

RESENHA BIBLIOGRÁFICA

A BIBLIOGRAPHY ON CHAGAS' DISEASE (1968-1984). A MEDLARS-BASED COMPUTER PROCESSED BIBLIOGRAPHY – Dvorak J.A., Gibson C.C., Maekelt A. National Institutes of Health, Pan American Health Organisation, World Health Organization, Washington, 1985.

Yet another bibliography on Chagas' disease making a total of seven known to the reviewer. How suprised Carlos Chagas would be if he could see this plethora of publications. He might question why control measures have been so laggardly. This bibliography is based on the medlars (the medical analysis and retrieval system) of the United States National Library of Medicine.

Although relatively comprehensive as with any reference collection it has its failures. For example this journal is not represented in the publications index neither is Kasamera nor the Boletín de la Dirección de Malariología y Saneamiento Ambiental. The computer, under expert guidance, has produced a very clear bibliography which is easy to use. The full references are arranged alphabetically under the year of publication – in total 2,457 citings. The subject index is well organised under the major heads of epidemiology, human disease and experimental research. This is followed by an author index and a journal index. Still one of the most important problems in infectious disease research is communication due to the variety of languages and sources, meaning that the entire relevant literature is seldom available to the individual worker. In terms of Chagas' disease this bibliography, like its predecessors, fills an important need. Every researcher interested in Chagas' disease will need it handy.

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