

Dear Professor Fernando Hamuy Diaz de Bedoya,

Last year I was appointed to Chair MSIF's International Medical and Scientific Board (IMSB). One of my first tasks is to establish an IMSB Executive Committee that can optimally advise on scientific and medical issues relevant across the entire global MSIF movement. As well as finding replacements for existing members who are standing down this year, I am expanding the Committee to increase its professional, cultural, and geographical representation.

I am writing today to personally invite you as the President of LACTRIMS to become a member of the IMSB Executive Committee. I am inviting the Presidents of all the main regional TRIMS networks to join the Committee to increase geographic representation and increase collaboration between the IMSB and the TRIMS networks. If you accept, your membership of the Executive Committee would last for as long as your Presidency, for a maximum of three two-year terms in line with the IMSB Terms of Reference.

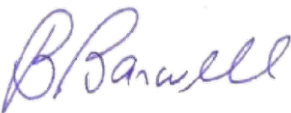
Members of the IMSB Executive Committee are expected to meet once in person during the calendar year at the annual ECTRIMS meeting and all other meetings take place by conference call. These will not be more frequent than once a month. The core role of a member can be found in the attached Terms of Reference and includes the awarding of the annual MSIF McDonald Fellowships and the biennial Charcot Award, monitoring and contributing to IMSB outputs, and endorsing new IMSB member nominations.

I appreciate it is an extremely busy and stressful time for the medical community but now more than ever people with MS need us to work together across country borders. I hope you will join me, the Deputy Chair Professor Jorge Correale, and the rest of the Executive Committee to continue our vital work.

Yours Sincerely,

**Professor Brenda Banwell**  
Chair of the IMSB

**Professor Jorge Correale**  
Deputy Chair of the IMSB



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