

Halfway through: progress and challenges

A mitad de recorrido: avances y desafíos

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Dear colleagues,

It is an honor for me to write these lines addressed to all the readers of this prestigious review, but above all to have the opportunity to speak once again to the members of AAMR.

Six months of our administration have already passed, and I would like to take this opportunity, first of all, to thank all those who daily provide support and work tirelessly for the development and growth of the association, as well as to highlight some of the activities and guidelines that have shaped this first half of my term.

We continue to reaffirm our institutional commitment to taking a stand on the social issues that impact the quality of life of the population, especially the most vulnerable. We maintain as an active policy the provision of educational support aimed at professionals and the community on various topics such as: tuberculosis, new forms of nicotine consumption, awareness campaigns, among others.

We are working to support the participation of new professionals approaching the Association, even from their undergraduate training stage, to foster a suitable environment of continuity within the triad of University, Residency, and Scientific Society. To this end, we are managing an agreement with the Association of Medical Schools of the Argentine Republic (AFACIMERA), aimed at strengthening this interaction in the long term.

Likewise, our international relations are building new strategic ties that allow us to continue

growing and positioning ourselves as leaders in respiratory health.

We have maintained active collaboration in analyzing the current challenges affecting the Public Health system through our participation in the Inter-Societies Forum, a space created to help build consensus on potential solutions for the State's decision-making bodies.

In the economic sphere, it is undeniable that we have witnessed a sudden and global shift in the dynamics of international relations, culminating, unfortunately, in the ongoing war in the Middle East.

This situation has had a strong impact on the global economy, with the prospect of a long-term recession. Internally, it has reinforced the need to maintain limited expenditures and highlighted the importance of reviewing and taking action regarding the economic and financial sustainability tools available to the Association.

Based on the consensus suggested by the Strategic Plan –an open tool for all members who wish to participate– we agreed to implement a qualitative platform for institutional strengthening. Through this platform, we have been working on a sequential challenge aimed at creating spaces for academic development, such as enhancing the existing educational and dissemination bodies, primarily through work and investment in RAMR, and seeking to adopt tools such as RedCap.

As a cardinal guideline of management, we decided to form the Pro-Institutional Headquarters Committee to conduct a theoretical analysis of the

society's long-term needs and prepare a report with potential inclusion criteria to facilitate the timely acquisition of real estate.

We have chosen to study and analyze the update of our society's bylaws, with the objective of validating participatory tools that strengthen the federal development of the institution.

This is undoubtedly a brief overview of the main actions achieved to date, but one that

proudly leads us to consider that all our efforts aim to build a strengthened and cohesive professional association in the face of the social context that challenges us daily—though there is still much ground to cover.

To all those who accompany us with effort and personal sacrifice, my deepest gratitude, for none of this would be possible without you.

Once again, AAMR is all of us.