

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING
OF THE LATIN AMERICAN THYROID SOCIETY**

On October 30th, 1974, gathered in Buenos Aires, Argentina during the 8th Pan-American Congress of Endocrinology, the undersigned Endocrinologists establish the Latin American Thyroid Society and elect a Provisional Executive Committee, in accordance with the transitional provision established on the Society's Bylaws.

Name, last name, country and signature:

Geraldo A. Medeiros Neto, Brazil
Eduardo A. Pretell, Peru
José Varea Tenau, Ecuador
Luiz Carlos Fernandes Reis, Brazil
Mario Alberto Pisarev, Argentina
Victor Sporn, Argentina
Hugo Niepomnische, Argentina
Eduardo Gaitan, Colombia
Jorge A. Maisterrena, Mexico
Noe Altschuler, Argentina
Manfredo Weinstein, Argentina
Walter Bloise, Brazil
Carlos Valverde, Mexico
Pablo E. Fletcher, Panama

REPORT OF THE PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN THYROID SOCIETY

After the establishment of the Latin American Thyroid Society on October 30th, 1974, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the members of the Executive Committee proceeded to define the structure of the Society and the constitution of the associated members.

1. *The symbol and respective logo of the Society were approved by the members of the Executive Committee and the mailing material and the certificates for Active members were prepared.*
2. *The Bylaws of the Latin American Thyroid Society were legally filed as a non-profit Civil Society at the 4th Registry of Deeds and Documents of the District of São Paulo, Brazil, number 1.772.083, protocol A, book BD number 584.668. Therefore, the Society is able to open bank accounts, receive donations, issue invoice, organize courses etc., being legally apt as such under the Brazilian laws.*
3. *We have sent a large amount of correspondence to all Latin American countries and Mexico, asking them to prepare a list of potential LATS candidates. Attached are the lists, possibly incomplete, of Active members from some countries.*
4. *The 1st International Course on Thyroid Gland Disorders, held in São Paulo, Brazil, with Professors Altschuller, Stevenson, Prettel, Medeiros-Neto, Nicolau, and Stanbury. The course took place from April 7-20th, 1975, and was sponsored by the Society, which collected considerable revenue in cruzeiros, which were afterwards converted into US dollars and deposited in the Society's account in New York, totaling six hundred dollars (\$ 600).*
5. *In our short term — nearly eight months — we obtained a bank balance in our account in Banco Real, of \$ 1,010.00, to which is added the balance, in cruzeiros, relative to the account in the same bank, of Cr\$ 2,656.10. The latter is being used for covering expenses of the Society in Brazil.*
6. *That Society has, in Brazil, 23 Active members and approximately 10 to 15 membership applicants. We have collected 19 application fees (Cr\$ 2.280,00), partially converted into dollars and remitted to Banco Real in New York, the remainder being kept in cruzeiros.*
7. *10 certificates were sent abroad, according to the attached list, having received payment confirmation from only 3 Active members (2, 3 and 9). We sent letters to all of them requesting to deposit the dues in Banco Real. There are no other matters to address.*

It should be brought to the delegates' attention that we must elect, in this meeting, the Executive Committee that shall serve in term until 1978, on the occasion of the Pan-American Congress of Endocrinology, to be held in Quito, Ecuador.

Professor Geraldo A. de Medeiros-
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Committee