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From ABMM (Brazilian Association of Women Doctors)

The Brazilian Association of Medical Women was represented by Marilene Melo, our vicepresident, and by Irene Abramovich, director of ABMM, at the opening Ceremony of the Congress of Medical Students of the Medical School of Sorocaba (Catholic University of São Paulo). They spoke about women in medicine, generation Y, medical residency and gender differences in specialties.

There was a very successful presentation at the Parana state section of ABMM about: "Women Doctors and Maternity." There were two scientific events organized by ABMM in São Paulo: "Impact of judicial decisions on health" and "Highlights of annual meeting of OSSD" held in Montreal in May, 2017 (Elizabeth Alexandre, Anna Maria Martits and Marilene Melo).

During the 51st Congress of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Marilene Melo received the title of Honorary Member for Life for services rendered to the specialty. Dr Melo and Dr. Elizabeth Alexandre, our director and president-elect and a cardiologist (director of feminine cardiology of Brazilian Society of Cardiology) presented speeches: Dr Melo: Gender differences in dyslipidemia and Dr Alexandre: Its influences in cardiovascular risks.

During the administrative meeting of October, the executive of ABMM decided to include an item about gender medicine in every meeting. During the meeting was decided that Brazil will not enter a bid to be a candidate for the venue of the International Congress of MWIA in 2022, considering the political, economical and security issues that Brazil is going through. This resolution was communicated to everybody interested by a letter of our president Fatima Alves.

There was a meeting and organization of a Democratic Front in Defense of SUS (Brazilian public health system in great financial crisis), in the House of Representatives of the City of São Paulo. ABMM and ABMM were represented respectively by Marilene Melo and Ivone Meinão, president of São Paulo section of ABMM.

Marilene Melo is a director for Latin America of WASPaLM (World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine), and is attending the 29th World Congress of WASPaLM in Kyoto, Japan, representing Brazil in the House of Delegates and was chair on symposium on Global Pathology.

On November 3rd, Fátima Alves, our president, took part in the organization of the First Meeting of Women Otorhinolaringologist in Brazil during the Brazilian Congress of Otorhinolaringology. She presented the speech: "Who are we, how many. Personalities and inspirations."

There was a meeting organized by Dr Nise Yamaguchi, director ABMM, "Challenges and Good Practices in Employment and Entrepreneurship for Young people." ABMM was also represented by Fátima Alves.

On November 30th there was the Election Assembly for the executive of ABMM 2018-2020:

President: Fátima Alves

Vice president: Marilene Melo

President Elect: Elizabeth Giunco Alexandre

Secretary: Elisa Garcez

As well as 9 more directors. I, Anna Maria Martits, will remain as director of international affairs.

After the assembly there was a social meeting with cheese and wine organized by Maria de Fátima Caetano Pinto (ABMM- first treasurer).

ABMM with the support of APM (Medical Association of São Paulo), The Children's Institute of the São Paulo University Medical School, and the Association of Presbyterian Bishops of São Paulo are working on a pre-project of law, with the support of members of chamber of representatives of the state of SP, to include Gender Specific medicine in the Curriculum of medical schools of SP and maybe Brazil.

The project will be officially launched on March 8, 2018 with a folder to be distributed to the population. The folder was written by members of ABMM with the title: "Main diseases that have different aspects in men and women." There are items about cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, obesity and pediatrics.