Academic report

XXIV Meeting of the Association of Latin American Researchers

The XXIV Meeting of the Association of Latin American Researchers on Human Reproduction (ALIRH) was conducted in Lima-Peru between November 17th and November 21st, 2015. During this meeting, PLEAS members and researchers presented dissertations and lectured about relevant topics on the diagnosis of male fertility, with one of them (Axel Rey Contreras) completely auspicated by the International Society of Andrology (ISA).

The topics for lectures and dissertations were i) Peruvian reality in the seminal analysis, by Carla Gonzales (Peru); ii) Sperm transport through the female tract, by Maria José Munuce (Argentina), iii) Evaluation of semen quality according 5th ed. WHO manual, by Luis Sarabia (Chile), iv) Improvement sperm in assisted reproduction, by Javier Garcia (Peru), v) Sperm preparation: state of the art physiological aspects and application of advanced sperm preparation methods., by Ralf Henkel (Germany) and vi) Preservation of fertility in men. Sperm bank, by Jimmy Portella, (Peru).

PLEAS also presented a conference entitled “Latin American Program of Semen Analysis Standardization” under the symposium “Sexual and Reproductive Health of Male” during the XXIV ALIRH Meeting.
Latin American Program of Semen Analysis Standardization (PLEAS)

From left to right: Dr. Patricia Cuasnicù (Argentina), Dr. Luis Sarabia, (PLEAS's President, Chile), Dr. Ralph Henkel (Germany) and Dr. Ilpo Huhtaniemi (England) during the XXIV Meeting of the Association of Latin American Researchers on Human Reproduction (ALIRH) in Lima, Peru.

In this scientific reunion, members of ALIRH and PLEAS agreed that PLEAS should embark on an extensive project in collaboration with all Latin American countries to ensure that every laboratory in the continent would conduct their semen analyses using the standardized procedures presented in the fifth edition of the World Health Organization (WHO) Laboratory Manual for the Examination of Human Semen, thereby assuring quality and comparability among all countries in Latin America.

During this meeting, we planned to organize the five consensus workshop with specialists from various Latin American regions to discuss the new recommendations and then disseminate the best-practice diagnostic techniques described in the 2010 WHO manual on semen analysis. We planned to establish a multicenter team of specialists in charge of monitoring, supervising, and assisting all laboratories that request support from PLEAS. The needed support might consist of remote or in-person assistance such as training laboratory personnel for laboratory accreditation, according to the needs of each case. We also met with Dr. Fernando Vasquez, president ALIRH to coordinate the fifth meeting for the standardization of semen analysis to be performed as pre-congress meeting in November 2017 in Colombia.
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Fourth meeting of PLEAS from left to right: Dr. Maria Jose Munuce, Dr. Luis Sarabia, Dr. Carla Gonzales (regular members of PLEAS) Mr. Axel Rey ISA scholarship and students in the course of the PLEAS during the XXIV meeting of the Association of Latin American researchers in Human Reproduction (ALIRH) in Lima, Peru.

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