

XXIII Congress of the Latino American Physiological Sciences Association

II Iberoamerican Congress of Physiological Sciences

The Chilean Physiological Society (<http://www.cienciasfisiologicas.cl/>) has agreed to organize the next XXIII Congress of the Latino American Physiological Sciences Association (ALACF), to be held in the city of Pucón, Chile from November 16 to 21, 2009.

The invitation to host the 2009 ALACF Congress was formulated at the last ALACF Congress (www.safisiol.org.ar/Congreso-Pag/I-Mark.htm) held in Buenos Aires (November, 2009) by the delegates of the different Latin American Physiological Societies. The Chilean Physiological Society accepted the invitation, because we believed that the ALACF Congress, held once every 3 years, should be most important event for Latin-American physiology.

The central objective of the Congress is to give physiologists working and living in Latin America the opportunity to meet other Latin American and foreign scientists who work around the world. This will be especially true for those living in the Southern Cone of the continent (Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina).

The Congress will be held in the Grand Hotel Pucón (www.granhotelpucon.com), which has an appropriate Convention Center. The city of Pucón is located on the shores of Lake Villarrica, about 750 km south of Santiago. It is considered one of the most important tourist centers of Chile. Pucón has a wide offer of accommodations, from cabins to 5 stars hotels (www.puconturismo.cl).

The ALACF meeting will be a joint meeting with the Chilean Society of Biology ([/www.biologiachile.cl](http://www.biologiachile.cl)), and with the 15th Congress of Calcium Binding Proteins and Calcium Function in Health and Disease (www.cnb.uam.es/~calcium07). In addition, the Spanish Society of Physiological Sciences (www.seccff.org) will participate actively in this ALACF meeting, organizing two symposia and conferences.

We expect that more than 900 scientists, plus doctoral and predoctoral students will attend the meeting. This meeting has proved very popular and well attended. It is worth noting that 850 people attended the last ALACF meeting in Buenos Aires.