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## FLAMeCIPP up to date: achievements and future

Dear colleagues, as the end of our FLAMeCIPP presidency approaches, we would like to thank all of you for the support provided over these years, and we are honored to do so through this fantastic window, resulting from the fusion of our journals, ABTPe and Tobillo y Pie, to become stronger, one of the greatest achievements of our region in recent years.

FLAMeCIPP for Latin American foot and ankle surgeons represents integration, science, development, and friendship—a meeting point for our region, which keeps growing and expanding. Recently, Panama and Dominican Republic have joined us as new members, we have expanded in countries such as Peru and Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala have reactivated, preparing their return to FLAMeCIPP. However, there is still work to be done, posing a great challenge to the upcoming authorities.

One of the main goals of the present administration was to make FLAMeCIPP more dynamic and closer to its members, and not only convening a congress every 2 or 3 years. To this end, we started to conduct monthly Instagram case discussions and webinars from the beginning of our administration in 2018. Initially, there was moderate engagement of our members, but interest gradually increased as we got used to these fantastic and interactive tools, thus achieving an outstanding participation.

FLAMeCIPP internationalization was an important objective for us. The webinars and case discussions brought us closer to other Foot and Ankle Federations. Currently, not only American, European, and Asian foot and ankle surgeons participate as speakers in our activities but also many Latin American surgeons are now often invited to participate in the activities of other Federations, showing the expertise and knowledge of this side of the world. It is very important to highlight that, by expanding the scientific influence of our region, FLAMeCIPP, as the institution, has been invited as a special guest by IFFAS, EFAS, SICOT, and SLARD to participate in their online activities.

We planned to give special attention to research in an attempt to figure out a path to organize it in the region. Although we have managed to take a few steps forward, we are still far from achieving what we are committing ourselves to and that is a matter of regret for us. We believe that our region has a high potential for research, we just need to find a way to stimulate and facilitate research mainly among the new generation of foot and ankle surgeons. That should be a major task in our region for the near future.

Finally, in these difficult times, we would like to speak a word of hope particularly for our region. Thankfully, we have managed to keep in touch through the different mechanisms brought to us by technology, thus keeping the FLAMeCIPP spirit alive, and we hope we can all embrace each other again in our IX Congress to be held in conjunction with IFFAS meeting in Santiago de Chile in April 2022. We wish you all the best.





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