

## WELCOME LETTER FOR THE PROCEEDINGS BOOK 2009

It is a great honor and I am very pleased to welcome you to participate in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC) in Atlanta, Georgia.

This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the CMSC and LACTRIMS is going to participate once more, together with IOMSN, and ACTRIMS.

On May 30 the 2<sup>nd</sup> CMSC/ACTRIMS Joint Meeting will take place with the Donald W. Paty Memorial Research Lecture focusing on environmental factors in the development of MS.

This year's theme is "Teamwork, Trends and Technology: New Solutions in MS" and the Courses, Symposia and Workshops will address important aspects of MS diagnosis and care, rehabilitation and symptomatic interventions, new and advanced concepts in technology, new projects of investigation.

LACTRIMS will participate in this Meeting with the LACTRIMS Lecture where our former President Dr. Victor Rivera will expose about *MS Lessons from Latin America: History, Challenge and Future*. Dr. Rivera was an essential component of LACTRIMS during its creation, and he has been of prime importance to get it going and accompanying its development.

He was President of LACTRIMS's Executive Committee for 2 consecutive periods from 2001-2005, and during this time the Institution built sustainable connecting links with other peer organizations. Conducted by Dr Rivera, LACTRIMS entered in the scientific and academic activities of other similar organizations. MS research and investigation being carried nowadays in Latin America have always been impelled and encouraged by him, as well as epidemiological studies and scientific exchange between the countries of our region. Dr Victor Rivera's commitment with the MS cause, his generosity with the colleagues of our region, his gentlemanliness and affability, are highly esteemed by all the Neurologists from Latin-America, together with his good humor and agreeableness.

The Foundation of the CMSC will award to an MS new researcher a price in memory of Dr John Whitaker, who was indeed an unforgettable and supportive professor for many Latin American researchers.

As President of the Executive Committee of LACTRIMS (Latin American committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis) I want to thank sincerely to the CMSC Board of Governors and Executive Committee for their support to LACTRIMS. I also want to thank all the CMSC efficient staff and in particular the CMSC Web Page Staff who have assisted LACTRIMS with our web page and domain [www.lactrims.org](http://www.lactrims.org). Finally, I want to express my acknowledgement to June Halper for her extraordinary dedication to the CMSC and the cause of MS and for her altruism and enthusiasm.

We look forward to see you in Atlanta and we anticipate that this Meeting will surpass the expectations of all of us, in the scientific aspects as well as in the ethic, humanitarian and social aspects.

Dr. Carlos Oehninger  
President of LACTRIMS

1. Carry out, accomplish, implement, achieve, execute **person of prime importance** [link](#), [bond](#), [relation](#), [relationship](#), [bearing](#), [connecting link](#), [interrelation](#), [tie](#), [tie-in](#), [engagement](#), [entail](#), [linkage](#); Sinónimos: [relación](#), [lazo](#), [asociación](#), [atadura](#), [conexión](#), [enlace](#), [puente](#), [unión](#), [afín](#), [respecto](#), [trabadura](#);

Unión, relación o ligadura de una persona o cosa con otra. ; Sujeción de los bienes a que sucedan unas herederas o herederos en el orden señalado; también sujeción al mantenimiento de institutos benéficos u obras piadosas; en cualquier caso con prohibición de enajenarlos o venderlos.

2. [encourage](#), [urge](#), [drive](#), [foster](#), [further](#), [promote](#), [prompt](#); Sinónimos: [alentar](#), [animar](#), [dar ánimo](#), [dar ánimos](#), [estimular](#), [motivar](#); Impeler, estimular, promover la actuación en determinado sentido. *Juan impulsa a su equipo, John encourages his team.*

**gentlemanliness** [Sustantivo](#) [caballerosidad](#), [don de gente](#), [hombria de bien](#), [hidalguía](#); Sinónimos: [gallantry](#), [civility](#), [generosity](#), [good manners](#), [nobility](#), [chivalry](#), [nobleness](#), [savoir faire](#); Polite attentiveness to women. ; Courtesy towards women.

3. [fundamental](#), [basic](#), [essential](#), [basal](#), [bottom-line](#), [core](#), [of the essence](#), [pivotal](#), [substantial](#), [medullary](#), [primal](#), [primordial](#), [underlying](#); Sinónimos: [básico](#), [esencial](#), [necesario](#), [primario](#), [sustancial](#), [de fundamental importancia](#), [de primera necesidad](#), [medular](#), [primordial](#); Perteneciente a la base, fundamental. [primordial](#), [esencial](#), [fundamental](#), [primario](#), [primigenio](#); Sinónimos: [essential](#), [fundamental](#), [primary](#), [staple](#), [bottom-line](#), [dominant](#), [first-instance](#), [of prime importance](#), [overriding](#); Applying to essential legal principles and rules of right. ; Absolutely required and not to be used up or sacrificed.; Of the greatest importance. ; Absolutely necessary; vitally necessary.

[appreciate](#), [value](#), [esteem](#), [esteem highly](#), [hold dear](#), [prize](#), [regard highly](#), [treasure](#); Sinónimos: [estimar](#), [admirar](#), [guardar respeto a](#), [mirar bien a](#), [tener en gran estima](#), [tener en precio](#), [tener estimación de](#), [valorar](#); Sentir afecto o estima hacia una persona. *Yo aprecio tu ayuda, I appreciate your help.*

- **regard highly** [Verbo](#) [admirar](#), [apreciar](#), [bienquerer](#), [tener en precio](#); Sinónimos: [admire](#), [look up to](#), [value](#), [appreciate](#), [esteem](#), [have regard for](#), [prize](#); Feel admiration for. ; Look at with admiration.

1. [cause, origin, root, source](#); Sinónimos: [origen, comienzo, factor, génesis, razón, causal, causante, porqué](#); Fundamento u origen de algo. ; Causa, origen, principio. ; Autora o autor, responsable, que causa o es origen de algo. [[+ \] Frases Célebres y Proverbios](#)
2. [cause, motive, reason, ground, motivator, motivation, whys and wherefores](#); Sinónimos: [motivo, ocasión, razón, fundamento, base, motivador, móvil, porqué, causa impulsiva, explicación, fundamentación](#); Motivo, objetivo o razón para actuar.
3. [cause, goal](#); Sinónimos: [cometido, cruzada, finalidad, ideal, meta, mira, misión](#); Motivo, objetivo o razón para actuar. ; Empresa o doctrina en la que se alguien se haya inmers@ o comprometid@.
4. [lawsuit, case](#); Sinónimos: [acción legal, acción litigiosa, causa judicial, causa procesal, demanda, juicio, litigación, proceso judicial](#); Litigio, pleito judicial.

**cru·za·da** Femenino - Sustantivo - Singular

5. [crusade, adventure, campaign, quest, cause, enterprise, escapade, exploit, venture](#); Sinónimos: [campaña, aventura, búsqueda, misión, andanza, causa, correría, operativo, busca](#); Campaña, lucha denodada por algún objetivo.

**en·tu·sias·mo** Masculino - Sustantivo - Singular

[enthusiasm, ardor, craze, eagerness, excitement, keenness, zeal, zealousness, zest, ardour, fervor, fire, gusto](#); Sinónimos: [afán, devoción, apasionamiento, ardor, calor, furor, frenesí](#); Pasión, vehemencia, fogsidad del ánimo, excitación ante algo que admiramos, nos cautiva los sentidos y arrebatá nuestros sentimientos. ; Fe y convicción fervorosa

**en·tu·sias·mar** Verbo

1. que mueve a comprometerse con una causa, proyecto o empeño. [[+ \] Frases Célebres y Proverbios](#)
1. [be excited to](#); Sinónimos: [estar entusiasmado por](#)Nos entusiasma bailar, *We are excited to dance.*
2. [enthuse, excite, carry away, fascinate, interest, wake the interest in, trigger off, wow](#); Sinónimos: [excitar, enardecer, fanatizar, interesar, afervorar, afervorizar, enfervorizar, fervorizar](#); Infundir entusiasmo, causar ardiente y fervorosa admiración. *El regalo entusiasmó a Ana, The gift enthused Ann.*
3. [be excited](#)Me entusiasmé, *I was excited.*
4. [be excited about](#); Sinónimos: [ilusionar, ilusionarse por](#); Hacer que un@ se forje objetivos atractivos, ilusiones e ideales. *Me entusiasma el paseo a la playa, I am excited about the trip to the beach*

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**advocate**

[en contexto](#) | [imágenes](#)

**advocate** Verbo

1. [apovar](#); Sinónimos: [back up, endorse, second, stand for, stick with, support](#); Give moral or psychological support, aid, or courage to.
2. [abogar por, hablar en favor de, abrigar, mediar por, propugnar](#); Sinónimos: [argue for, be for, be in favor of, be in someone's favor, be totally for, champion](#); Speak, plead, or argue in favour of. The doctor advocated a smoking ban in the entire house.
3. [abogar a favor de que, abogar por que](#); Sinónimos: [advocate that](#)

**advocate** Sustantivo

1. [defensor, abogado, preconizador, causídico, defensa, intercesor, legista](#); Sinónimos: [attorney, lawyer, supporter, attorney-at-law, counsel, defender, pleader, champion, upholder](#); A lawyer who pleads cases in court.
2. [protector](#); Sinónimos: [defender, protector](#); A person who cares for persons or property.
- 3.
4. [respaldar, apovar, acuarpar, dar soporte a](#); Sinónimos: [back up, endorse, stand up for, advocate, back, second, stick with, support](#); Give moral or psychological support, aid, or courage to.

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It is a great honor and I am very pleased to welcome you to participate in the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC) in Denver (Colorado), as President of the Executive Committee of LACTRIMS (Latin American Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis). This will undoubtedly be a first level scientific event, as well as an opportunity of sharing information and meeting with professionals who work in the area of Multiple Sclerosis in the United States of America, Canada, Europe and Latin America.

Our active participation and presence in this Meeting is very important, taking into consideration the foundational objectives of our LACTRIMS, which are: to promote the education, investigation and scientific interchange in Multiple Sclerosis and related diseases between the countries of our region; to improve basic and clinical investigation in MS and related diseases; to propose and stimulate epidemiological studies adequate to the reality of the respective countries; to elaborate quality criteria and standards for the diagnosis and treatment of the people who are affected by MS.

On May 29<sup>th</sup> in the evening, there will be a special event launching the MS book written in Spanish, edited by Drs. Arriagada & Nogales-Gaete and sponsored by the CMSC. The title of the book is "Multiple Sclerosis. An Ibero-American glance" This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the book which has become a regional classic and a concrete testimony of how a collaborative work can help us do a better comprehensive care of MS.

LACTRIMS will also have participation in this Meeting with excellent lecturers representing our region, who will expose about the present situation of MS as well as its particularly difficult situation in our continent. Together with experts from other countries we will continue working towards lines of action and preferential plans to be developed in the short

and median time in order to improve the quality of life of our patients, the majority of whom are young persons affected by the disease in the most productive stage of their lives. I would like to thank sincerely to the CMSC Board of Governors and Executive Committee for their support to LACTRIMS. I also want to thank all the CMSC efficient staff and in a very special way I want to thank June Halper for her great dedication to the cause of MS and for her well known generosity and enthusiasm. We look forward to see you in Denver and we anticipate that this Meeting will surpass the expectations of all of us, in the scientific aspects as well as in the ethic, humanitarian and social aspects.

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