Dear colleagues and friends:

The Paraguay Section of the International College of Surgeons and the “Sala X” Ex Residents Association have accepted the challenge of organizing the 10th Paraguay Regional Congress of Surgery. The Congress will be in a virtual modality with a Zoom platform. I have been honored with the nomination of President of the Organizing Committee and as such I am delighted to welcome you to the 10th Paraguay Regional Congress of Surgery, II Congress of the Paraguay Section of the International College of Surgeons and the II Congress of the “Sala X” Ex Resident Association to be held simultaneously on October 22 and 23 of this year 2021.

The world pandemic situation does not allow us to meet personally and enjoy those encounters. Nevertheless education and training must continue and technology of communication offers us a new excellent weapon to continue interactuating with some great and exciting advantages that are here to stay. The Surgical Societies must be updated and continue with one of their principal missions which is continuing education of its members. This virtual Congress is a attempt to accomplish this. When the situation allows us we will meet again mean while we will do it virtually.
The continuing medical education activities will develop as sessions (in simultaneous virtual rooms) each on specific topics on coloproctology, thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, plastic, pediatric, neurosurgery, HPB, minimally invasive, bariatric, trauma, abdominal Wall, oncological surgery, etc. We will have 50 distinguished international guests of 18 countries around the world and several also distinguished national colleagues that will participate in conferences, round tables, coloquias and case discussion.

A session of special interest is the one dedicated to Humanitarian Surgery. In the last years, the International College of Surgeons has put a lot of effort in developing and supporting this type of activities in the whole world and renowned ICS members committed to this activities are going to be the lecturers in this symposium, including the future World President of the ICS, Prof. Aij-Lie Kwan (Taiwán). Another very important gremial presence is the one of the Ibero American Thoracic Surgery Association (AIACT) that will collaborate and participate in the corresponding sessions.

We can not fail to mention and thank the Paraguayan Endoscopic Surgery Society, the Thoracic Surgery Chapter of the Paraguayan Surgery Society, the Private University of the East (site Pte, Franco) and the University of the Pacific (site Pte. Franco) for their invaluable support and sponsorship.

Thanks to the collaboration of all the involved actors we can offer a varied and of a high scientific level program that we hope will be of the benefit and pleasure of all of you. Once again, I reiterate our cordial invitation to participate in this event. We welcome and thank you in advance.

Dr. Guido Parquet Villagra