

International Epidemiological Association

Incoming Council Meeting – Saitama, Japan – August 22-23, 2017

Proposed activities for Latin America and Caribbean region

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In brief, we have committed to continuing the past two meetings' approach of having a joint regional workshop involving Latin America/Caribbean and North America regions. The idea is to give members from the two regions a chance to meet each other and to discuss ways we can continue to create better ties between our regions. Based on the previous work developed by Dr Barata and Dr Krieger, we know that collaborative research is needed in the region to address shared health problems and to promote development of theory and methods.

Based on the previous success of this North/South collaboration, I've started a discussion with Dr Eduardo Franco (incoming IEA councilor for North America) to define common interests and topics for the joint workshop (document attached).

During my term, I intend to focus on the following questions/problems:

- Epidemiology Theory and Methods
- Scientific Communication
- Cancer registries

particularly promoting workshops and training courses (preferentially held in Latin America), funded by official agencies (such as PAHO, IARC) or research agencies (FAPESP – Brazil) and IEA (if possible).

In addition, proposed activities include sponsoring roundtables or symposiums during major Epidemiology or Collective Health meetings in Brazil (Brazilian Congress of Epidemiology and Brazilian Congress of Collective Health – ABRASCO) to discuss the contributions of Epidemiology in prevention/control of the most important public health problems in the region.

Another proposal is to evaluate the feasibility of offering continued education/training in Epidemiology methods and specific training for cancer registries in the region using distant learning tools (Internet based programs), in order to surpass economic restrictions.

Finally, I am committed to attend the IEA Council Meetings to share information about my region (LAC) with all the Council members.