



XII Congress of the Latin American Association of Immunology – ALAI XXIII Congress of the Mexican Society of Immunology - SMI

MAY 14-18, 2018
CANCUN, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO

WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the Latin American Association of Immunology (ALAI) and the Mexican Society of Immunology (SMI), it is a pleasure to invite and welcome you to the XII Congress of ALAI and the XXIII Congress of SMI in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

ALAI was founded in 1984 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and was accepted as a Federation by the International Union of Societies of Immunology (IUIS) in 1987. Our major goals include the improvement of education in Immunology, training and collaboration in experimental and clinical research in human and veterinary Immunology, and the triennial organization of the Latin American Congress of Immunology. The membership of ALAI embraces near 1,600 Latin American immunologists from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Uruguay, Paraguay, Cuba, Peru and Bolivia.

This year's ALAI academic activities feature the XII Latin American Congress of Immunology in collaboration with the Mexican Society of Immunology, which co-celebrates its XXIII National Congress.

We believe that delegates to this Congress will not only find an attractive academic program of remarkable science, but also a multitude of opportunities to connect with immunologists representing all IUIS federations and to interact in a relaxed atmosphere with leaders in the different areas of immunology. The Scientific Program Committee has organized an outstanding schedule of lectures, symposia and workshops that will provide you with fundamental knowledge and mechanisms underlying immunity in health and disease and with the most recent advances or emerging research in basic, clinical and translational Immunology. Additionally, you will find novel events around fellow scientists and young Latin American investigators, poster sessions and social activities.

In Cancun, the core of a precious Mayan archaeological area and part of the world's second-longest coral reef, you will enjoy the most beautiful beaches on the Caribbean Sea blended with history and rich pre-Columbian culture. Cancun is today the most important tourist destination in the country, with a highly connected airport and excellent facilities to conduct an event of this magnitude and to offer unbeatable attractions. Transparent sea water, white sand and a bright sun with the warmth of Mexican hospitality will frame our unique academic celebration.

Please join ALAI-SMI in Cancun, Mexico, from May 14th to May 18th, 2018, and maximize your experience participating in the pre-Congress Cytometry meeting on May 13th-14th.

Sincerely,

Leopoldo Santos-Argumedo
ALAI President, *Chair*

Rosana Pelayo
SMI President, *Co-chair*