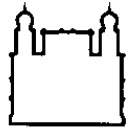




WORKSHOP NACIONAL SOBRE LEISHMANIOSE



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ORGANIZAÇÃO:

Centro de Pesquisas Aggeu Magalhães, Recife-PE

FOREWORD

A Brazilian Workshop on Leishmaniasis was held from September 13 to 17, 1993 in Recife, capital city of the State of Pernambuco, Northeast of Brazil. The meeting had the participation of 34 researchers and representatives of the Government Control Program, under the auspices of the Centro de Pesquisas Aggeu Magalhães (Fundação Oswaldo Cruz). The event's main objective was to enable the integration among researchers through presentations and discussions on current researchers for a better understanding of leishmaniasis in this country and also for the improvement of the procedures on control.

Leishmaniasis has become an important problem to Public Health in the last years in Brazil. The growth of the incidence, the morbidity spectrum and the expansion in new areas are really amazing, specially the leishmaniasis urbanization process in capital cities such as Manaus, São Luis, Teresina, Natal and Belo Horizonte, either of visceral or cutaneous leishmaniasis.

The event was organized in sessions about the eco-epidemiological aspects in regional perspectives, advances on biology and taxonomy of *Leishmania* and improvement of specific diagnosis (including molecular biology approaches), clinical forms and treatment, immunology, immunotherapy protocols and perspectives on vaccine, vector control, and debate on the implementation of the Government Control Program. The papers presented in the event are published in this issue of *Memórias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz*.

At the end of four days of outstanding presentations and intense discussions, a proposal for the continuation of such meetings was approved unanimously. The forthcoming meetings are expected to follow the same patterns and inter-institutional objectives, and be held in different cities of the endemic regions of Brazil. Rio de Janeiro will be the next venue.

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