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We are pleased to contribute to this editorial on the launch of the scientific journal InterAmerican Journal of Medicine and Health (ISSN 2595-6647). We consider this to be another important step in the development of Faculdade São Leopoldo Mandic. In line with its mission to train professionals for the job market and based on its experience and tradition in postgraduate teaching, Faculdade São Leopoldo Mandic created the undergraduate course in Dentistry, which, due to the pedagogical project, is today considered one of the most innovative and complete in the country. The academic experience and the model of success in the implementation of this course led the college, in a careful and well-planned manner, to the creation of the undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Medicine. Over this time, we have had a large number of professors and researchers in medical, dental and other health specialties. All of them contributed to the training of professionals, research development and academic publications.

The InterAmerican Journal of Medicine and Health (<https://iajmh.com/iajmh>) is an open access journal, free of charge for submission and publication. The name indicates the mission of a high standard journal that contributes to the integration and dissemination of the research developed in the different areas of health with emphasis in the countries of the Americas. In this sense, an editorial team was formed, consisting of professionals from different health areas of internationally recognized institutions and different countries of the Americas, thus allowing plurality, high quality and international reach. We intend to create an environment of excellence and professional quality, innovation, creativity, research always respecting ethical principles. It is a continuous publication journal in line

with the current trend of the most modern journal. This form of publication allows to streamline the process, since there is no need to wait for all articles to be finalized to form an issue. The first scientific articles have been finalized and are already published.

"Transforming health professions to advance toward universal health" is an opinion piece written by Dr. Fernando Antonio Menezes da Silva who is PhD, Head of the Human Resources for Health Unit (HSS / HR), Pan American Health Organization Health / World Health Organization (PAHO / WHO), Washington, DC, United States of America and Jose Francisco García Gutiérrez. This article deals with the need to adapt the training of health professionals to the social needs of the 21st century, which are contained in the Dublin Declaration (Fourth Global Forum on HRH 2017: Building the Health Workforce of the Future). This article also gives an overview of the situation in the Americas in the field of vocational training[1].

"Treatment abandonment among patients with HIV infection in a referral center in southeastern Brazil" is an article that was the result of the Master's work of Dr. Raquel Tozzo de Lima under the guidance of Dr. Maria Rita Donalísio and collaboration of Márcio Cristiano de Melo[2]. This interesting article analyzes the causes of abandonment of treatment of HIV infection using multiple logistic regression and concludes that indicators of precarious socio-economic status and lack of comprehensive assistance to patients contributed to increased abandonment.

"Correlation of increased numbers of tumor-infiltrating T regulatory, CD19 and CD8 T cells in well-differentiated oral squamous cell carcinoma" demonstrated the relationship between tumor grade and recruitment of regulatory T cells and CD8 T

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lymphocytes in patients with squamous cell carcinoma. It was reported that the increase of Foxp3 + and CD8 + cells, as well as IL-10 expression in well differentiated tumors, compared to the poorly differentiated tumors, evidencing the fact that the immune system becomes unbalanced in individuals with different stages of differentiation of the tumor[3].

"Deforestation and mosquito-borne diseases: another wake-up call to Latin America" is an article discussing the potential link between increased mosquito-borne diseases and deforestation in the Americas[4]. This is an important reflection developed by Prof. Dr. Pedro M. Alarcón-Elbal, a Spanish entomologist based in the Dominican Republic, at a complex epidemiological time in the Americas, particularly considering arboviruses.

"Quadricuspid aortic valve: case report and literature review" is a case report of this rare malformation, which has less than 200 cases published in the literature. In addition to describing the clinical case and the postoperative evolution, the article is followed by an interesting review of the literature, conducted by Dr. Guilherme de Menezes Succi, and collaborators among them the undergraduate Alexandre Czezacki of the Faculdade São Leopoldo Mandic[5]. For IAJMH it is very important to make room for the contribution of academics as a way of encouraging undergraduate research.

"The nature of attacks by wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) and wild boar / domestic pig hybrids ('javaporcos') and the conduct of anti-rabies care in Brazil" is a study of the attacks this important invasive species that has caused economic losses and attacks on humans in various regions of Brazil. This is a multicentric research carried out by Prof. Dr. Stefan Vilges de Oliveira, who is a professor at the College of Medicine, Federal University of Uberlandia, Uberlândia, MG, Brazil and the Health Surveillance of the Brazilian Ministry of Health, Brasília, DF; was developed jointly with researchers from Brazil Safari Club, Concordia, SC, Brazil; Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation - Pigs and Birds, Concordia, SC, Brazil[6].

The publication of this set of articles from different health-related approaches is an excellent way to start this journal considering the characteristics of this and objectives to be achieved, ie a multidisciplinary journal, with the participation of authors from different research centers in Brazil and other countries in the Americas and to encourage the contribution of medical scholars and other related health courses.

We look forward to the collaboration of all colleagues around the world for the dissemination of scientific information through this important scientific journal.

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