

Anatomy Returning to Normal Life!

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The year 2022 was marked by efforts to return to normal life after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. With sciences were not different. We had an increased number of presential meetings, congresses, workshops, and courses. In the Latin America scenario, two presential meetings on morphological sciences are to be highlighted: The XXIX Brazilian Congress of Anatomy and the XX Panamerican Congress of Anatomy.

The XXIX Brazilian Congress of Anatomy, held in Maceió, Alagoas State, Brazil, in September 2022, had more than 70 speakers, including not only Brazilians but also morphologists from Latin America countries (Argentina, Chile and Colombia), the United States of America and Europe (Portugal, Spain, Germany, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom). About 800 participants had the opportunity to enjoy conferences, hands-on courses, round tables, and other activities on topics such as Human and Veterinary anatomy, Anatomy teaching, Morphological techniques, Imaging in morphology, Compared anatomy, Histology, and Embryology. More than 300 posters were presented, allowing students to show their work and discuss it with different professors from different areas of expertise. A museum of humans and animals plastinated specimens was exhibited during the entire event and was opened to children from pre- to high-school levels, being visited by more than

3,000 participants. One of the masterpieces of this exhibition was the “Plastinated Human Body”, and the first article of this 2023 Volume of the Journal of Morphological Sciences will describe its secrets.

The XX Panamerican Congress of Anatomy held in Quito, Ecuador, in November 2022, had more than 90 speakers, including morphologists from Latin American countries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia), the United States of America, Mexico and Italy. About 350 attendees participated in hands-on courses, round tables, conferences, and symposiums on topics such as Medical sciences, Dental sciences, and Veterinary sciences. More than 90 posters were presented. One important activity during this meeting was the Journey of Morphology held by students, which integrated undergraduate and graduate students with a special interest in morphological sciences to discuss the present and future of morphology worldwide.

These two great meetings are examples of how the morphology community could overcome the difficulties and challenges we faced in the last two years. Moreover, the Journal of Morphological Sciences is following this trend and we are increasing the number of manuscripts published every year.

Once again, it is a pleasure to say: Anatomists, we are stronger than ever!



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