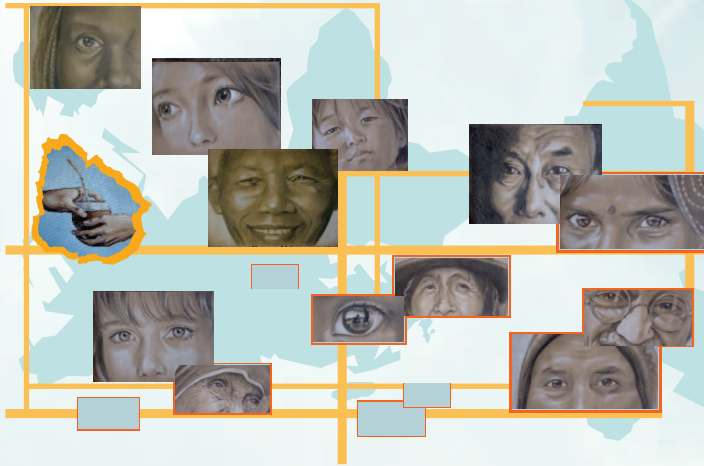


LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Intercultural mainstreaming means that the Congress will not have an official language, but instead each person will be encouraged to speak in their mother tongue in all the Central Plenaries.

Joint and simultaneous translation will always make this possible. We will have American, African, Australian, Asian, and European linguistic diversity.

Central Plenaries will respect the diversity of backgrounds, cultures, gender and generations, as well as membership/reference in social movements, unions, universities and governments.



START PARTICIPATING NOW

The Congress is a meeting place. Different points and realities of the world will converge on the meeting, making it a focal point of arrival after developing actions in the place of origin. The meeting will be developed to be intense, dynamic and purposeful, and in this way also become a point of departure for new challenges.

The proposal is to move along, at least, a stretch of road together. Each locality, country, and region is called upon to generate activities to publicize the conference and enable dialogue and frank discussion on the Congress theme and issues.

Additionally, documents will be generated to provoke discussion, and will run on various electronic, alternative, and community media. Whenever possible we will work in multilingual formats.

Social movements and organizations engaged in activities during the Pre-Congress are urged to make available to the organizing committee at the end of each day the report, declaration, resolution, proposal, etc., to be taken to the central plenaries. These plenary sessions will take place at the end of each day and will be both a space to synthesize the discussions from the Central Debates, and a space for free and extended communication.

CENTRAL THEME

Crisis, acceleration, and plunder in global capitalism: progress and setbacks in the struggle for universal health and rights.

Subthemes:

- 1 - Capitalism, environment and social determination of health.
- 2 - Social medicine and collective health in the struggle of movements and progressive socio-political processes: progress and new challenges.
- 3 - Confronting policies of dismantling systems of social protection and social security.

KEY DATES

December 8: the Congress officially launched in Montevideo. Coming soon will be available on the Web detailed information on costs and registration system.

March 20: deadline of the first call for proposals for pre-congress activities and free communications.

April 15: notification of the results of the evaluation of the first call for proposals for Pre-Congress activities and free communications.

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3 to 8 November 2012
Uruguay (Montevideo y Maldonado)

INVITATION

The Latin American Social Medicine Association, the International Association of Health Policy and the Network of Local Health Actors of the Americas invite you to share five and a half days of exchange, learning, debate and reflection on the impact of the global crisis on the right to health.

The integration of three conferences in one, charged with solidarity and internationalism, seeks to create synergy between the participating organizations and networks, and also to promote diversity and quality in the debate and the realization of the proposals.

The broad outlines of the schedule and major activities are summarized in the Program chart. Uruguay will host the Congress, with the headquarters in Montevideo (the capital) and Maldonado. The Pre-Congress will take place in one location, and the Congress and Assembly of ALAMES in the other.

ALAMES

Latin American Social Medicine Association

Born of the struggles initiated by the great thinkers of Social Medicine, ALAMES is the product of the confluence of critical thinking in health and the struggles of Latin American peoples. It was founded 27 years ago in Ouro Preto, Brazil, during the III Latin American Seminar of Social Medicine in November 1984.

We define ourselves as a social, academic, and political movement oriented to the resolution of the historical and social determination of the health-disease process from a perspective of social medicine and collective health. We start from a conception of humanity that thinks of solidarity as tenderness between peoples and internationalism as one of its expressions. Several university-based, health system worker and social organizations have joined forces in this partnership. We have regional and national level chapters in many countries of Latin America.

ALAMES is structured around networking topics, such as gender, labor, medicines, and local management. The General Coordinator of ALAMES, elected in 2009, is Nila Heredia (Minister of Health and Sports of Bolivia), and Mario Róvere is the Assistant Coordinator.

Uruguay ALAMES was founded in the late 80's, developing an intense level of activity including debates, seminars and workshops. In recent years, in addition to the historical link with the university, various diverse organizations and social movements have joined, promoting actions to defend the right to health. Today it includes chapters in Salto, Maldonado, Canelones, and Montevideo.

METHODOLOGY

The flow of knowledge, dialogue, and learning, and the exchange of experiences that meet at the Congress will have specific times in Pre-Congress spaces to merge with and be strengthened by the cross-cutting themes of the Congress itself.

The cross-cutting themes are INTERCULTURALITY and GENDER.

CRONOGRAM

PRE-CONGRESS 3-4 November	CONGRESS 5-7 November	ASSEMBLY 8 November
INTENSIVE COURSES	CENTRAL DEBATES	ALAMES ASSEMBLY
THEMATIC WORKSHOPS	FREE WORKS	
WORKING GROUPS AND NETWORK MEETINGS	OPENING CEREMONY	CENTRAL PLENARIES
JUAN CESAR GARCÍA CONFERENCE	CULINARY FAIR	CLOSING CEREMONY
	CULTURAL GALA	



From all around the world, Health is our site of struggle towards the construction of a new society

IAHP

International Association of Health Policy

IAHP is a scientific, political and cultural organization established in 1976 in Amsterdam by members from various countries including Latin America. It functions as an international network for academics, health workers and activists whose goal is to contribute to scientific debate and political action for health as social, political, and human right, and consequently combat health inequalities and promote social solidarity.

At the time of its founding IAHP also had the explicit goal of giving support and solidarity to health activists who were developing their practices during periods of dictatorship in Latin America.

Historically IAHP Congresses are held alternately in the Northern Hemisphere and Latin America, where they are held jointly with those of ALAMES. The presidency of the IAHP is renewed at conferences, and alternates between a representative from Latin America and from other continents.

Currently, the president is Marciano Sanchez Bayle from the Federation of Associations for the Defense of Public Health of Spain.

In Europe, IAHP is known as IAHP-Europe and conducts conferences every two years. At the last conference, in Ankara, Turkey, in October 2011, Asku Tanik Feride of the Medical Association of Turkey was elected president.

RED AMÉRICAS

Network of Local Health Actors of the Americas

Established in 1995, Red Americas seeks to contribute to initiatives in the countries of the Americas that have health as a right, and encourages the democratization of decision making.

Its creation was initiated by the Brazilian National Council of Health Secretaries (CONASEMS) from the need to build a knowledge base of the experiences developed in various countries. The Brazilian experience accumulated during the 1980s and 1990s, when the construction of the legal and institutional framework of the Unified Health System (SUS), and the decentralization process, took place, was taken as a reference.

The Network aims to promote greater organization and participation of stakeholders and local communities to strengthen universal health systems guided by the principles of equity, comprehensiveness, and democratization.

The Network of Local Health Actors of the Americas is a seed organization of American nations seeking to resolve their health problems from the local perspective. It seeks to become a true network of solidarity between the peoples of those countries, by placing the discussion of social justice heavily on the table.