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**Dra. Maite Sevillano** reports that in this period the Paraná section of Brazil (we have an association in 2 states) was assumed Dr. Claudia Aguilar, and proactively has arranged our national congress in the city of Curitiba in 2017. CONFEMEL joins associations, federations of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and from 2017 also Portugal and Spain. The new president is Brazilian, Dr. Jeancarlos. He was kind enough to visit me in the hospital and invited the Sao Paulo and Paraná sections to participate in the Confemel board, where we intend to discuss the role of women doctors in Latin America and the Caribbean. It will be helpful in contacting several countries, opening the possibility of having national medical associations joining MWIA. With the support of our maximum authority in Sao Paulo, the regional council of medicine, we are developing a questionnaire that will collate the professional projects and colleagues involved. With the support of the Brazilian Association of psychiatry, cardiology, rheumatology and immunology we are initiating our project on gender in medicine. We intend to launch a series of books with different specialties dealing with this topic and deliver to the Ministry of Health and education, and colleagues.

**Dr. Anna Maria Martits** goes on to report that in followup to the report in the September Update, I am pleased to report that the workshop on Gender Medicine and Endocrinology held during the Brazilian Congress of Endocrinology was a success. This was the first time this theme had appeared in an Endocrinology meeting and the directors of the Brazilian Endocrine Society, Dr Salles, Dr Castro and Dr Hohl, have invited us to organize similar workshops on Gender Medicine and Endocrinology for the next Meeting of the Brazilian Endocrine Society in São Paulo in May 2017 and for the next Brazilian Congress of Endocrinology in 2018. So the theme of Gender Medicine has settled on the agenda of the Brazilian Endocrine Society. The ABMM (Brazil) has a department of Gender Medicine. Our

main aim is to introduce Gender Medicine in the curriculum of medical schools in Brazil. This work begins with the presentation of the subject during the scientific meetings of different specialties. This already has been done in Clinical Pathology and Cardiology by Dr Marilene Mello and Dr Elizabeth Alexandre and now in Endocrinology by me. This was also my goal when I translated MWIA's Gender Mainstreaming Manual into Portuguese. There is a very active WhatsApp group among the members of ABMM (Brazil) executive, allowing the exchange of important information. One of the results of this exchange helped to solve a serious discussion about wages between medical doctors of the city of Palmital and the municipal council of that city in the state of São Paulo. 7 News from our members: Dr Nise Yamagushi, Professor of Clinical Oncology and director of ABMM Brazil, received "The Best of the Year" recognition from the municipal council of São Paulo for her important work in oncology. Prof Ieda Verreschi, Professor of Endocrinology, and past member of the regional council of medicine of São Paulo, received a tribute for her huge contribution as director of UNIFESP (Federal University of São Paulo). Dr Claudia Aguilar was elected director of ABMM –Parana State and is organizing the next congress of ABMM for 2017 in Curitiba, Parana. Dr Fatima R.A. Alves, our president, is a professor of Otorhinolaryngology. This month she was judging a dissertation in her specialty at Santa Casa of São Paulo Medical School. ABMM Brazil will be represented at the "Parlamentar Medical Front" by our directors Ana Regina Vlainich and Irene Abramovich. On Nov 26th, Dr Helena Stivanin, our cultural director, organized a lecture about a famous Brazilian sculptor and architect of the 17th century "Aleijadinho- his art and his disease." Dr Stivanin organizes an interesting cultural event this time every year. Scientific meetings of ABMM Brazil planned for the first semester of 2017: March: "Gender differences in pain" April: Palliative care" May: Corporate Compliance:- its meaning for women June: HPV: Diagnosis and prevention