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Executive Report **2021**



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World-Class
Training to
Mexican
Physicians.



Whoever saves
one life
saves the
entire world.

Hebrew proverb

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2021 was a year of unprecedented efforts in the field of healthcare worldwide. The battle against COVID-19 continued, as it took more lives in 2021 than in 2020, while we continued fighting to keep the other health services open.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought together the world's best scientific minds, who joined forces to raise and answer the critical research questions necessary to tackle COVID-19. A great example of this is that in record time, ten vaccines against COVID-19 were validated in terms of safety, efficacy, and high quality. This is an unparalleled landmark in the history of humanity.

This year made the unequal access to healthcare tools even more evident. We witnessed the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to those who had access, for the most part in wealthy countries. In 2021 more than 8 billion doses of the vaccine against COVID-19 were administered all over the planet, but at the end of December, only one of every four African healthcare workers had received two vaccines. Low income countries in the world, had access only to .4% of worldwide COVID-19 testing. By the end of 2021, this situation led to the appearance of mutations, such as the OMICRON variant, again posing a threat to humanity.

Thanks to the academic alliances that the Open Medical Institute (OMI) has created since its foundation in 1993, we had the privilege to interact with Dr. Christoph Huber, co-founder of BioNTech, who developed the first mRNA vaccine against COVID-19. In this encounter with Scientists we confirmed it is essential to train physicians to be prepared for health challenges on a global level. At AMSA training is our priority.

After returning to the "new normal" and despite the challenges continuous education had to face due to the pandemic, we are satisfied AMSA achieved the objectives of its Mission and its vision in 2021, to maximize the positive impact of healthcare professionals and to be leaders in promoting human capital in the healthcare ecosystem.

The work that we have carried out in Mexico would not have been possible without the commitment and support of our academic partners and the Members of our Board, with whom we will continue working untiringly to close the gaps in access to healthcare.

Starting in 2022, we will be launching a new continuous education program called OMI-MEX in partnership with OMI. The aim of this program is to extend benefits to physicians in Central and South America with a training center in Mexico City. We are grateful for the trust of our friend Wolfgang Aulitzky with whom we have collaborated during the last eleven years; his great vision, the academic partnerships with the best Hospitals and Universities in Europe and the United States, and his enthusiasm have turned OMI into a global Institution based in Austria and with two centers that cover Latin America (OMI-MEX) and Asia and the Far East (OMI-Vietnam).



Schloss Arenberg, venue of the OMI seminars in Salzburg

Open Medical Institute OMI Foreword



Wolfgang Aulitzky

Wolfgang Aulitzky
DIRECTOR OF THE
OPEN MEDICAL INSTITUTE

BOARD MEMBER
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Against our hopes, the year 2021 started again with social restrictions and travel bans due to COVID-19. Despite these difficult circumstances, we were able to continue our mission, both in Salzburg and Mexico. At Schloss Arenberg, we reverted to virtual seminars, OMInars, during the first months of the year. Instead of attending lectures and hands-on in-person workshops, and meeting with colleagues and a dedicated faculty on-site, our fellows could only gather virtually. We tried our best to make the OMInars as interactive as possible through intense discussions, case presentations, and lively moderations. We also informed our fellows about recent developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged them, because despite all restrictions, doctors must be available for their patients at any time to prevent collateral damage from late diagnostic and therapeutic action. According to the participants' feedback, our programs were very successful. But teaching and learning without eye contact, when smiles and personal expressions are hidden behind masks, when handshakes between friends are forbidden, and collective laughter or applause does not happen should not become the new normal.

At the beginning of June 2021, we finally saw light at the end of the tunnel and restarted the OMI on-site seminar series in Salzburg. Fellows enjoyed the opportunity to meet again, listen to live lectures, and have discussions with their equally enthusiastic faculty. Just as in the past, Mexican participants, with their humor and friendly attitude, were not only great fellows but also the center of the seminars' social life. Until December 2021, we conducted 17 regular seminars in Salzburg and 21 virtual OMInars, and altogether 79 Mexican colleagues participated in this year's program. In 2021, AMSA offered five MEX OMInars training 145 physicians locally.

Meanwhile, our academic partners in New York (Weill Cornell Medicine, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Columbia University), Philadelphia (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia), and Durham (Duke University Medical Center) confirmed their commitments to provide faculty for free for the OMI MEX seminars in the upcoming years. This will allow us to expand the 3-year curriculum in Mexico and offer the AMSA-sponsored program to physicians in other Latin American countries. The Institut Pasteur in Paris agreed to run a global health seminar in Mexico in 2022. They also committed to an additional seminar in Vietnam for physicians in Southeast Asia, thus creating the first OMI seminar taking place in all three hemispheres of our world. Once again, we must thank Pablo Legorreta, who encouraged us to take this important step.

Overall, we look back to an interesting and successful year in 2021. Many physicians and their patients will benefit from our educational programs, and we learned how to adapt to a worldwide health crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic.

This was only possible because of the excellent collaboration of our teams in Salzburg and Mexico under the leadership of Stephanie Faschang, Rebeca Águilar-Alvarez de Sáenz, and Gerardo Legorreta, who deserve our thanks and gratitude.

The first
wealth is health.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Introduction



Rebeca Aguilar-Álvarez de Sáenz

Rebeca Aguilar-Álvarez de Sáenz
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AMSA

As of the beginning of 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to unfold. Several countries responded to the second wave of the pandemic by imposing curfews or complete lockdown measures in an effort to limit the viral transmission. However, and despite the spark of hope that the newly introduced vaccines brought, there were vast repercussions on the economy and education; one of the fields that the pandemic has substantially affected is the education of future medical professionals. The dynamic everyday changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in continuous disruption of the routines of medical students, copiously testing the medical educational systems adaptability worldwide. Furthermore, it is important to consider the technical challenges that online teaching and learning in medical students can pose, which include problems with audio and video, downloading or streaming errors, login problems, poor internet quality, security issues, as well as limited technical skills in both students and instructors. These difficulties can be more evident in developing countries which encounter many more technological challenges compared to technologically advanced countries.

Along with all the difficulties it brought, this pandemic reminded us that human collaboration through science is one of the greatest tools of humanity to deal with threats. Applying the same collaborative science in education, and specifically in medical education, could raise our optimism for the future of medicine. In AMSA we are certain that the best way to promote development in Mexico is to invest in human capital through medical education.

We were able to train 16 doctors in Salzburg in on-site seminars and 63 in OMInars. In Mexico we trained 214 in online Seminars and 2 Fellows were able to travel to Vienna, Austria for a 1 month Observership.

Since 2010 we have trained 602 young Mexican physicians in Salzburg, Austria, at the Open Medical Institute. These AMSA Fellows have shared their knowledge with more than 2235 Mexican doctors in 47 Seminars.

After 11 years of operations in Mexico we have many success stories. In this executive report, we are proud to present testimonials from doctors that have excelled in their fields in the healthcare sector in Mexico and have shown their leadership skills. AMSA Alianza Médica para la Salud.



Wolfgang Aulitzky, Almudena Caso de Legorreta and Pablo Legorreta Creel

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AMSA's strength is based on alliances and cooperation forged with the most important public and private health institutions in our country.

These include Instituto Mexicano de Seguro Social (IMSS), IMSS Foundation, National Institutes of Health and High Specialty Hospitals, Petróleos Mexicanos Hospital (PEMEX), Tec de Monterrey Medical School, ABC Medical Center, Carlos Slim Foundation, and Alfredo Harp Helú Foundation, among others. Since 2018 UNAM gives credit to students who attend our Seminars in Mexico and starting 2022 to all Latin American doctors who will participate in AMSA OMI-MEX Seminars, our training center in Mexico City.

Our Board of Trustees leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm have been essential to our project's success. We will continue to work with complete dedication in order to ensure our Foundation's continued sustainability for many years to come.

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A
Commitment
to HEALTH

Our Mission

To maximize the positive impact of health professionals in Mexico through continuing education, empowerment, and forging ties.

Our Vision

To be the most innovative foundation in Latin America by promoting human capital in the health ecosystem.



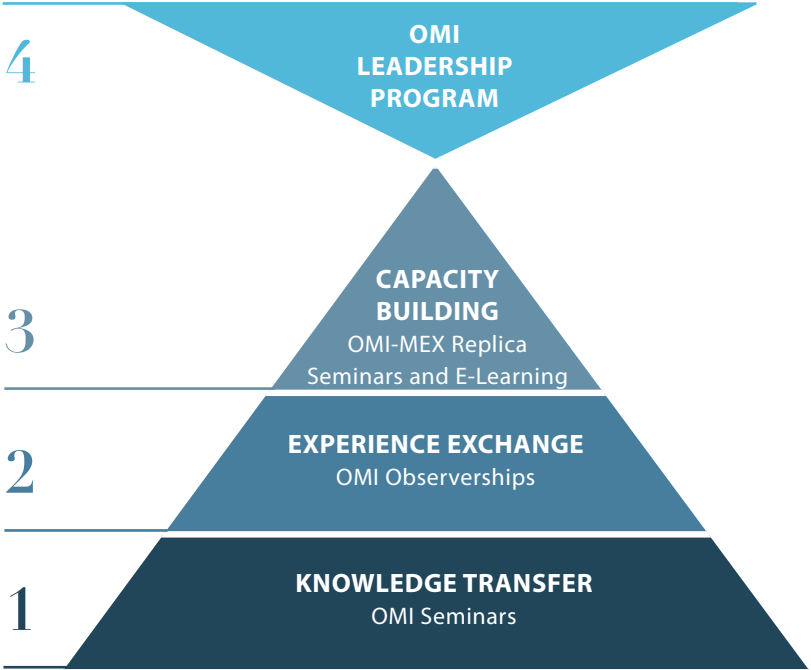
Fellows during OMI classes and workshops in Salzburg



AMSA operates in partnership with the Open Medical Institute (OMI)

FOUR-STEP
FOCUS TO DEVELOP
CAPACITIES

Efforts focus on encouraging physicians to develop their skills in education, leadership, health quality and patient safety, applied clinical research and clinical information.



OMI
OPEN MEDICAL
INSTITUTE

- **Global medical education initiative**, founded in 1993 to improve healthcare and physicians’ abilities.
- **OMI** shares knowledge and medical experience and promotes transnational medical partnerships.
- **Leading institutions** in Latin America, the United States, and Europe provide academic leadership.
- **The teaching staff** offers its support pro bono.

OMI Seminars in SALZBURG

The physicians who participate in the OMI seminar in Salzburg are selected based on their merits and leadership. They must be Mexican citizens, younger than 40, fluent in English, have social skills and a willingness to share their experience and knowledge in Mexico to benefit vulnerable groups. The professors, world-renowned physicians, donate their time and experience, forging close ties with the physicians attending the event. Starting in 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions, some seminars were given online, creating OMInars.

 **602** trained physicians



JORGE ROCHA MILLÁN

Centro Médico ABC Santa Fe

OMI Seminar: Pediatric Emergency Medicine
October 3–9, 2021

In addition to attending different lectures given by experts, we were able to practice different cases on high-tech manikins to simulate attending patients in critical condition. I believe one of the most enriching ways to share experiences of attending patients is the presentation of clinical cases given by each of the fellows in this seminar. I am very grateful to AMSA for the opportunity it has given me to have this experience of high professional value, that has expanded my network of professional contacts, as well as academic/scientific ties with physicians from other countries.



GINA CHAPA KOLOFFON

Hospital Infantil de México Federico Gómez

OMI Seminar: Psychiatry
August 29–September 4, 2021

I am extremely grateful to AMSA and those who make this program possible. This seminar was a unique experience for me. Everything that I learned here will be useful in my clinical practice; I made connections with fellows from other countries who are also interested in psychiatric research, so that perhaps we might be able to work together in the future.



Medical Observership



All students who participate in the Salzburg seminars are candidates for a one-to-three-month fellowship in Austria or the United States, at one of the medical institutions partnered with OMI. The selection process is based on the physicians' merits and commitment to AMSA.

The physicians benefit from:

- Exchange of experiences and professional practice
- Knowledge of new techniques and treatment protocols
- Access to modern hospitals
- Establishment of joint research and collaborative study projects



Mariano Oropeza Aguilar

Urologist at the Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán
Observership in Urology
September–October 2021
Vienna General Hospital, Austria

My stay during these clinical rotation months in the Vienna General Hospital was a one-of-a-kind experience that enabled me to learn from the leaders in Urology on the European and global level. In addition to learning about innovations in the medical field, I had the opportunity to get to know the city, its culture, and to meet colleagues from other parts of the world, with whom I could share experiences and forge ties, both professional and of friendship. I am extremely grateful to AMSA and OMI for giving me this incredible opportunity.



Nidia Paulina Zapata Canto

Hematologist from the Instituto Nacional de Cancerología
Medical Observership in Hematology and Hemostasis
November 2021
University Hospital of Vienna

I have been an AAF fellow since 2013 and I attended the seminar in Salzburg on two occasions in person, once virtually, and then I did a month-long rotation in the University Hospital of Vienna. This was a fantastic experience. I met other people and saw the everyday work close-up at another institution. I brought myself up to date in hemostasis and thrombosis, and I could interact with the authors of the most recent papers. I met very important people, such as Professor Christian Syllaber, who is fascinated by hereditary diseases and expert in Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Chronic Granulocytic Leukemia; an excellent physician and a wonderful person. Professor Sperr, expert in Acute Leukemias, and Professor Peter Valent, current chief of service. The activities organized outside the Hospital by the AAF helped us get to know the place, which enriched our Vienna experience. My gratitude to AMSA and the Foundation that made these observerships possible.



Alexandra Rueda de León

Surgeon at Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán
Hepato-pancreato-biliary Observership
October–November 2021
Vienna General Hospital, Austria

Through the two-month medical observership in Visceral Surgery at the Medical University of Vienna, I was in contact with a world-class surgical school. I observed not only surgical practice there, but also how they selected and handled patients. This type of opportunity taught us not only surgical techniques, but also opened our eyes to another way of practicing medicine. OMI and AMSA gave us the opportunity to interact with other specialists, other schools, and other ways of life that opened our minds. I bring home new surgical knowledge that will be part of my professional practice from now on. I am enormously grateful for the opportunity to have had this experience.

OMI-MEX and AMSA Seminars in MEXICO

Organized by AMSA fellows in partnership with different health institutions. Starting in 2020 the seminars were carried out online (webinars and OMIinars).

- Two or three day seminars organized by a Mexican physician, AMSA fellow, sponsored by AMSA and OMI
- Focused on a wider audience in the system of healthcare professionals
- With visits of foreign professors (OMI alliances)

 **2,235** trained physicians



1. Gynecology and Obstetrics:

276 participants. 4 seminars



2. Pediatrics:

Pediatric Emergencies:

190 participants. 2 seminars

General Pediatrics:

156 participants. 5 seminars

Pediatric and Neonatal Cardiology:

178 participants. 4 seminars

Pediatric Oncology and Palliative Care:

88 participants. 2 seminars

Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics:

30 participants. 1 seminar

Pediatric Urology and Nephrology:

17 participants. 1 seminar



3. Maternal and Infant Health:

358 participants. 4 seminars



4. Neurosurgery:

122 participants. 4 seminars



5. Diabetes:

133 participants. 3 seminars



6. Breast Cancer:

132 participants. 3 seminars



7. Cardiology:

104 participants. 1 seminar



8. Education, Research and Medical Leadership:

223 participants. 6 seminars



9. Cystic Fibrosis:

88 participants. 2 seminars



10. Neurology:

75 participants. 3 seminars



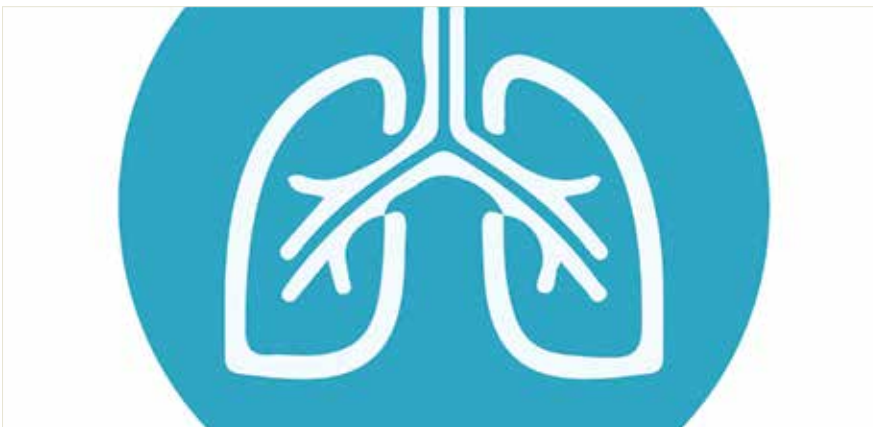
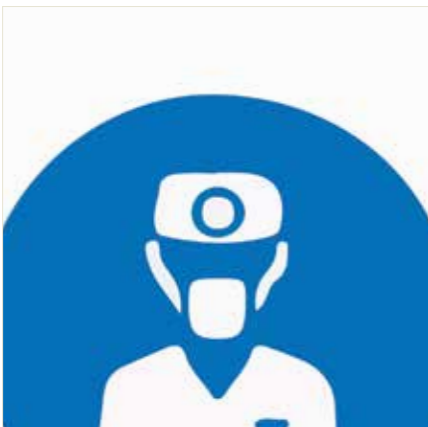
11. Otorhinolaryngology:

36 participants. 1 seminar



12. Psychiatry:

29 participants. 1 seminar





2,867

Trained physicians
2010 to 2021

* Online seminars given by the Open Medical
Institute (OMI)

** Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

1,812

In Seminars in Mexico [2010-2021]

602

In OMI Seminars in Salzburg and in OMIinars* [2010-2021]

423

In OMI-MEX OMIinars and AMSA webinars [2020-2021]

22

In CHOP** Pediatric Emergency Medicine Seminars

8

In Medical Observerships in the USA and Austria
[2020-2021]

Trained physicians



Multiplier
EFFECT

Physicians trained
by OMI/AMSA
fellows,
2010–2021

Faculty
at OMI-MEX Seminars
in Mexico

602
Physicians trained at
OMI Seminars



40
physicians



24,080

Physicians benefitted

All physicians
trained by AMSA
are committed to
SHARING the
KNOWLEDGE
acquired with their
colleagues, and these
tools allow them to
SAVE many more
LIVES throughout
their professional
career.



Testimonials
of **PHYSICIANS**
based on their
experience in
AMSA

Stories to Tell



*Dr. Alfonso de Jesús
Martínez García*
Pediatric Cardiologist

AMSA has enabled me to collaborate with Mexican and international medical specialists and through its seminars to continue the teaching-learning cycle essential for keeping Mexican medicine at the forefront.

I am a medical specialist in fetal cardiology, pediatric cardiology, and pediatric echocardiography. As for academic training, I did my fetal cardiology specialty in London, UK, at the Royal Brompton Hospital and St. George's University Hospital. I did the Pediatric Cardiology specialty and higher specialty training in Pediatric Echocardiography at the Instituto Nacional de Cardiología Ignacio Chávez in Mexico City, as well as the pediatrics specialty at the Hospital Infantil de México Federico Gómez. I am proud to say I did my training as a medical surgeon at the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

Today I am a physician affiliated with the Instituto Nacional de Perinatología, where in collaboration with an excellent team of maternal and fetal care physicians, obstetricians, and neonatologists, we began the fetal cardiology clinic aimed at timely diagnosis and treatment of congenital cardiopathies during pregnancy and offering immediate attention to newborns who need it. I am a full professor and founder of the fetal cardiology higher specialty course at the UNAM, which we began in 2020. I am also an undergraduate lecturer in physiology for surgeons at the Faculty of Medicine at the UNAM. I am the coordinator of the Eco-Pediatrics chapter of the National Society of Echocardiography of Mexico (2021–2023).

In 2018, thanks to Alianza Médica para la Salud, A.C. (AMSA), I participated in the OMI Seminar in Pediatric Cardiology in Salzburg, where I obtained recognition for academic excellence and recognition for the best clinical case presented. Later, I participated as a speaker at two seminars organized by AMSA: "Seminar in Perinatal Health 2019" and "Neonatal Cardiology 2021." AMSA has enabled me to collaborate with national and international medical specialists and through its seminars to continue the teaching-learning cycle essential for keeping Mexican medicine at the forefront.



Dr. Karen Férez
Dermatologist

**With AMSA
you accumulate
memories, reassess
your path, write
histories, and renew
your dreams.**

I participated in the OMI Seminar in Dermatology in Salzburg, Austria in 2017 as a high specialty resident. All the speakers that I had the opportunity to exchange knowledge with were exceptional and the immunology classes fascinated me.

Autoimmune diseases were present in my medical trajectory and in my personal life, so that devoting myself to the ailment of vitiligo seemed natural to me. Since my thesis, I have channeled my energies into researching this disease.

In addition, due to the enormous psychological toll it has taken on patients, I formed the Vitiligo Support Group and I have held various events such as workshops for camouflage makeup and taking professional photos to help publicize, educate, spread awareness and acceptance of the disease.

The project grew, which led me to create the non-profit group, Mexican Vitiligo and Skin Diseases Foundation, which has three pillars: medical assistance, research and education.

I am grateful to AMSA for having been the inspiration for finding my niche and for offering me the fundamental support for my professional development, which led me to create this important project.

With AMSA you accumulate memories, you reassess your path, you write histories and renew your dreams.



*Dr. Antonio
Rizzoli Córdoba*
Developmental and
Behavioral Pediatrician

AMSA has been a watershed for me and something unique in my life. I have been fortunate to receive support from many people, but never have I felt so protected, surrounded, and blessed.

I am very grateful for my life with AMSA and the Harvard Foundation in Mexico for having been able to participate in the Certification Program in Safety, Quality, Information Technology and Leadership. My research project is about how to improve the quality and safety of childhood development in attending patients. My project is still under review, but it has already been useful at the Hospital Infantil de México Federico Gómez.

We are part of a team with the Head of Nursing, Social Work and Public Relations through the sub-directorate of holistic patient attention to be able to implement these ideas from the CAMP Project that are arising thanks to AMSA's support. We want to enhance the integral development of children, a fundamental aspect of dealing with patients.

AMSA has been a watershed for me and something unique in my life. I have been fortunate to receive support from many people, but never have I felt so protected, surrounded, and blessed as being part of the AMSA fellows. I had the privilege to attend the Developmental and Behavioral Pediatric Seminar in Salzburg at the Open Medical Institute (OMI), which was also a great opportunity to let others know about what we are doing in Mexico and also thanks to the OMI- MEX replica seminar, we now have a very solid relationship with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). The plan is to have a Medical Observership at CHOP and have residents from the Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Specialty participating in the observerships and exchanging experiences directly with the hospital.

Thanks to the alliance between AMSA and CHOP, specifically with the Developmental Pediatrics division, starting in 2022, we will have sessions to exchange experiences in treating patients, enriching knowledge. We currently have two members of the Developmental Pediatrics Department of the CHOP in our annual Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Congress. In addition, I had the honor of representing Mexico at the 13th CHOP Pediatric Global Health Congress, where I shared in-person what Mexico has done, alongside participants from the United States and Africa.

Without AMSA I would not have been able to do the certification course in Leadership and IT, which has opened an amazing network of contacts, but especially remembering this phrase that has stuck with me, "leadership does not require a position, the position grants authority, leadership depends on the person." I am focused on replicating everything that AMSA has given me by sharing the knowledge I acquired with other colleagues. I am thankful for everything AMSA.



*Dr. Inés
Álvarez de Iturbe*
Pediatrician

**Thanks for
these years of
support and
congratulations
for 10 more
years of success.**

I am Inés Álvarez de Iturbe, pediatrician graduated from the Hospital Infantil de Mexico Federico Gomez, and have been working at the Centro Medico ABC for 11 years. I found out about AMSA in September 2017 at the first OMI-MEX Pediatrics Seminar. It was a seminar that really captivated me, it taught me, and left me eager to improve my medical practice. I loved the format; at conventional congresses you can't interact with the expert to ask simple questions necessary to help you in a case or to clear up doubts. There I was awarded a fellowship for the Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Seminar in Salzburg in June 2018, where I met Dr. Mary Pipen and her team at CHOP and together with Dr. Antonio Rizzoli we did the OMI-MEX Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Seminar in April 2019. I keep in touch by e-mail with the fellows I met in Salzburg to exchange experiences on cases. And I also refer patients to Dr. Rizzoli with autism spectrum disorders for holistic treatment. In my group I do neurodevelopmental assessments and I work on a team with the neurologist and therapists for timely diagnosis.

I also had the opportunity to participate in other seminars, such as the Medical Education Seminar in March 2019, the virtual meeting with Dr. Rodrigo Ayala on Leadership, and the meeting with Prof. Michael Chu of Harvard Business School on Non-brand Pharmacies this year. In the latter, I was able to see the Farmacias Similares from another perspective, a very interesting experience. Of the in-person and virtual meetings with other fellows, I have been able to generate a medical support and reference community. In these meetings, you meet physicians from other hospitals and on one occasion, we managed to transfer a patient from the Instituto Nacional de Pediatría for diagnosis and treatment.

Today I continue seeing Developmental Pediatric cases and I hope to do a master's in Developmental Pediatrics online to be up to date in this area. My most recent project is the aided intervention program with dogs DOGtores at the ABC, with the help of the Fundación Owen IAP. The program's aim is to help patients, family members, and the medical team to feel more comfortable and to reduce stress and anxiety.



Dr. Javier Terrazo
Pediatric Neurosurgeon

I am a pediatric neurosurgeon committed to my profession and I acknowledge AMSA for all the support it has given me in my professional career.

I am a physician and surgeon with a specialty in Neurosurgery. I graduated from the Instituto Nacional de Neurología and did a high specialty course on Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Instituto Nacional de Pediatría where I have been an attending physician.

I am also president of the medical group of Neurosciences at the Centro Médico ABC. I have the honor of being guest examiner in the Medical Council of Neurological Surgery Examination and president of the Pediatric Neurosurgery Section of the ABC, in addition to being a member of international societies such as the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the International Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

I have also devoted my time to people with limited income by participating in the epilepsy surgeries program for the vulnerable population at the Epilepsy Clinic of the Centro Neurológico del Centro Médico ABC.

Throughout my professional career, I have received major support to continue updating my training.

I am especially grateful to AMSA for believing in my work and for allowing me to be a beneficiary of its programs. I had the opportunity to participate in the OMI Seminar on Neurosurgery in Salzburg. Then in Mexico, I participated in the first Neurosurgery Seminar in 2011 and I organized another in 2014 entitled Neurosurgery: Advances and Technologies at the Centro Médico ABC (OMI-AMSA), and thus I was able to replicate the knowledge I acquired. Thank you, AMSA, for all that I have received.



Dra. Paola Roldán
Endocrinologist

For me AMSA
has been a
source of great
support in my
professional life
and I am
enormously
grateful to it.

I had the opportunity to participate in the Seminar in Salzburg on

Lipids and Metabolism 2019, which was a great learning experience for my professional development; later I participated as professor in the Seminar in Mexico on Diabetes in 2019 and in the webinar Diabetes and Cardiometabolic Diseases 2021, on both occasions to replicate my knowledge with younger physicians.

I am delighted that this impetus exists to support Mexican physicians for their professional training. I admire the vision of going beyond a single individual, incentivizing those of us who have had the opportunity to be part of this, to replicate the models we learned in the seminars given in Salzburg by the Open Medical institute (OMI), with other points of view grounded in Mexico's reality, seeking to improve the Healthcare System in our country, and facilitating access to knowledge on an international level.

I think that more than my own personal history, the story of success is of AMSA having an impact on each one of us who has had the opportunity to be part of this community dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare services in Mexico for the benefit of society as a whole.



Dra. Karla Solís
Pediatrician

AMSA has always been committed to promoting medical education and to give young physicians state-of-the-art tools to share with future generations.

I started to work with AMSA in 2013 after an invitation from Dr. Elisa

Bustamante, who at that time was at ABC Medical Center and was very active in Nursing Education projects. She invited me to the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Seminar at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) in 2013, where I had the opportunity to collaborate not only with physicians, but also with nurses doing simulations, which helped me strengthen my knowledge of emergency services.

Later I was invited to apply to the seminar in Salzburg, where I also participated in the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Seminar in 2016, with colleagues from the same area of specialization. It was a very good experience, where I had the honor to receive recognition for the best clinical case presentation.

My participation in this seminar was very rewarding and enjoyable because I was able to share knowledge and learn about the ways emergency systems are organized and managed in Europe and in first-world situations.

Later I had the opportunity to participate as professor in the first OMI-MEX General Pediatrics Seminar in 2017 together with CHOP for young pediatricians, and later I participated in a seminar that was also sponsored by AMSA and Dr. Rizzoli on Neurodevelopment.



2021 Activities

WEBINARS AND OMI-MEX OMINARS

Just as the rest of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic suddenly changed the plans and activities that AMSA had organized for 2020–2021. Starting in March 2020 we were faced with the need to shift from in-person to virtual learning, replacing the seminars in Mexico and Austria with online training seminars known as webinars and OMIinars.

In 2021 we conducted the following seminars:

Today's Issues in Breast Cancer

March 25 and 26

24 participants

Medical Leadership

April 12 and 13

35 participants

Urology and Pediatric Nephrology

April 27 to 29

17 participants

Neonatal Cardiology

May 20 and 21

43 participants

Clinical Research

September 8 and 9

26 participants

Diabetes

September 23 and 24

12 participants

Maternal and Infant Health

November 8 and 9

57 participants

Webinars

and OMI-MEX OMIinars

AMSA Fellows’ Meeting

On June 28, 2021, AMSA Fellows annual meeting was held with the presence of Dr. Michael Chu, senior lecturer of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. During the meeting, he presented an academic case, which he opened for discussion among the physicians.



COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign

We joined this initiative in partnership with other Foundations and Family Offices to promote vaccination.

In October 18, 2021, a video was launched to promote this massive campaign. The video’s aim was to clear up certain aspects of vaccination in Mexico to dispel doubts in some sectors of the population. All this was achieved through a friendly and transparent dialogue among influencers and experts in the healthcare sector.

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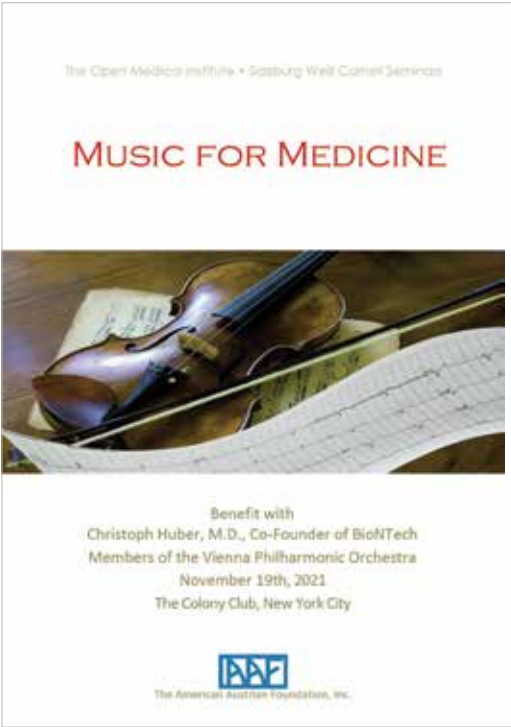
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OMI Annual Benefit

The 2021 “Music for Medicine” annual benefit was held on November 19 in New York City. Two hundred guests attended, including members of the board of the American Austrian Foundation (AAF), professors, and friends of OMI, as well as individuals committed to business, medicine, and public service.

For more than two decades, the Vienna Philharmonic has supported the Open Medical Institute (OMI) through benefit concerts. The fundraising from this event is essential for financing the in-person seminars in Salzburg. The association of the Vienna Philharmonic with the AAF and OMI reflects the shared commitment to humanitarianism, education, peace, and sustainability.

Every year there is a keynote speaker, and in 2021 our guest speaker was Dr. Christoph Huber, co-founder of BioNTech, which developed the first mRNA vaccine against COVID-19. Two days before the ceremony, he received a prestigious award, the Deutscher Zukunftspreis, along with his BioNTech co-founders, Ugur Sahin and Özlem Türeci. Dr. Huber has more than 50 years of experience in transnational immunology, hematology, and oncology, and he is president emeritus



Rebeca Aguilar-Álvarez de Sáenz, Wolfgang Aulitzky, Maru del Villar and Carlos Navarro



Wolfgang Aulitzky, presenting the OMI 2021 activities



Christopher Hinterhub at the piano and Rainer Honeck, first violin of the Vienna Philharmonic



Daisy Soros, one of the most important philanthropists in the United States

of the Department of Hematology and Oncology of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz. He was co-founder of Ganymed, now a subsidiary of Astellas Pharma Inc.

Welcoming remarks were delivered by Robert Wessely, president of the AAF, and Daisy Soros, one of the foremost philanthropists in the United States. This was followed by the first portion of the Vienna Philharmonic concert, with Rainer Honeck playing the violin and Christopher Hinterhuber on the piano. The pieces they performed included “Sonatina in D major Op. 137, No. 1” by Franz Schubert.

After their performance, the guests had the opportunity to listen to an interesting discussion panel, “Translating Science into Survival,” between Dr. Christoph Huber and Pablo Legorreta, founder of Royalty Pharma, AAF board member, as well as a great philanthropist. Then the musicians from the Vienna Philharmonic performed the second half of the program, in which they played “Valse Rosenkavalier” by Richard Strauss (Arr. V. Prihoda), the “Miniature Viennese March” by Fritz Kreisler, the “Berceuse” by Amy Beach, and “Spanish Dance” by Fritz Kreisler.



Pablo Legorreta and Christoph Huber in conversation about the COVID-19 vaccines

To close the event, Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky presented the OMI annual report, highlighting that despite the pandemic, this global initiative continued educating medical professionals all over the world. He once again emphasized that a pandemic can only be stopped with a united front, for which we need enough well-trained healthcare workers worldwide. Investing in educating physicians globally to provide proper attention and to prevent the propagation of such a mortal disease is precisely what OMI is doing.

The evening concluded with a dinner, where guests could support OMI fellows through monetary donations.

AMSA, in collaboration with OMI, will participate in a series of OMI global health seminars, given by the renowned Institut Pasteur. This will be the first OMI course that will take place in three hemispheres of the globe: Salzburg for central and eastern Europe and Africa; Mexico for the Americas; and Vietnam for Southeast Asia, making OMI a truly global program.



Pablo Legorreta and Christoph Huber



Dr. Marisol Huante Guido
Pediatric
Otorhinolaryngologist
Centro Médico
Nacional 20 de
Noviembre

“Teamwork is the best strategy to overcome any adverse situation.”

“In this pandemic we learned to appreciate what is really important, like family, love and health.”

The photos show
what we do everyday in the Hospital Infantil
de México Federico Gómez.

COVID-19
Lessons
**Physicians’
Testimonial**

The pandemic has led humanity to some important reflections and lessons. It has put a spotlight on the fundamental work of physicians; it has strengthened telemedicine and has revealed the capacity to adapt of both medical personnel and society as a whole.

In this pandemic we learned that challenges triggered adjustments in how we work. To continue doing follow-up, detection, and treatment of alterations in neurodevelopment, we modified the way we work, using telerehabilitation to reach the homes of the little ones who needed it. Telemedicine gained greater importance and is now part of our arsenal of tools.



Greetings from La Paz, Baja California Sur.

Dr. Elsa Pérez
Pediatric Neurorehabilitation specialist



As many have said, it has been a year of important challenges, but there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel.

I can share my experience as a Neurosurgery resident and it has been enriching, because despite the pandemic, my professional evolution has benefitted. I am part of various projects, I am a resident member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), I participated in the Neurosurgery OMInar, which was incredible, and I will have the opportunity to attend various national and international congresses, like the OMI Seminar in Salzburg next year. And that’s not all, I am speaking for all residents in Mexico, we were and continue to be a vital part of the struggle against COVID-19. The photo I share shows neurological surgery on a COVID patient, because all diseases continue and require attention.

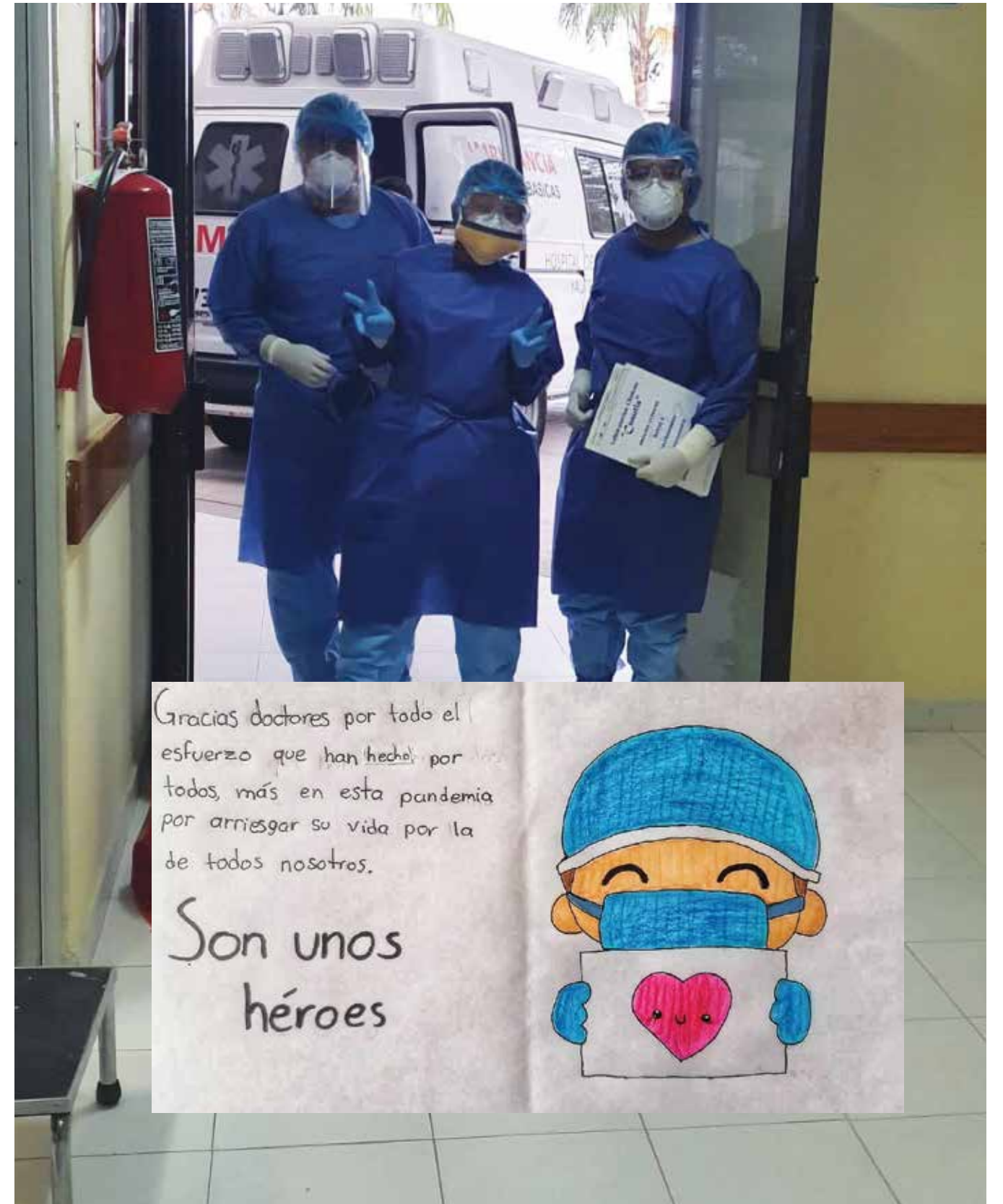
Thank you very much for everything.

Dr. Julio César Delgado Arce
Neurosurgery resident | UNAM
Centro Médico ISSEM Toluca


























**Dr. Sylvia Gabriela
Cruz Núñez**
Hospital de la Mujer

It is very difficult, after all that we have been through, to sum up this life experience, but I think that as professionals, we learned that we are vulnerable, and that empathy is what matters the most to be able to help someone. There is always some way to help a patient and despite adversities and moments of desperation, anger, and frustration over not being able to save a patient, what is the most important is the relief we can give while we are with them and their families. As human beings it was an enormous challenge to endure the death and suffering of the work team and patients and their relatives, but the best solution is to have a (family and work team) for their support and to be able to gain the necessary strength to keep moving forward and to remember there is light at the end of the tunnel. We have realized that the reason we decided to be physicians is for experiences like this (pandemic) where we put ourselves to the test to help and improve, even for an instant, the lives of one or more people.

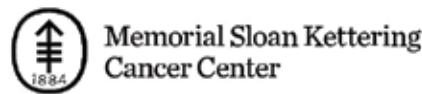


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Despite the pandemic, the AMSA Board has always maintained good communications, conducting meetings on Zoom to review results and to discuss new projects.

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for humanity.

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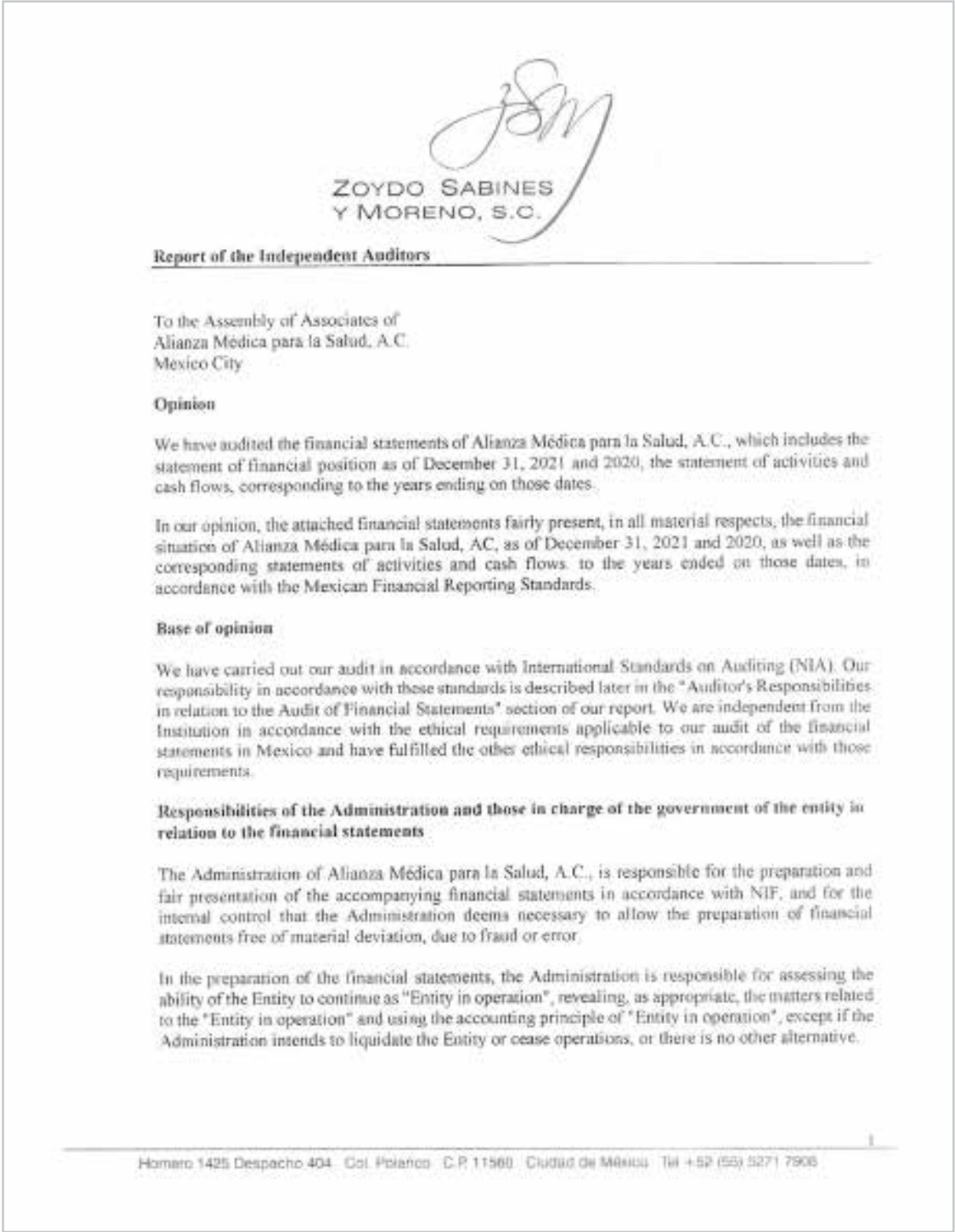
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Financial Statements



Responsibilities of the auditor in relation to the audit of the financial statements

Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, due to fraud or error, and issue an audit report that contains our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high degree of security, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISA always detects a material misstatement when it exists. The inaccuracies may be due to fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in an aggregate way, it can reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions that users make based on the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we apply our professional judgment and maintain an attitude of professional skepticism throughout the entire audit. As well:

We identify and evaluate the risks of material deviation in the financial statements due to fraud or error, design and apply audit procedures to respond to such risks and obtain sufficient and adequate audit evidence to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material deviation due to fraud is higher than in the case of a material deviation due to error, since fraud can involve collusion, forgery, deliberate omissions, intentionally erroneous statements or circumvention of internal control.

We obtained knowledge of the internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in accordance with the circumstances and not with the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of the Entity.

We evaluate the adequacy of the accounting policies applied, the reasonableness of the accounting estimates and the corresponding information revealed by the Administration.

We conclude on the adequacy of the use, by the Administration, of the accounting post of "Entity in operation" and, based on the obtained audit evidence, we conclude that there is not material uncertainty related to facts or conditions that can generate significant doubts about the Entity's ability to continue as "Entity in operation".

We evaluate the comprehensive presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the information disclosed.

We communicate with the Entity's Management regarding the scope and timing of the planned audit and the significant findings of the audit, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified in the course of our audit.

Zoydo Sabines y Asociados, S. C.

C. P. C. Javier Moreno Ibarra
Partner

Mexico City, January 31, 2022

Alianza Médica para la Salud, A.C.
Mexico City
Statements of financial position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020
(In U.S. dollars)

Exhibit "A"

Assets	December 2021		December 2020	
	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total	Total
Short term:				
Cash and cash equivalents	10,243	1,141,763	1,152,006	1,389,368
Other accounts receivable	-	-	-	10,046
BSI retained	787	-	787	807
Total current assets	11,030	1,141,763	1,152,793	1,400,222
Long term:				
Investment in financial instruments	-	3,967,279	3,967,279	3,929,403
Furniture and computer equipment, net	-	1,653	1,653	3,031
Guarantee deposits	1,105	-	1,105	1,554
Total long-term assets	1,105	3,968,932	3,970,038	3,934,038
Total assets	12,135	5,110,695	5,122,831	5,334,270

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Liabilities	December 2021		December 2020	
	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total	Total
Short term:				
American Express Company (México), S.A. de C.V.	18,876	-	18,876	400
Payable accounts	2,880	-	2,880	3,243
Payable taxes	33,232	-	33,232	14,415
Total short-term liabilities	54,988	-	54,988	18,058
Equity account:				
Equity of previous years	-	5,158,799	5,158,799	5,340,208
Other comprehensive income	-	86,263	86,263	190,762
Net change in equity account	-	(144,322)	(144,322)	(184,020)
Total equity account	-	5,099,648	5,099,648	5,346,950
Total liabilities and equity account	54,988	5,099,648	5,122,831	5,334,270

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Activities statements as of December 31, 2021 and 2020
(In U.S. dollars)

Exhibit "B"

	December 2021	December 2020
	Permanently restricted	Permanently restricted
Income:		
Donations received	195,000	355,220
Returns on investments in financial instruments	96,732	219,355
Total income	291,732	574,575
Expenses:		
Fundraising Expenses	93,669	149,293
Donation delivery program	134,415	570,477
Scholarship program	108,166	19,845
Medical education program	77,478	27,858
Seminars program	10,832	6,384
Administration and general expenses	12,950	17,144
Total expenditures	437,509	751,002
Interest paid	544	7,593
Total financial expenses	544	7,593
Change in equity account	(146,321)	(184,020)
Equity account at the beginning of the year	5,158,788	5,300,208
Other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized accrued foreign exchange profit	149,537	105,694
Voluntary Morgan Stanley and Intercam	(63,334)	94,071
	86,203	199,765
Equity account at the end of the year	5,098,640	5,316,043

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Cash flow statements for the ended on December 31, 2021 and 2020
(In U.S. dollars)

Exhibit "C"

	2021	2020
Cash flow of operation activities:		
Other comprehensive income	86,203	199,765
Net change in equity account	(146,321)	(184,020)
	(60,119)	15,745
Conciliation with the cash flow		
Depreciation	1,288	1,326
Change in:		
Other accounts receivable	9,749	(10,046)
Advance payments	-	5,199
Payable accounts	6,505	(311)
ISR retained	(2)	(446)
Guarantee deposits	401	-
Cash flow of operation activities	(42,178)	11,467
Investment activities:		
Purchase of equipment	-	(1,386)
Cash used in investment activities	-	(1,386)
Net change in cash	(42,178)	10,081
Loss on exchange rate	(157,368)	(293,943)
Cash at the beginning of the year	5,318,831	5,602,693
Cash at the ending of the year	5,119,285	5,318,831

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