



Memorandum of Understanding

Between Latin American Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (LACTRIMS), secretaria@lactrimswb.org; Av. Cabildo 642 – Piso 11 | CABA – Buenos Aires, Argentina (hereinafter referred to as “LACTRIMS”)

And International Women in Multiple Sclerosis (iWiMS), (hereinafter referred to as “iWiMS”)

1. OBJECTIVES OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Both parties share the goal of reducing gender inequality within the field of MS. iWiMS and LACTRIMS recognize the importance of developing and maintaining cooperation and collaborations between the two organisations, particularly where such cooperation can reduce the gender gap.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. iWiMS is an organization founded to foster a supportive and inspirational community for women in the field of MS (and related disorders), for both clinical and research purposes.

2.2. LACTRIMS represents a large Latin American network of (multi-disciplinary) MS centres, research facilities and individual health care professionals working with people with MS across Latin America.

2.3. Both parties operate as independent organizations and are governed by independent committees.

3. SUPPORT

LACTRIMS agrees to support iWiMS in achieving their mission of gender equality. LACTRIMS will support iWiMs as following:

3.1 LACTRIMS will provide a free meeting platform during the biennial meeting of LACTRIMS for iWiMS to meet and work on its mission. Therefore, LACTRIMS will provide one meeting room for two hours during the biennial conference. The room can be used for internal meetings. In addition, iWiMS could communicate with LACTRIMS to organize a session during the scientific program of the biennial conference.

3.2 LACTRIMS will continue to strive for gender balance within the faculty and abstract reviewers of the biennial meeting as well as the faculty of other LACTRIMS events. In addition, LACTRIMS will strive for gender balance in its committees and task forces.

3.3. LACTRIMS remains open for any input on how gender balance can be better achieved.

3.4. iWiMS and LACTRIMS will acknowledge and communicate their commitment and support of gender equality to the public and on their webpages.

3.5. iWiMS and LACTRIMS logos will be shared on their websites.

3.5. iWiMS will advertize LACTRIMS scientific events and invite LACTRIMS researchers to join iWiMS global scientific conferences. In addition, iWiMS will provide LACTRIMS a list of speakers willing to be involved in LACTRIMS activities.

4.VALIDITY

This Memorandum of Understanding shall start upon having been signed by both parties and will remain in force until cancelled in writing by either of the parties. Amendments and modifications to this Memorandum of Understanding are only valid if made in writing and signed by both parties.

LACTRIMS



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iWiMS



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