

**REPORT FROM THE LATIN-AMERICA REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
TO IUSTI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 2012 -Melbourne**

- The Latin American Association against STIs has a new Directory (2011-2014)

The members of the new Directory are:

Patricia J. García	Peru	President
Freddy Tinajeros Guzmán	Honduras	1st Vice President
Miguel Tilli	Argentina	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Raquel Balleste	Uruguay	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President
María Angela Silveira	Brazil	4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President
Rita Revollo Murillo	Bolivia	1st Secretary
Rafael Montero	D. Republic	2 <sup>nd</sup> Secretary
Gloria Aguilar	Paraguay	1st Treasurer
Marco Antonio Urquía	Honduras	2 <sup>nd</sup> Treasurer
Aurelio Nuñez	Panamá	1st Scientific Director
Tina Hylton Kong	Jamaica	2 <sup>nd</sup> Scientific Director
Anibal Hurtado	Chile	3 <sup>rd</sup> Scientific Director

- The new directory is working on the formal registration of the association in countries and the mechanisms to receive donations and loans (e.g. IUSTI-LA loan) and the possible methods for membership payments. We are working also on changes on the Statues accordingly.
- The LA region is actively involved in activities related to the elimination of congenital syphilis and the implementation of POCT for antenatal screening for syphilis. During this period twenty countries participated in the workshop: “***Sharing the experience on the implementation of the rapid syphilis test: the way to the elimination of congenital syphilis in Latin America***”. Members of ALACITS will be giving technical support for implementation of POCT in countries. Training materials (Toolkit for Implementation of rapid syphilis test) in Spanish are being distributed and available to members of ALACITS/IUSTI-LA.
- Thanks to Jonathan Ross we have gotten the approval to translate to Spanish one article per edition of the STI journal, specifically the editor’s pick. The article will be distributed to all members of ALACITS/IUSTI-LA. The first translate article is the Editors choice from August 2012: “***The serious threat of multi drug resistant and untreatable gonorrhoea: the pressing need for global action to control the spread of antimicrobial resistance, and mitigate the impact on sexual and reproductive health***”.