ICI/Beijing19 was a complete success for IUIS and China Society of Immunology (CSI), the hosted society. During this meeting, the Executive Committee of ALACI met with the participants of several Latino American delegates from several Societies. In addition, several interchanges occurred with the national directives of CSI and ICI/Beijing19 main organizers, in particular, with Professors, Drs: Xuetao Cao, Zhigang Tian, and Bo Huang. So, the possibility of ALACI’s PhD students to visit scientific centres in China was stated, in order to enrich their Scientific and Cultural issues and foster potential collaborations between ALACI and CSI.

In consequence, we accorded:

1. China will annually invite 20 Ph.D. students from ALACI’s member societies, in the period of September-October. The inclusion of 2 accompanying ALACI professors could be gainful;

2. Visits will permit the scientific interchange with Chinese Immunological and Biotechnological science institutions and the cultural interchange for 15 days;

3. The centre’s selection will be done by China’s counterpart, which might also include cultural places;

4. The applicants will be Ph.D. students and recent postdoctoral fellows (maximal 3 years since the defence of their thesis) and should be members of ALACI’s National Member Societies working in Latin America or the Caribe;

5. The selection of the candidates will be done by an ALAI’s committee considering the following items: CV; the gender balance (at least 40% women); currently working in Immunology in Latin America or Caribe countries; letter of supporting by the National Society and the candidate’s institution; and in some way, it will be proportional to the members of the National Society; but at least, one by every of the Societies that integrate ALACI, and a maximum of 3 from any individual Society;

6. The candidate’s institutions that support the students must be prone in the future to receive Chinese students for a similar visit and should explicit it in the supporting letter; and

7. The propositions should be sent to the ALACI’s General Secretary with a copy to the current President before every March 1st.

Signed by ALAI’s Executive, 2019-2022

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