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XXIX Congress of the Latin American Association of Societies of Biology and Nuclear Medicine (ALASBIMN)

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The XXIX Congress of the Latin American Association of Societies of Biology and Nuclear Medicine (ALASBIMN) was celebrated in Buenos Aires between 15 and 18 November 2023. With more than one thousand participants coming from 13 Latin-American countries, 7 European countries, South Africa and United States, the congress was considered a complete success.

The ALASBIMN congress was effectuated simultaneously with the XXIII Argentinian congress of Nuclear Medicine, becoming the first physical congress after the pandemic.
The event started on Wednesday 15 with various pre-congress meetings on Neuroendocrine Tumours, Prostate Cancer Therapy, Alfa Therapies, Thyroid Therapies and New Therapeutic Possibilities.

More than 45 sessions, mostly parallel, were further held in four different rooms of the Convention Center of the Hotel Hilton of Puerto Madero, a waterfront area of the city remodelled in the first decades of this century. Numerous sessions among others on Neuroimaging, Radiopharmacy, Therapy Response Evaluation, Oncology, Paediatric Oncology, Cardiology, Physics and Teragnostics were effectuated. On 16 November four sessions for technologists were included in the programme. The same day a special plenary session discussed the Future of Molecular Imaging with presentations of Stefano Fanti (The transformation of nuclear medicine: how to navigate the changes. European experience)

and Rudi Dierckx (Lessons learnt from the teaching programme of nuclear medicine in the Netherlands). Recently, an agreement was signed by the EANM and ALASBIMN for cooperation in all areas of nuclear medicine.

The congress was not only wellorganised, but was also characterised by a high degree of participation and interaction in an atmosphere of continuous comradeship. This was also my experience in the two sessions of interventional radioguided surgery where I participated. The social programme of the congress consisted of a welcome party following the official inauguration of the congress the first day, and a social diner at Madero Tango, a location in the same area of Puerto Madero, the penultimate day.

ALASBIMN was founded in 1964 and its first congress took place in Lima, Peru, in 1966. The last congresses of ALASBIMN have been effectuated in Santiago of Chile (2017), Lima (2019) and this year in Buenos Aires. The next congress will be held in 2025 in Cancún, México. ◆



Congress venue of ALASBIMN 2023 in the Convention Center of Hotel Hilton of Buenos Aires.



Members of the Organising Committee of ALASBIMN 2023. From left to right: María Bastianello, Ricardo Castro, Fernando Faccio, Sonia Traverso, Raúl Cabrejas and Irene Arma.



Break during one of the congress days of ALASBIMN 2023.



Presentation of Stefano Fanti (on the left) and subsequent round table discussion together with Rudi Dierckx (on the right) during one of the plenary sessions of ALASBIMN 2023.



Speakers of the sessions on Interventional Radioguided Surgery.