

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Alejandro Latorre Parra Professor, and Passionate Lymphologist (1956-2023)



Figure: Dr. Latorre Parra (center) during the November 22-26, 2023, 1st Pan-American Congress of Lymphology in Bucaramanga, Colombia, conversing with ISL Secretary General Witte (left) and surrounded by family (right), who helped organize the congenital Congress hospitality, including his grandsons running and somersaulting through the Congress venue.

General UNAB University and the International and affiliate Pan-American Societies of Lymphology mourn the death of Dr. Alejandro Latorre Parra, professor of the Medicine program at the Autonomous University of Bucaramanga – UNAB Faculty of Health Sciences.

Dr. Alejandro Latorre Parra was a doctor and surgeon at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and a specialist in Vascular Surgery at the Nueva Granada Military University. He was linked to UNAB since 2003 as a professor of the Clinical Surgical Specialties chair of the Medicine program. In a special way we remember his contributions to the UNAB

Faculty of Health Sciences and his contribution to the clinical training of all cohorts of medical students.

For the Lymphology community, he was an inspirational leader and Director of the Escuela Colombiana de Linfología. He had just recently in November 22-26, 2022, convened a highly successful first conference of the Pan-American Society of Lymphology bringing hundreds of physicians and basic scientists along with ISL Executive Committee students and trainees to Bucaramanga, Colombia for a comprehensive program covering the latest in scientific advances and clinical applications related to the lymphatic

system in health and disease (1). During the meeting, attendees were impressed and enchanted with the organizational expertise coordinated by Alejandro's daughters (Ana Maria and Tatiana) and the un-scripted antics of his grandchildren who ran and somersaulted around the assembly hall during the serious scientific proceedings. During the 29th ISL Congress in Genoa this past September, he vigorously presented his plans for the Pan-American Society along with a synopsis of the 2022 first meeting. His sudden death just one month later shocked his colleagues and friends in our global community. We extend condolences to his family and friends. The Colombian Association of Angiology and Vascular Surgery recognized him, and the ISL joins them, with the title of "Master of Lymphology". We also assure that the work he began will be continued by his colleagues particularly those in leadership positions in the ISL including past - Presidents Drs. Miguel Amore and Cristobal Papendieck of Buenos Aires, Argentina and Mauro Andrade of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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