



AMERICAS COMMITTEE FOR TREATMENT
AND RESEARCH IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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Prof. Dr. Fernando Hamuy Diaz de Bedoya
Presidente, LACTIMS

Dear Prof. Hamuy:

Thank you for your letter of 30 April 2019. I apologize for the delay in replying; I was on vacation. Strengthening the relationship with LACTRIMS also is a priority for ACTRIMS.

I am aware that there have been some informal discussions about the opportunities for our two organizations to collaborate. Your letter outlined several specific initiatives. I think ACTRIMS having a symposium at the annual LACTRIMS meeting and, vice versa, LACTRIMS having a symposium at the annual ACTRIMS Forum is a good place to start. Links to each other's website on our websites is a second straightforward undertaking. As you indicate, opportunities for other joint projects exist. ACTRIMS is not a research organization *per se*, but one of our missions is to foster collaboration between investigators and to provide educational and networking opportunities, particularly for trainees and young investigators. We could explore ways to include LATAM in those programs.

Operationally, Fiona Costello, Chair of the ACTRIMS Partnership Committee, will be your main contact initially. She, along with the Committee which includes Daniel Ontaneda, will work with you to develop specific plans for moving forward.

Again, speaking on behalf of the ACTRIMS' leadership, we look forward to a meaningful and productive relationship with LACTRIMS.

Sincerely, yours,

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President, ACTRIMS

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