

NEWS@SIOP – April 2020 - LATIN AMERICA

Dear friends and colleagues,

Firstly, I want to inform you that the XXXI LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS OF PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY that was going to be held from April 1 to 4 in Asunción, Paraguay, has been postponed to April 8 – 11, 2021. This is due to the security measures being taken by the health authorities of the respective countries caused by the COVID -19 global pandemic.

On February 15, International Childhood Cancer Day was commemorated in many different countries:



As mentioned, in most Latin American countries, except for one or two hospitals in large countries, we do not have the capacity to develop research protocols for the diagnosis and treatment of children with cancer. In hospitals or small countries they only copy the diagnostic protocols or treatment protocols.

I consider that early diagnosis is essential to improve the cure and quality of life of children with cancer in Latin America, with this, it is possible to detect children in early stages of the disease, achieving a higher percentage of cure, achieving a lower cost in diagnosis and treatment.

In several countries this early diagnosis project is being worked on, to mention a few: Peru, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Mexico.





Finally, we are supporting the SIOP GLOBAL MAPPING Survey for Latin America. 617 emails were sent in September 2019 to colleagues from different countries. This year in February, 392 emails were sent, we currently have 73 cities registered which account for 112 hospitals in the different countries of Latin America.

We will continue to send mailings to colleagues to try to register the largest number of hospitals.



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