

ACADEMIA DE CIENCIAS DE AMÉRICA LATINA



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Profesor  
Mario Shemberg  
Brasil

Apreciado Miembro Honorario:

Me es grato dirigirme a usted en la oportunidad de remitirle anexo a la presente, documento informativo sobre la Academia de Ciencias de América Latina (ACAL) en inglés, a fin de facilitar nuestro propósito de difundir las actividades de la Academia entre los países anglófonos de la Región de América Latina y el Caribe.

Le agradeceríamos mucho ayudar a la divulgación de este documento en medios locales de comunicación social, por considerar que su publicación puede contribuir a lograr una mayor participación de los científicos de su país en las actividades de la ACAL.

Reciba un cordial saludo y nuestras gracias anticipadas por su colaboración en la difusión de nuestros programas.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Villegas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raimundo Villegas  
Canciller de la ACAL

Anexo: lo indicado

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The Latin American Academy of Sciences (Academia de Ciencias de América Latina, ACAL), since its inauguration in Caracas in October, 1983, has been working for the scientific development and co-operation of the Latin American and Caribbean countries. ACAL was created by a group of 18 Latin American scientists, who met in Rome in September 1982 under the sponsorship of the Pontificia Academia Scientiarum. At its first meeting in Caracas in October, 1983, the ACAL appointed 43 new academicians and 23 honorary members.

The Academy is directed by a Council formed by the following scientists: Carlos Chagas, Brazil (president); Héctor R. Croxatto, Chile; Leopoldo de Meis, Brazil; Patricio Garrahan, Argentina; Armando Gómez Puyou, Mexico; Carlos Monge, Perú, and Raimundo Villegas, Venezuela (chancellor). The Academy has its permanent site in Caracas at the Instituto Internacional de Estudios Avanzados (IDEA). The Academy is supported by the Simon Bolivar Foundation for Science (Fundación Simón Bolívar para las Ciencias), a private foundation headed by Dr. Alberto Vollmer, a well-known Venezuelan industrial and philanthropist.

After meeting in Caracas, the Council of the Academy met at Viña del Mar, Chile, in April 1984, under the sponsorship of the Federico Santa María University of Valparaíso, in order to evaluate the scientific situation of the region. The Council drew a document entitled Science in Latin America: Actual Situation and Recommendations. This document has been remitted to the Governments of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, and also has been published by the Academy and being distributed throughout the region.

Workshops about topics of interests to scientists of the region have been organized under the sponsorship of the Academy. The first one of these Workshops was on Research in Photosynthesis: Present State and Future Developments in Latin America, and it took place between the 12 and 14 of November, 1984, at the Center for Photosynthetic and Biochemical Studies in Rosario, Argentina. Prof. Rubén Vallejos of Argen-

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tina was the organizer, and 52 scientists of 7 countries participated. ACAL is actually preparing a publication of the conclusions of that Meeting.

The next workshop organized by the ACAL will take place in Caracas, and it will deal with plant biotechnology. It is entitled Recent Advances in Plant Cell and Tissue Culture Applied to Crop Production. This workshop, which is being organized by Professor Leopoldo Villegas at the International Institute of Advanced Studies (IDEA) will take place in March 29-31 of the present year and it is expected the participation of 12 scientists from 8 countries. The workshop will be followed by a training course for 40 scientists on the same subject.

Further workshops will take place in Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City in the coming months. By the end of the present year the Academy will meet again in Caracas.

*R. Villegas*  
Raimundo Villegas

Caracas, February 23, 1985.