

VII SUMMIT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE

FORTY YEARS OF ALMA ATA: FAMILY MEDICINE AND FAMILY HEALTH, A PATH TO PEACE

The VII Summit of Family and Community Medicine is to be held in the city of Cali, Colombia, in the time frame of Alma Ata's fortieth anniversary, on 13th and 14th of March 2018.

The Ibero-American Family Medicine Summits are important events, as they constitute a political and technical space for reflection upon the first level of care and its very role in health systems. From their methodology of organization, which includes the formation of discussion groups during the event, they allow the exchange of ideas between governments, professional organizations and training institutions. The Summits generate recommendations to support the development and improvement of Primary Care and Family Medicine, as well.

The central theme of this VII Summit will cover the role of Family Medicine and Primary Care in the development of a Culture of Peace, and also how to develop an efficient approach to the effects of Violence on health, when working directly with the people, the families, and the communities; the milestones of our specialty. It is a fundamental issue throughout the world, and working against violence has been a specific recommendation of WHO and PAHO, since 2002. We know that intolerance and various forms of violence must be understood as the symptoms of a sick society. They have almost become systemic, affecting especially the most fragile, and compromising their fundamental rights as human beings.

As family doctors, we know how much violence and intolerance have a strong and negative impact on people's health, and that they have an impact on health systems too. But they especially affect primary care, where we carry out our activities and where most of the people are cared for. We believe that Family Medicine and Primary Care can contribute to guarantee the fundamental right to health, and to build a culture of peace, based on inclusion and coexistence with differences. With this in mind, the motto of the VII Ibero-American Family Medicine Summit is: Forty Years of Alma Ata: Family Medicine and Family Health, a path to peace.

Other axes, that will be developed at the Summit are all very important too. They represent relevant problems for family medicine at present, all over the world:

1. Research applied to Territories;
2. Economic Impact of Family Medicine on Health Systems;
3. Family and Community Medicine as a source of Mental Health Care;
4. Quaternary Prevention: How to Do and How to Teach;
5. Family and Community Medicine and the Health of Migrants.

We believe that the contribution of this Summit will bring benefits for all family doctors in our region, and for all the WONCA sub-regions as a whole.

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PS: The Summits are events that can be attended only by invitation, and through the representing Scientific Society of Family Medicine of each of the Ibero-American countries (www.cimfwonca.org). In the case of any person, interested in participating in the Summit, and who are not being able to contact directly with one of the Societies, please send an email to contacto@cimfwonca.org, stating and justifying their interest. All requested applications for participating in it, taken in until 10th of February 2018, shall be considered. It is worth mentioning that there will not be any type of sponsorship for the trip or the stay in the venue of the event. Finally, we remind that after the Summit, the 1st Sub-Regional Andean Congress of Family Medicine– Wonca-Iberoamericana CIMF(www.socmef.com/congresomf) is to follow, in the same venue.