of the National Program for Cancer Control. In this same year he became the general director of the National Cancer Institute (INCA), a position he held until 1998. During his tenure he presented reforms that made the Institute a reference for the control of Cancer in Brazil.

Dr. Moraes is currently an Honorary Professor, a Coordinator of Professor, and the Coordinator of the Oncobiology Program at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He is the current president of the National Academy of Medicine. Despite his busy schedule and his international projection, he is keen on preserving his origin: he is Member of the Palmeirense Academy of Letters, Sciences and Arts, of Palmeira of Indios, in Alagoas.

Brazil
Milton Ary Méier



Milton Ary Méier graduated in Medicine in 1960, from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and obtained his "doctorate in Medicine with focus in General Surgery at the same University in 1968 and a doctorate in Master of Science Surgery from the University of Illinois in 1972.

Dr. Meier was a resident in surgery at the São Miguel Clinic in 1963, at the Silvestre Hospital in 1964 and at the University of Illinois Hospital in 1972. Presently he is at the medical staff of the Brazilian Ministry of Health, Professor of the State University of Rio de Janeiro, and Cardiovascular Surgeon in the Pro-Cardiac Hospital.

He is a member of the Brazilian Surgeons College, Brazilian Society of Cardiology, American College of Chest Physicians, Brazilian Society of Cardiology of São Paulo, American College of Surgeons, Warren H Cole Society, Brazilian Society of Medicine and Surgery, Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery, Cardiology Society of Rio de Janeiro, Latin Society of Pediatric Cardiology, Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgeon E J Zerbini, Cardiovascular Surgery Association of Rio de Janeiro, International Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, American Association for Thoracic Surgery, Brazilian Academy of Military Medicine, Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the Brazilian. National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Milton Meier is specialized and actively working in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

Brazil
Raul Cutait



Graduated in medicine from the Faculty of Medicine, University of São Paulo (USP) in 1973 and got his MSc Masters degree (1978) and PhD (1987) in surgery at the same University after completing his medical residence in 1976. He is now a staff member and Associate Professor at the Department of Surgery at USP.

He is a specialist in Proctology by Brazilian Society of Proctology (1977), in Gastroenterology by the Brazilian Federation of Gastroenterology (1979), in General Surgery by the Brazilian College of Surgeons (1981), in Endoscopy by the Brazilian Society of Digestive Endoscopy (1982), and in Video-laparoscopic Surgery by the Brazilian Society of Video-laparoscopic Surgery (1998).

His research areas area are in intestinal cancer surgery, laparoscopy and hereditary intestinal cancer. He acts as a surgeon in gastroenterology and as the coordinator of medical residency in coloproctology at the Syrio-Libanes Hospital. He also assists in his private clinic.

Dr. Cutait served as Secretary of Health of the city of São Paulo, Director of the Oncology Center and the member of the Medical Council of Sirio-Libanes Hospital. He is member of ten national and eight international medical societies having already served as president in some of those societies. He is member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Brazil
Wanderley de Souza



Wanderley de Souza graduated in medicine from the Faculty of Medicine at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in 1974. Already as an undergraduate student he began his studies on the cellular organization of pathogenic protozoa. He got his PhD from the Institute of Biophysics at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and his postdoctoral training at the following laboratories: Adolfo Martinez-Palomo, National Polytechnic Institute of Mexico; Keith Porter, University of Colorado; Keith Vikerman, University of Glasgow; and John Heuser, University of Washington.

He developed his scientific and teaching career at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, where in 1994 he became Full Professor of the Center of Biosciences and Biotechnology. His administrative duties include the Deputy Director and Director of the Carlos Chagas Filho Institute of Biophysics and first Dean of the State University of Northern Rio de Janeiro.

He is an active member of several national and international societies (Sociedade Brasileira de Microscopia Eletrônica, Sociedade Brasileira de Protozoologia, Society of Protozoologists, Interamerican Society for Electron Microscopy, American Society for Cell Biology, American Society of Parasitologists). In some of these he occupied the Vice Presidency and Presidency. He is the recipient of several awards such as the Prêmio Santista Jovem Cientista in 1980, the Prêmio Manoel Noriega Moralez, from the OAS, in 1987, and the Prêmio Sendas de Saúde in 1991.

His research activity is focused in studies of the cellular biology of protozoa pathogenic protozoa and their interaction with the host cell.

Chile
Benjamín Stockins



Benjamín Stockins graduated from the School of Medicine of the Universidad de Concepción, Chile, in 1970. He made postgraduate studies in internal medicine at the University of Chile; of cardiology at the University of Heidelberg, in Germany, and London, in England; and clinical epidemiology at the University of Toronto, Canada. Since 1973 he works at the University of La Frontera, where he is a professor of medicine, as well as at the Hospital of Temuco, where he directs the Cardiac Center. Its clinical activity is dominated by its actions in invasive cardiology.

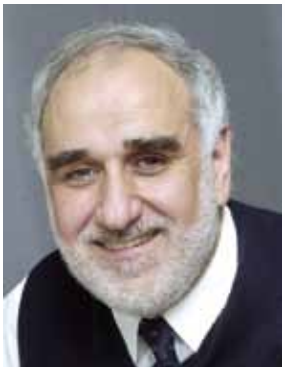
His main lines of research has been in the area of risk factors for cardiovascular disease, heart failure and coronary heart disease. This has resulted in over a hundred publications in specialized magazines as well as presentations at national and international events. He permanently participates as principal investigator in multicenter studies in various areas of cardiology.

He is a member of the Chilean Society of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery (he was its President in 1991); American College of Physicians; and the Chilean Academy of Medicine. In 2009 he was appointed Honorary Member of the Chilean Society of Cardiology.

He has been part of the Editorial Committee of the Chilean Journal of Cardiology; of the Chilean Committee of ILIB (International Lipid Information Bureau); and of the Editorial Committee of the Journal Interface. He is also a member of numerous committees as the Academic Council of the Faculty of Medicine; the University Council; and the Board of Directors.

He served as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine during the period 1990-1996, where he directed various projects both in the cardiac and educational area such as UNI-Kellogg, INCLEN, McMaster-CIDA, Network of Faculties of Medicine with community orientation.

Chile
Ricardo Uauy



Dr. Ricardo Uauy is a professor of Public Health Nutrition at the Institute of Nutrition (INTA), University of Chile and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK. He obtained his Medical Doctor degree from the University of Chile in 1972, and his Ph.D. in Nutritional Biochemistry from MIT in 1977.

He has participated as expert in multiple WHO/FAO expert committees (Protein Energy 81, Fats and Oils 93, Food Based Dietary Guidelines 95, Obesity a Global Epidemic 97, Vitamin/ Minerals 98, Nutrition in the Elderly 98 and Human Energy needs 01. He chaired the 2002 WHO/ FAO Expert Committee on Nutrition Diet and Chronic Disease prevention, and was a co Chair of the Panel that developed the WHO Global Strategy for Chronic Disease Prevention WHO/03; WHO/FAO Scientific Update on CHO 06 and on Trans Fats 07. Most recently he chaired the FAO/WHO Consultation Fats and Fatty Acids in Human Nutrition in 09. He is the immediate past President of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences and was a member of the World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) that developed the Diet, Nutrition and Physical Activity Prevention of Cancer report 2005-2007.

He has been a member of the Chilean Academy of Medicine since 2002. He received from PAHO/PAHEF the Abraham Horwitz award for Leadership in Inter-American Health in 2005; He has written over 300 scientific journal publications and edited 8 books on various aspects of nutrition, health and the prevention of chronic diseases.

Colombia
Alvaro Moncayo



Alvaro Moncayo studied Medicine at the Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia and obtained his Master in Public Health from the Universidad de Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia. He is an Epidemiologist from the Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA. From 1977 to 1979 he was a PAHO/WHO Consultant in Epidemiology for Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and from 1979 to 2001 he was with the Chief Division of Trypanosomiases and Leishmaniases Control, World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Moncayo is currently an Associate Researcher at the School of Sciences (CIMPAT), Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia (2001- to date). He is a Member of the International Epidemiological Association (IEA) (1977); Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London (1980); Full Member of the National Academy of Medicine, Bogotá (1994); Foreign Member of the National Academy of Medicine, Buenos Aires (1997); and Honorary Foreign Member of the National Academy of Medicine of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro (2005). He is the author of more than 75 publications in peer-reviewed journals on Tropical Medicine and Chagas disease.

Cuba
Jose E. Fernandez-Britto



José Emilio Fernández-Britto Rodríguez, M.D., PhD., D.Sc., was born on May 22th, 1935, in Havana, Cuba. He is a Doctor in Medicine, M.D.(1960), specialist in Pathology in Havana (1966), and Full Professor and Chair of Pathology since 1976.

He received his PhD as a Doctor in Medical Sciences in 1983, in Havana, and his Doctor in Sciences in 1987, from the Humboldt University of Berlin, in Germany.

Dr. Fernandez-Britto received his Degree of Full Investigator from the Academy of Sciences of Cuba and he is a Professor Emeritus and Investigator of Merit. He was the Principal Investigator of the World Health Organization in the "Pathobiological Determinants of Atherosclerosis in Youth" Program from 1986 to 1996. He received in 1987 the "Robert Koch Chair" Award from the Institute Pathology "Rudolf Virchow House", Humboldt University Berlin.

He was the President of the Latin-American Society of Atherosclerosis from1999 to 2001 and also, of the Iberolatinamerican Society of Atherosclerosis (SILAT) from 2008 to 2011. He was elected Full Member of the Cuban Academy of Science in 1998 and has been an Honorary member of the Atherosclerosis Societies of: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Hungary, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Uruguay and Venezuela. He was invited to more than 85 International Congresses in: North, Central and South America, Europe and Asia.

He is currently the President of the Scientific Council of the University of Medical Sciences, Havana, the Director of the Center for Investigations and Reference of Atherosclerosis of Havana (CIRAH), and the President of the Cuban Society of Atherosclerosis (SOCUBAT).

Cuba
Maria del Carmen Barroso



With a Medical Doctor's degree from the University of Havana in 1969, she started training in Oncology at the National Institute of Oncology and Radiobiology (NIOR). Her medical service as an oncologist was in Holguín province, completing her residency in 1979. Then in 2006, she returned to NIOR working at the Clinical Research Department of the Molecular Immunology Center (CIM), where she continues working until today.

Having passed training and postgraduate courses in Paris (Paul Brousse and Gustave Roussy Hospitals), Stockholm (Karolinska, Radiumhemet, Jugdingui Hospitals), Hungary (Oncology Institute of Budapest) and Slovakia (Oncology Institute of Bratislava), she became an Associate Professor in 1984. With 40 years of experience in all levels of teaching, tutoring or as a consultant to more than 20 residency theses, she has taught and participated in over 200 postgraduate courses and conferences.

Senior Researcher since 1992, Dr. Barroso has participated in over 40 research projects. She is now a Consultant Professor in Oncology at the National Orthopedic Hospital, CIMEQ, NIOR, Kohly and Pradera Clinics, and evaluates, approves and controls compassionate treatments of products from CIM in Cuban and foreign patients. With memberships in national and international scientific societies, she has authored and coauthored more than 80 papers in Cuban and foreign publications and has authored patents for combinations of biological products from CIM. For PAHO, as an oncology specialist, she worked in the Bahamas (2002). Recently she has participated in conferences in countries of South-East Asia (Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Viet Nam), America (Mexico, Peru, Paraguay) and in Cuba, with research products from CIM.

France
Dominique Richard-Lenoble



Dominique Richard-Lenoble´s main interests have been focused on Health and Development in developing countries. He has accummulated great experience following over twelve years at the Health University - Libreville Gabon and many medical activities in North and West Africa, South East Asia (Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam), Yemen . He is the national correspondent of the International committee on infectious diseases at the Department of Parasitology-Mycology-Tropical Diseases Faculté de Médecine de Tours. He is a member of the Académie Nationale de Médecine (France).

In additional, Dr. Richard-Lenoble has worked alongside Professor Guy Blaudin de Thé (past IAMP Co-Chair) and the Scientific Committee president for Regional Doctoral School on "Tropical Infectious diseases" opened in Franceville – GABON. He is General Secretary of the Interstate group on Medical Biology - FIBIO dedicated to training technobiologists in developing countries and is the Vice President of OPALS, organization dedicated to the battle against AIDS and other infectious diseases in Africa.

Germany
Detlev Ganten



Detlev Ganten studied medicine at the universities of Würzburg, Montpellier (France) and Tübingen. He spent several years as a research scientist at the Clinical Research Institute in Montreal (Canada), and earned his Ph.D. at McGill University.

In 1975 Detlev Ganten was appointed Professor at the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Heidelberg. From 1991 to 2004 he was the founding Director and President of the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) Berlin-Buch. From 2004 to 2008 Professor Ganten was Chief Executive Officer at the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. Since 2005 he is the Chairman of the Foundation Board of the Charité Foundation. His area of research includes molecular genetics of cardiovascular diseases.

Guatemala
Erick Alvarez



With a Medical Doctor's degree in 1984, he is specialist in Obstetrician and Gynecology accredited by San Carlos de Guatemala University in 1990, Gynecological Oncology, Pelviscopic surgery in gynecology and Reproductive Medicine and Immunology training at the Christian Albrecht University – Frauenklinik in Kiel Germany (1992-1995) and performed fellowship in the Gynecological Oncology department and Palliative Medicine in Duran i Reynals Hospital, Bellvitge Hospital in Barcelona. His medical service as an oncologist was in the OB–GYN hospital in the social security Institute in 1996–1998 and in the Roosevelt Hospital 2003-2005 in Guatemala.

He is medical director of the Center of cancer´s prevention and treatment in Guatemala City since 1996. He is member of different medical-scientific associations and former president of the boards of the Guatemalan Association of Obstetrician and Gynaecologists, Guatemalan Colposcopy Association and Guatemalan Papilloma Virus Association and Diseases Associated. With 16 years of experience in all levels of teaching, tutoring, and consultant of residency theses, he has given several postgraduate courses and conferences. He has participated in research projects in the oncology area.

With memberships in national and international scientific societies, he has authored or coauthored papers in national and foreign publications. Recently he has participated in conferences in all Latin American countries. Now, he is responsible for the national cancer prevention program in the Ministry of Health. At the helm of Guatemala's cervical cancer prevention effort, Dr. Alvarez has sought untraditional ways to reach women in isolated indigenous communities where cervical cancer rates have been extraordinarily high. He has been credited with making cervical cancer a national priority, introducing VIA and expanding cryotherapy, and training the next generation of clinicians to deliver the highest quality of care possible, including the training for trainers and accreditation of colposcopists in all levels of the Guatemalan national health system.

Guatemala
Joaquin Barnoya



Joaquin Barnoya received his medical degree from San Carlos University of Guatemala and his Master in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. He also completed a two year postdoctoral fellowship at the department of Nutrition of the Harvard School of Public Health. After finishing his fellowship at Harvard, Dr. Barnoya moved to the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where he was a Legacy Foundation fellow on Tobacco Control at the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education.

He has more than 30-peer reviewed publications including a review on the effects of secondhand smoke on the cardiovascular system. This review was selected by the American Heart Association as one of the Top 10 scientific advances of 2005. He also serves as a consultant on tobacco for the Inter American Heart Foundation and serves as Senior Editor in the BMJ journal Tobacco Control.

Currently Dr. Barnoya is the Director of Research at the Cardiovascular Unit of Guatemala (UNICAR) and a Research Assistant Professor in the Division of Public Health Sciences in the Department of Surgery at Washington University in St Louis. At UNICAR, he is also the Director of the Chronic Disease Control Research Program that aims to train research fellows. His research in Guatemala has been instrumental to supporting the implementation and enforcement of a nationwide smoking indoors ban. His current research is focused on illegal cigarette sales, health literacy, and energy dense snack advertising to children in Guatemala.

Italy
Lucilla Spini



Lucilla Spini is a biological anthropologist with expertise in human biology and primate behaviour as well as in international environmental policy. She is currently the Coordinator of The Global Network of Science Academies (IAP) and of the InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP) at TWAS (The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World) in Trieste, Italy.

Prior to her current role as IAP/IAMP Coordinator, she worked over a period of 10 years as an Associate Expert at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Programme Officer at both the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO of the UN) and the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and as Executive Officer (Global Environmental Change and Human Health) at the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH). Among her main achievements, she facilitated the development of the FAO/Italy cooperation "Working Together Towards the Biodiversity 2010 Target" and the strengthening of the Global Environmental Change and Human Health (GECHH) Joint Project of the Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP).

Dr Spini holds a B.A. (Hons.) in anthropology from New York University (USA), as well as an M.Sc. in human biology and D.Phil. in biological anthropology, both awarded by the University of Oxford (UK). She is also Adjunct Assistant Professor in Anthropology at the University of Waterloo (Canada) and Adjunct Professor in the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University (Canada).

Italy
Mario Stefanini



1964 M.D. degree, Sapienza Univ of Rome, Italy. 1966-70: research associate pathologist, Dept of Patholo, UCLA, USA. 1970-1975: associate and then professor (1975-2010) of Histolology and Embryology, Department of Histology and Medical Embryology, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. Present position: Senior Professor at DAHFMO, Section of Histology and Medical Embryology, Sapienza University Rome.

His main research interest has been the study of the structural organization and functions of mammalian gametes and of the regulative mechanisms of mammalian gametogenesis. His research has characterized the ultrastructural aspects of gamete interactions at fertilization, has developed in vitro models to study the paracrine interactions among somatic and germ cells in the seminiferous epithelium and has visualized the presence and distribution of HIV in the testis and in ejaculated spermatozoa during HIV-1 infection. He is now studying the biology of spermatogonial sperm cells in the rodents and in the human. He was member of the Board of the International Society for Developmental Biology (ISDB), the Permanent Scientific Committee of the Europ Study Group for Molec and Cell Endocrinol of the Testis, the Committee for the School of Medicine of the Somalian National University, the Sapienza University Ph. D. programm of on Cell Sciences and Technologies, the Scientific Research Committee of the Sapienza University of Rome. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Inter Academy Medical Panel (IAMP), the Scientific Research Committee of the Fondazione Roma, the National Committee for the Promotion of Italian Culture abroad (MAE), and the Technical-Scientific Committee of the IFO-Regina Elena Cancer Institute, Rome. He is member of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and President of the Roman Medical Academy. In 2005 he was the recipient of the Linceo Prize for Biology awarded by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei. He is author of over 100 original research articles.

Italy
Muthoni Elizabeth Kareithi



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Following a career teaching English Literature in the Italian national high school system, in 2001 she joined the IAP Secretariat (IAP-global network of science academies) to provide secretarial and administrative assistance.

Since 2004 she has also been responsible for the administrative/coordination of the InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP) Secretariat. The office is hosted in Trieste, Italy by TWAS – academy of sciences for the developing world.

Ms. Kareithi's duties include assisting in the organization of conferences and meetings, dissemination of information regarding projects and funding opportunities, collaboration in the selection of participants for IAP and IAMP projects aimed at young physicians and young scientists.

She holds a Degree in Translation (English, Italian & French) awarded by the University of Trieste, Italy.

Malaysia
Lai-Meng Looi



Lai-Meng Looi (MD, FRCPA, FRCPath, FASc) is University Malaya (UM)'s Distinguished Professor and Senior Consultant Histopathologist to its Medical Centre. She studied medicine at University Singapore, trained in Anatomical Pathology at UM, Royal Postgraduate Medical School (UK) and Brigham and Woman's Hospital, Boston, USA and defended her doctorate at UM.

She has served as Pathology Chair, Deputy Dean (Postgraduate), Chair Medical Research Committee, Chair Medical Ethics Committee, and Representative Malaysian Medical Council, and honoured as visiting Professor to Harvard Medical School, Foundation Fellow and Academician of Academy Sciences Malaysia (ASM), recipient of National Science Award and ASEAN Outstanding Scientist Award. She is Editor-in-Chief of Malaysian Journal of Pathology, and has served on International Editorial Advisory Boards of Pathology, Journal of Pathology, Human Pathology and Histopathology. She is Examiner of both Royal Colleges of Pathologists, UK and Australasia (RCPA), past-President of Malaysian College of Pathologists, and was instrumental in developing pathology laboratory accreditation standards, the Pathology Act and several guidelines on laboratory practices for Malaysia.

In 2010 she was honoured Distinguished Fellow of RCPA and Inaugural National Distinguished Professor. She chaired the organizing committee for IAMP's Scientific Meeting and 3rd General Assembly (2010) in Kuala Lumpur. She is current co-chair of IAMP (lower and middle income countries) and President-Elect of World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Her research interests are in amyloidosis, nephropathology and oncopathology. She devotes considerable time to workshops to promote scientific writing, research methodology and biomedical ethics among young researchers in the Asia-Pacific region.

Mexico
Juan Pedro Laclette



Juan Pedro Laclette is a full-time professor of the Institute of Biomedical Research at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). He obtained his PhD at UNAM and did a postdoctoral stay at Harvard School of Public Health. For more than twenty five years, his research has been focused on human parasite diseases. Laclette is currently the leader of an institutional megaproject directed to characterize the genome of a tapeworm parasite.

Prof. Laclette has produced over 150 publications including international articles, book chapters, national scientific publications, publications for the general public and patents; he has also co-edited five books. Most of these publications include bachelor, master and doctoral degree students that have participated in his group. He collaborates with groups at Harvard University, at the University of Georgia, the Woodshole Marine-Biology Laboratories.

Within UNAM, Dr. Laclette has been appointed Head of the Department of Immunology of the Institute of Biomedical Research, Coordinator of the PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences and Director of the Institute for Biomedical Research from 1999 to 2007. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (Mexico) as well as of the Mexican Academy of Sciences, where he was elected President (2006-2008). He is currently Co-Chair of the Inter American Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS) and Coordinator General of the Mexican Scientific and Technological Consultative Forum.

Mexico
Juan Verdejo



Juan Verdejo graduated from Facultad de Medicina at the UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico) in 1973. He became a specialist in Internal Medicine (1974 - 1977) and Cardiology (1978 - 1981) and entered as staff at the Ignacio Chavez National Institute of Cardiology, where he has worked as a cardiologist in the Coronary Care Unit, Cardiopulmonary Department, Adult Cardiology Department (Chief 1990 -1995), Outpatient Consultation Department (Chief 1995 - 2005), Medical-Surgical Underdirector (2005 - 2009) and where he currently holds the post of Medical Director (Chief of Staff).

Dr. Verdejo is also a member of several medical societies such as the Mexican Society of Cardiology (current President); National Academy of Medicine of Mexico; Mexican Council of Cardiology (former President); American College of Cardiology (Fellow); and American Heart Association (Fellow). He also works in the Advisory Council of the Council of General Salubrity of Mexico and in the Federal Council for the Prevention of Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS). He has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers in the fields of ischemic heart disease, valvular heart disease, hypertension and dyslipidemia.

Mexico
Lizbeth Lopez-Carrillo



Lizbeth Lopez-Carrillo is a chemist-epidemiologist, holding a doctoral degree from Yale University. She has worked for the Mexican Ministry of Health as the Head of the Department of Chronic Disease Research, Director of the Division of Research on Development and Health, and currently she is a Senior Researcher at the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico (NIPH).

She has designed and conducted several population-based epidemiologic studies mainly focused on the evaluation of dietary habits, exposure to environmental pollutants and their role in breast and gastric cancer. She is currently performing a perinatal environmental cohort study in a poor Mexican population.

She served as Counselor of the ISEE Latin-American Chapter, President of the Health area at the National System of Researchers, among other academic appointments. She works to strengthen regional collaborative research, find opportunities for capacity building and foster decision making in regard to common environmental preventable problems.

Sweden
Jan Lindsten



Jan Lindsten earned his B.Sc. at Uppsala University, Sweden, in 1958. He has a Ph.D. in Medical Genetics from the Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden, 1963. Professor of Human Genetics, Aarhus University, Denmark, 1967-1968 and M.D. at Karolinska Institutet in 1969. Dr. Lindsten later became Professor of Medical Genetics at Karolinska Institutet from 1970 to 2000.

From 1970 to 1990 he was the Head of the Department of Clinical Genetics, at Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden. He was the Chief Medical officer at the Karolinska Hospital from1987 to1990, the Chief Executive officer at the Karolinska Hospital between1990 and1994 and the Chief Executive Officer at the National University Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark from 1994 to 1996. He served as Dean of the medical faculty at Karolinska Institutet from1996-1998 and he was the President of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences 2003-2006. He has served as Secretary General of the Nobel Assembly and the Medical Nobel Committee, Karolinska Institutet, and member of the Board of the Nobel Foundation from 1979-1990.

He has been honoured with His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf´s medal (12th size); the Danish medal "Riddarkorset", given by Queen Margrethe II; the Korean Peony medal; honorary medal from University of Pavia, Italy. Awarded the title "Mäster" (best teacher of the year) by the students at Karolinska Institutet. Honorary foreign member of Korean Academy of Science and Technology and the Korean National Academy of Sciences.Foreign member of Istituto Lombardo, Academia di Scienze e Lettere.

He has written over 200 publications (mainly original articles but also review articles and books) within clinical genetics.



Turkey
Sevket Ruacan,M.D.

Born in Ankara graduated from Deneme High School in Ankara and West High School in Phoenix, Arizona,U.S.A. After graduating from Hacettepe Medical Faculty in Ankara, studied biochemistry at University of Pennsylvania and pathology at New York University. At Hacettepe University he was promoted to full professor and served as the Chairman of the Department of Pathology, Dean of the Medical Faculty, Director of the Institute of Oncology, Chairman of the Ethics Committe, Chairman of the Publications Committee at Hacettepe University; on the Executive Board of Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey and the Executive Committee of Higher Education Council of Turkey, as President of Turkish Association for Medical Education andTurkish Association for Cancer Research and Control. Currently is a council member of Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA) , Vice President of Asssociation of Asian Academies of Science (AASA) and Executive Committee member of Interacademy Panel (IAMP). Since 2009 he is the Dean of Koç University School of Medicine in Istanbul.

He was a former Associate Editor of Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences and is the Editor of Turkish Journal of Cancer. His main areas of interest include cancer pathology, hematopathology, medical education and publication ethics.

Trinidad and Tobago
Trevor Alleyne



Trevor Alleyne received a BSc. in Biochemistry from the Essex University, UK, in 1980. He then obtained a MSc. in Molecular Biochemistry from the same University in 1984 and a PhD in 1988. In 1989 he joined the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of The West Indies, in St Augustine, Trinidad. Presently he is the Faculty's Coordinator for Biochemistry and has previously held the posts of Deputy Dean of Basic Health Sciences, from 2003 to 2007. Dr Alleyne has two broad areas of research.

The first involves mechanistic studies on the enzyme cytochrome c oxidase (COX) and the role this enzyme plays in diseases: In most organisms this enzyme is central to respiration. A significant portion of the ongoing mechanistic studies involves the use of computer modeling to investigate the interaction between COX and its substrate cytochrome c. These studies have identified specific amino acid residues that participate in substrate binding and in intermolecular electron transfer.

The second research area focuses on the control of hypertension by use of natural products. Hypertension is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the Caribbean. Although life style changes are effective in decreasing blood pressure, many Caribbean people are unable to sustain these changes for a life time. In addition the cost of prescription antihypertensive drugs is prohibitive for large sectors of the population. The research conducted in this area focuses on evaluating the hemodynamic properties of local drinks and plant extracts. So far coconut water, cocoa and mauby have been found to be effective.

Trinidad and Tobago
Yuri Clement



Yuri Clement currently holds the post of Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago. His interest in herbal medicine research began in 2002 when he was invited to the 5th Caribbean Association of Researchers and Herbal practitioners (CARAPA) meeting in Suriname. Dr. Clement subsequently became part of the Organizing Committees of the 6th and 7th CARAPA meetings held in 2003 and 2005; and co-edited both conference proceedings. In 2006, for the first time he participated in the regional TRAMIL (Traditional Medicine in the Islands) workshop, which formulates the Caribbean Herbal Pharmacopoeia, and organized the 13th TRAMIL workshop in Trinidad in 2008.

Several surveys in Trinidad to determine herbal use among patients and clinicians in the public health sector were conducted under his supervision. The results of these surveys were presented at regional and international meetings and published in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Clement recently spearheaded a nationwide survey in Trinidad to identify medicinal plants used for common ailments in rural communities. His laboratory research includes evaluation of medicinal plant extracts for anticancer and hepatoprotective properties using in vitro and in vivo techniques.

Since 2005, Dr. Clement has reviewed manuscripts for several peer-reviewed journals, including BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine - a leading journal in its field. In 2011, he edited a Special issue on Caribbean herbs in the UK-based journal Focus on Alternative Medicine (FACT). He has also written several reviews, book chapters and newspaper articles in herbal medicine and dietary supplements. Venezuela

USA
Jo Ivey Boufford

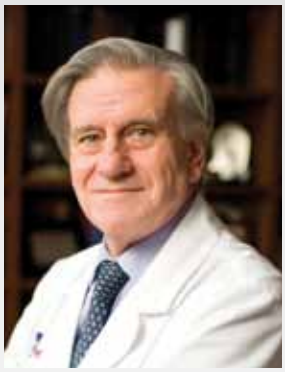


Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, is the President of The New York Academy of Medicine. She is a Professor of Public Service, Health Policy and Management at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the New York University School of Medicine. She served as Dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University from June 1997 to November 2002. Prior to that, she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from November 1993 to January 1997, and as Acting Assistant Secretary from January 1997 to May 1997. While at HHS, she served as the U.S. representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1994–1997.

From May 1991 to September 1993, Dr. Boufford served as Director of the King's Fund College, London England, and she served as President of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal system in the United States, from December, 1985 until October, 1989.

She was President of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration in 2002–2003. She was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 1992 and is a member of its Executive Council, Board on Global Health and Board on African Science Academy Development. She was elected to serve a second four year term as the Foreign Secretary of the IOM beginning July 1, 2010.

USA
Valentin Fuster



Dr. Fuster serves The Mount Sinai Medical Center as Physician-in-Chief, as well as Director of Mount Sinai Heart in New York and is also the General Director of the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III (CNIC) in Madrid, Spain.

He was Past President of the American Heart Association, Past President of the World Heart Federation, Member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences where he served as Chair of the committee on Preventing the Global Epidemic of Cardiovascular Disease, and former member of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Advisory Council. Thirty distinguished universities throughout the world have granted him Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Dr. Fuster has published more than 900 Pubmed and he has become the lead Editor of a major textbook on cardiology, `The Heart. Dr. Fuster is the former Editor-in-Chief of Nature Reviews, Cardiology.

Dr. Fuster is the only cardiologist to receive the two highest gold medal awards and all four major research awards from the four major cardiovascular organizations: AHA, ESC, ACC, and IASC. In addition, he received the 1996 Principe de Asturias Award of Science and Technology (the highest award given to Spanish-speaking scientists). In June 2011, Dr. Fuster received the Lefoulon Delalande Grand Prix, from the Institute of France, which is considered the most prestigious award given in the field of cardiovascular research. In March 2012, during the ACC National Meeting, Dr. Fuster was honored as one of the 2 American "Legends in Cardiovascular Medicine".

Venezuela
Luis Guillermo Capote



Luis Guillermo Capote graduated as a physician in 1967 from the School of Medicine of the Central University of Venezuela. His first medical practice started in "Rafael Medina Jimenez" Hospital, near Caracas from1967 to 1969. In 1970 he initiated his internal and residence practice of general surgery at the University Hospital of the Central University, Caracas, receiving the title of General Surgeon on December 1974. From 1975 to 1979 he did his postgraduate Course on Oncology Surgery at "Luis Razetti" Oncology Hospital of Caracas. In 1982 he took a postgraduate course on Epidemiology at the Public Health School and during the summer of 1985, he took a Special Graduate Course on Cancer, sponsored by the American Cancer Society of New York, Washington, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston and Miami.

He initiated his career at the Oncology Direction of the Ministry of Health, first in charge of Cancer Registry from 1980 to 1984 and then, from 1984 until 1994, in charge of the Research and Education Division of the Oncology Direction. In 1994 he received the designation of Director of the Cancer Control Program of the Health Ministry, which he held until the end of 1998. In 2005 he returned to the Oncology Program, being in charge of the Central Cancer Registry, position which he held until present days.

During his professional practice he also contributed with numerous publications, some of which are: Breast cancer epidemiology, Mastology Hernandez M Ed. 1986; Cancer epidemiology in Latin-American in Hand Book of Oncologic Radiotherapy. Urdaneta N Ed. Yale University 1989; Cancer as Public Health Problem in Venezuela in Health for all in Venezuela, Manzanilla LM Ed. 1991

Venezuela
Ricardo Granero



Ricardo Granero got his medical degree from the Venezuelan Universidad de Oriente, and he earned a MHSc from the University of Toronto, Canada. The Fogarty Foundation provided him with a scholarship to complete a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Miami, School of Medicine (USA).

He is currently an Epidemiologist for the Cardiovascular Health Promotion Program, Lara State, Ministry of Health and ASCARDIO in Venezuela. He is a founding member and the Former President of the American Network for Chronic Disease Surveillance (AMNET) and former Secretary to the Board for the Council on Epidemiology and Prevention (World Heart Federation).

His areas of interest are: clinical epidemiology, health promotion and surveillance of chronic non-communicable disease. His main contribution has been in the field of chronic disease risk factor global surveillance systems, as he was among the pioneer group of what is now the Global Tobacco Surveillance System.