

Ankara-Turkey, April 2010 – SC meeting

## **ALAPE Report**

### **Management 2006-09**

Unfortunately during this period, Venezuela withdrew from the Association and that is why Dr. Alberto Reveron resigned to his post as **ALAPE** President. The cause of this withdrawal, appears to be due to internal problems of the Venezuelan Society of Pediatrics, which had implications for **ALAPE**.

However, we must emphasize that despite this and with a major effort, **ALAPE's** Board of Directives managed to overcome this problem and called one of the best-attended General Assemblies to date. With 22 countries of the region in addition to Spain and Italy (European subsidiaries of ALAPE) in a meeting held during the **XV Latin American Congress of Pediatrics**, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from November 15-20, 2009.

This **XV Latin American Congress of Pediatrics** gathered near to 2100 physicians and paediatricians, and was also attended by delegates and speakers from PAHO/WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children, among other international agencies; as well as **Dr. Sergio Cabral, President Elect of IPA**, with whom we have talks under way in order to strengthen common goals and try to achieve again the inclusion of Brazil and Venezuela into **ALAPE**.

### **Management 2009-2012**

In this general assembly of November 2009, the new Board of Directors was elected as well as **Dr. Hernando A. Villamizar** by unanimous decision as President for 2009-2012.

During the first four months of work we have had frequent contacts with IPA, with the two major associations of the Americas, AAP and CPS, as well as with various international health agencies, especially PAHO / WHO, Save The Children, and joint work agreements have been established.

We are part of the **Latin America and Caribbean Newborn Health Alliance**, which brings together the Latin American associations of Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Nursing and Midwife, with different organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations/NGOs. It includes experts from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations Childhood Fund (UNICEF), the CORE group, Save the Children / Saving Newborn Lives (SNL), the

USAID Funded ACCESS (Access to Clinical and Community Maternal, Neonatal and Women's Health Services), BASICS (Basic Support for Institutionalizing Child Survival), Plan USA, MChip (Maternity and Child Health Integrated Program) and the Health Care Improvement projects and other interested partners , to promote Newborn Health in te region within the continuum of Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health, through interagency efforts and by promoting policies and evidence-based programming with a specific focus on the most vulnerable populations.

Last month we managed to consolidate an alliance with AAP, CPS (probably), AEP(Spain), SIP (Italy) and PAHO / WHO, to carry out in April 2011, **the First International Pediatrics Update Conference/Advance in Pediatrics 2011**, to discuss selected topics of pediatrics at a new intercongress event, which this time will be held in Panama City.

Sincerely,



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President

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