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General Assembly of ALACI

7th November 2024, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Executive Committee ALACI 2022-2024

President: Emilio Malchiodi (Argentina)

Vice President: Walderez Dutra (Brazil)

Past President: Oliver Pérez (Cuba)

Treasurer: Rubén Motrich (Argentina)

Secretary: Analía Trevani (Argentina)

Permanent Secretary: Guillermo Docena (Argentina)

Participants

The Assembly was attended by 31 delegates from National Societies of Immunology and 120 participants.

List of National Society of Immunology Delegates

	Delegate	National Society
1	Maria Bellio	BRAZIL
2	Alessandra Filardy	BRAZIL
3	Dumith Chequer Bou-Habib	BRAZIL
4	Ana Caetano Faria	BRAZIL
5	Karina Bortoluci Bastos	BRAZIL
6	Walderez Dutra	ALACI
7	Martin Rumbo	ARGENTINA
8	Ana Rosa Pérez	ARGENTINA
9	Pablo Baldi	ARGENTINA
10	Roxana Ramhorst	ARGENTINA
11	Mariana Maccioni	ARGENTINA
12	Liz Veramendi	PERU



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13	Iskra Tuero	PERU
14	Eva Salinas	MEXICO
15	Jose Carlos Crispin	MEXICO
16	Paula Licona	MEXICO
17	Gerardo Pavel Espino Solis	MEXICO
18	Yvonne Rosenstein	MEXICO
19	Daniela Sauma	CHILE
20	Karina Pino Lagos	CHILE
21	Caroll Beltran	CHILE
22	Glauben Landskron	CHILE
23	Carolina Rojas	CHILE
24	Cristina Alonso Vega	BOLIVIA
25	Oliver Perez	ALACI
26	Miriam Lastre	CUBA
27	Belinda Sanchez	CUBA
28	Emilio Malchiodi	ALACI
29	Analía Trevani	ALACI
30	Rubén Motrich	ALACI
31	Guillermo Docena	ALACI

Agenda and content of the General Assembly

1. Welcome and Presentation.

Dr Guillermo Docena opened the General Assembly at 6 PM in Juan Pablo II Room of the UCA venue with welcome words, expressing gratitude for being present at the meeting and Assembly, and asking to sign the registration list of National Society Immunology Delegates (only pre-assigned Delegates) and the ALACI Book for all attendees.

2. ALACI Activity Report 2022-2024.



Dr Emilio Malchiodi provided a detailed report of the activities performed during the term 2022-2024, which included: the creation of a new official logo of ALACI, the organization of the 14th Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Immunology in Buenos Aires, Argentina (ALACI 2024), the update of the ALACI website and creation of the ALACI 2024 meeting website, the launching of ALACI X and Instagram accounts, the promotion of different meetings from IUIS, ALACI, SAI, SBI and FOCIS, the organization of three pre-meeting (ALACI 2024) courses and a workshop on Abstract Writing and Oral Communication Skills, the organization and promotion of activities for the International Day of Immunology, the co-organization and participation in the IUIS-ALACI-SMI-ASOCHIN Immuno-Chile 2023 course (October 2023) and in the IUIS-SMI-ALACI Immuno-México 2024 course (May 2024), the proposal of the IUIS-ALACI Immuno-Peru 2025 course at the IUIS Education Committee, the co-organization and participation in the FOCIS-ALACI Course “*FOCIS goes South III*” in La Plata (Argentina, 2024), the co-organization and participation in the Institutional Symposia of ALACI at FOCIS 2023 (Boston, USA) and 2024 (San Francisco, USA) meetings, along with the submission of the proposal for FOCIS 2025 (Boston).

3. *ALACI 2024 Meeting Preliminary Scientific Report*

Dr. Guillermo Docena provided information of the 14th Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Immunology in Buenos Aires ARGENTINA 2024 regarding attendees (1,150 from more than 50 countries), pre-meeting activities (3 courses and 1 workshop), abstracts received (648), poster sessions with Prizes (7), abstract oral presentation sessions (8), keynote lectures (20), main symposia (108), industry-sponsored symposia (4), awards (Best work in Basic Immunology, Best work in Clinical and Translational Immunology, Cesar Milstein Award for the trajectory in Immunology, Women in Science, and Leonardo Satz), and gender equity balance for speakers (males 53.2% and females 46.8%) and session chairs (female 63.5% and males 36.5%).

4. *ALACI 2022-2024 Preliminary Financial balance*

Dr. Rubén Motrich presented the financial balance of the 2022-2024 ALACI term and also that from the 14th Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Immunology ALACI 2024. The incomes received from IUIS (2022, 2023 and 2024) for the Executive Committee operations were 119,498.01 EUR, whereas the total expenses were 57,672.81 EUR, thus being the preliminary balance 61,825.20 EUR. The latter remaining funds were allocated to the organization of the ALACI 2024 congress. Regarding the ALACI 2024 Congress, the preliminary total income (including the previously mentioned remaining funds) were 72,392.62 EUR plus AR\$ 146,372,651.61. Preliminary total expenses from the ALACI 2024 congress were 77,748.53 EUR and AR\$ 127,504,115.06, which leads to a general positive balance of AR\$ 10,875,271.02.

5. *National Societies and IUIS memberships.*

Dr. Guillermo Docena provided information about the current IUIS membership corresponding to the different National Societies, including the number of active members reported by every Society and the payment status. Dr. Emilio Malchiodi informed about the recent approval of the new value of the IUIS membership, decision made by the Executive Committee during the meeting that was held in Buenos Aires on November, 3rd 2024 (10.50 USD/member).



6. *ALACI Junior Community*

Dr. Emilio Malchiodi informed about the proposal received at the ALACI Secretariat for the creation of the ALACI Junior Community and the request for a room to launch the activity at the meeting. The Presidents of the different National Societies discussed this proposal on the President Meeting (Tuesday, November 5th, 2024), and a final decision for approval was not achieved. It was proposed to create an ALACI Committee to work on it before informing all National Societies about the matter.

7. *Proposal of IUIS International Congress 2031 in Latin America*

Dr. Guillermo Docena explained the intention to organize the IUIS 2031 Congress in Latin America and exposed the two current proposals that are being evaluated: the one from the Mexican Society of Immunology to host the congress in Mexico, and the other consisting in a joint meeting between the Brazilian Society of Immunology and the Argentinean Society of Immunology. Dr. Yvonne Rosenstein explained the proposal from the SMI, and Drs. Emilio Malchiodi and Joao Viola (IUIS Secretary) explained the proposal from SBI/SAI. After voting, the result was 11 votes supporting the SMI proposal and 16 votes supporting the SBI/SAI proposal. The SBI/SAI proposal was approved to apply for the candidature at IUIS for the 2031 International Congress. It was decided to host the congress in Brazil (city and venue to be confirmed), meeting which will be co-organized by both national societies. An organizing committee will be created with members designated by both national societies. A statement for the co-organization will be elaborated and signed, and two presidents will be appointed for the International Meeting Organizing Committee.

8. *ALACI Awards: Milstein and Women in Science.*

Dr. Emilio Malchiodi announced the awardees of the Cesar Milstein Prize to the Trajectory in Immunology, who were: Rosana Pelayo (México), María Rosa Bono (Chile), Oliver Perez (Cuba), Agustín Lage (Cuba), Jorge Kalil (Brazil) and Carlos Fossati (Argentina). It was highlighted that the award recognizes a relevant trajectory in Immunology as well as the commitment and work within the National Societies of Immunology and ALACI. The awardees received a statuette and a certificate.

Dr. Emilio Malchiodi also announced the awardees of the Women in Science in Latin America Prize, who were: Mirta Giordano, Silvia di Genaro, Juliana Cassataro, Adriana Gruppi and Claudia Pérez Leiros (Argentina), Paula Licona and Nora Fierro (México), Aldina Prado Barral and Ana María Caetano Faria (Brazil). María Ines Becker (Chile), and María Elena Faxas (Cuba). Dr. Emilio Malchiodi highlighted their trajectory and different activities related to Immunology and their commitment to the National Societies of Immunology.

9. *Renewal and new ExCo.*

Dr. Guillermo Docena announced the constitution of the Executive Committee proposed for the next term.

Executive Committee ALACI 2025-2027

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Vice President: Daniela Sauma (Chile)

Past President: Emilio Malchiodi (Argentina)

Treasurer: Camila Indiani Oliveira (Brazil)

Secretary: Tatiani Icelli Maioli (Brazil)



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This point was voted and it was approved by unanimity of all delegates.

10. ALACI 2027 15th Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Immunology in Brazil.

Dr. Walderez Dutra informed about the next ALACI Congress, which will be held in Brazil in 2027. She presented information regarding the Executive Committee, the initiatives proposed for the 2024-2027 term, Belo Horizonte as the city selected, the congress Venue, and the main topics for the meeting.

11. ALACI 2030 16th Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Immunology in Chile

Dr. Guillermo Docena informed that a proposal from ASOCHIN was received at the ALACI Secretariat in March 2024, which was approved by the Executive Committee in September 2024. Dra. Daniela Sauma, the proposed President for the ALACI Congress, showed a presentation and a video informing about the ASOCHIN Board proposed for the 2024-2025 term, introduced Santiago as the city for the ALACI Congress, the Centro Parque as the designed venue for the meeting (provided information about the venue, location, access, and capacity), the constitution of the local and international Organizing Committee for the ALACI Congress, different actions from ASOCHIN related with the meeting, topics to be included, and other information about Santiago and Chile.

12. Other issues, conclusions and proposals

Dr. Joao Viola proposed the candidacy of Dr. Emilio Malchiodi as the next IUIS Vice President, which was unanimously approved by all the delegates.

Dr. Guillermo Docena informed about a new circular (Circular 10) for the creation of two ALACI committees: The Education Committee and the Medical Committee. The content of the Circular was approved with minor corrections (including a self-renewal item). The amended final version will be distributed to the different National Societies of Immunology from ALACI.

Dr. Guillermo Docena informed about the modification of Circular 6 regarding the ALACI awards process. They will be distributed to the different National Societies of Immunology from ALACI.

Dr. Guillermo Docena also informed about the proposal to create a Committee for Regional Policies related to Science in Latin America. The committee has to be defined (objectives, statements, conformation, etc.) and spread among the National Presidents for recommendations and further approval.

The General Assembly ended with the new Executive Committee that assumed the mandate for 2025-2027.

The Assembly closed at 7.30 PM.

Signed by

Emilio Malchiodi
Rubén Motrich

Walderez Dutra
Analía Trevani

Oliver Pérez
Guillermo Docena