

PRESENTATION

IX SYMPOSIUM ON MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF CHAGAS DISEASE IX SIMPOSIO DE BIOLOGÍA MOLECULAR DE LA ENFERMEDAD DE CHAGAS

The Symposium on Molecular Biology of Chagas disease and the international course on the molecular biology of Trypanosomatid is an initiative started in 2012 by several Latin American groups from five countries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, and Uruguay). The main goal of this initiative was to build a network aiming to understand the problem of Chagas disease and others trypanosomiasis from different aspects. In this context, one of the main objectives of the network is to contribute to the formation of advanced human resources. In this context, we have been consistently organizing courses that have contributed to the formation of graduate students, and young researchers and promote the interaction of group leaders from institutes of South America working on Trypanosomatid that causes relevant human diseases. These courses constitute the appropriate environment to discuss current topics in molecular biology and pathogenesis of Chagas disease and other neglected diseases, searching for common interests, giving the opportunity to promote collaborations among groups from different countries of South America, and increasing the chances for emerging innovation in this field.

In 2022, the IX version of this symposium and course will be performed at Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia. This year, the emphasis will be focused on the genome, transcriptome, proteome, metabolome, and functional genomics, as well as on relevant aspects of the cell biology of Trypanosomatids, all involved in host-pathogen interactions. In addition, the course will provide practical training, including genomic edition using the CRISPR-Cas9 system, molecular and cellular biology methods, and bioinformatic analysis of genomes and transcriptomes.

I would like to highlight the participation of professors from different countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Spain, Mexico, Colombia, Uruguay, and Venezuela). Moreover, we will have students from different countries, who were supported mainly by UNU-BIOLAC. This year, we want to thank to Grupo La Rabida for supporting most professors, and other companies such as INNOVALAB, ISLA, NOVAVENTA, Post-graduate Biology Program, CODI, and Corporación de Patologías Tropicales for the help during all the organization.

Finally, this meeting is an excellent opportunity to create the Latin American Network in Molecular Biology of Chagas Disease.

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