

**XVII Paraguayan Congress of Internal Medicine and I World Summit of Internal Medicine  
50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Paraguayan Society of Internal Medicine  
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The meeting of the XVII Paraguayan Congress of Internal Medicine took place from May 7 to 9 and featured pre-courses on May 6.

Just over 2,000 physicians were in attendance between students, residents, and many early career physicians; most physicians were internal medicine physicians. Many past presidents of the Paraguayan Society of Internal Medicine were there as speakers, in addition to speakers from other societies of internal medicine from Argentina, Colombia, Uruguay, Chile, Portugal, Spain, the United States, and Mexico. The busy agenda started at 8 a.m. and continued until 6 p.m. each day.

The ACP symposium was coordinated by Dr. Jesús Falcón, President of the Paraguayan Society of Internal Medicine. I started off the symposium with a 10-minute presentation on the ACP. Then, Dr. Manuel Codas gave a talk and also mentioned his pride in being an ACP Fellow (FACP). During the symposium I gave two additional talks, one on gluten intolerance and another on healthy aging and medical well-being. On the last day at the closing session, Dr. Ricardo Gómez Huelgas provided a participant's perspective and gave a very good talk about fragmentation in medicine.

After the last talk before closing the symposium, I once again had the opportunity to thank the organizers for the invitation and presented Dr. Falcón with a gift and card sent by ACP.

It was a very good meeting, well organized and with solid scientific topics that were not necessarily industry supported. There was much interest in talks about AI topics and POCUS. My impression is that the Latin American societies as a group have a strong bond because many of them participate as speakers, have met throughout the years in other meetings and conventions, and keep in touch through WhatsApp groups.

The residents who were awarded for their participation in clinical cases, posters, and so forth received the possibility of a visiting rotation to a hospital in Spain, or money, or a paid registration to the next meeting.

Participating as Ambassador for this meeting was a very good experience, and I am thankful for the opportunity.



Dr. Ceja with Paraguayan Society leadership and other invited faculty.