

ISL NEWS

Message from the ISL Executive Committee

The COVID-19 pandemic has involved many ISL members in providing direct patient care or indirectly assisting colleagues and has personally impacted most of us both professionally and personally in our daily lives. Let us all also take a moment (as molecular biologists, clinicians and epidemiologists) to reflect on how the lymphatic system and its function and dysfunction may be involved in this global crisis – from the virus' portal of entry to the lung damage that is a hallmark of the disease and its systemic manifestations outside the lung – and what interventions might be based on these insights. Feel free to share your ideas with us, and we will select some (gently edited) for publication in a future issue of *Lymphology*.

Meanwhile, best wishes to you and your loved ones, be safe and stay healthy until we meet again in person.



46TH ESL CONGRESS - DATE POSTPONEMENT

The Scientific Organizers of the 46th ESL Congress have announced the postponement of the Congress in Assisi after a difficult and painful but mandatory decision. Updated information will be available as soon as reasonably possible.



Angiopediatria (Buenos Aires) published two short stories in the format of illustrated books. *Angi y Cristobalito* is a book for children and *The Little Lymph* if for young parents who have children with lymphedema. *Angi y Cristobalito* is a simple tale for children who start to write their own story. It was written and draw by Lic. Doris Braun. It's aim is to know and talk about lymphedema and tries to help accept this complex reality with the family. *Little Lymph* escaped from my imagination: She has become the leading character in explaining to parents what lymphedema is about.

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The XXVII World Congress of Lymphology was held at the Catholic University in the City of Buenos Aires from September 23-26, 2019, and in the City of Iguazú, at the rain-forest within one of the wonders of the world – the Iguazu Waterfalls – on September 27-28. With the motto "Lymph in Motion - Beyond Lymphatics," it was organized by Frontiers of Lymphology Group, AngioPediatria, and Centro Vodder Buenos Aires. The Congress brought together more than 1,100 visitors including oncologists, angiologists, dermatologist, pediatricians, geneticists, pathologists, surgeons, microsurgeons, radiologists, physiotherapist, and patients among others from

38 countries. Truly a collection of the most renowned lymphology specialists in the world!

The opening session took place in the Buenos Aires legislature with the presence of the Minister of Health of the City among other personalities in the field of health and culture, framed by the participation of the Fanfarria Militar Alto Peru del Regimiento de Granaderos.

The Congress was organized in several sessions to Honor some of our Pioneers: Charles Witte – Lymphodynamic Disorders / Imaging in Lymphology; Isidoro Caplan – Anatomy of the Lymphatic System; Sinnamohideen Jamal – Tropical Lymphology; Robert Cluzan – Epidemiology of Lymphedema; Salvador Nieto – Conservative Treatment of Lymphedema; Rubens Carlos Mayall – Lymphedema Surgery; John Casley Smith – Pharmacology; and Egidio Tosatti – Chylous Disorders.

Several high level courses and symposia were taught in both cities. In Buenos Aires the courses included: Microsurgery training course oriented to the functional restoration of the lymphatic system, and International Symposium of Taping for Lymphedema. In Iguazú, courses included: Strength after breast cancer, Venolymphatic drainage with an osteopathic approach, Taping Course for lymphedema, and the updating of the ISL Consensus Document on Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Lymphedema.

We also had time to enjoy with our guests the visit to the Iguazú National Park and the Waterfalls on an unforgettable journey.

We would like to say thanks to all those who made this Congress possible.

**CM Papendieck and M Amore
Congress Presidents WCL 2019**

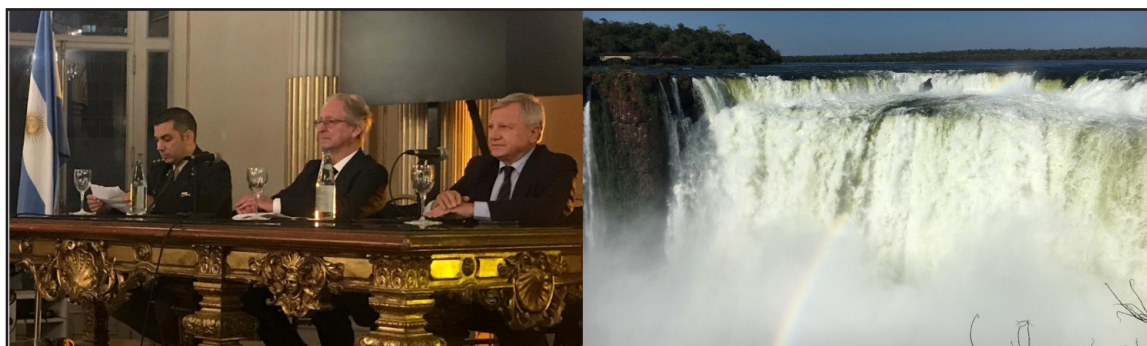


NEW MEMBERS

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28th ICL Miguel Amore (L) and Cristobal Papendieck (C) and ISL President Sandro Michelini (R)

Iguazú Waterfalls, Argentina