

International League of Associations for Rheumatology (ILAR) – Press Release

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ILAR appointed Carlos Pineda as Clinical Rheumatology's new Editor-in-Chief

Mexico City. The Executive Committee of the International League of Associations for Rheumatology (ILAR) appointed Dr. Carlos Pineda, Medical Sciences Researcher affiliated to the National Institute of Rehabilitation Luis Guillermo Ibarra Ibarra, as the new Clinical Rheumatology's Editor-in-Chief for the period 2019-2023.

ILAR publishes a renowned indexed scientific journal with impact factor: *Clinical Rheumatology*, an international English-language peer review journal devoted to publishing original clinical investigation and research in the general field of rheumatology with emphasis on clinical aspects.

Dr. Pineda heads a multinational group of Associate Editors composed of Dr. Adewale Adebajo (United Kingdom), Zhanguo Li (China), Cesar Ramos-Remus (Mexico), Tim Jansen (The Netherlands) and Luis J. Jara (Mexico).

Commitment with developing countries

ILAR is a multinational organization involved in the support of programs that lead to the progress of the practice and teaching of Rheumatology. Its Executive Committee integrated by the presidents and elected presidents of the Pan American League of Associations of Rheumatology (PANLAR), EULAR (Europe), AFLAR (Africa), APLAR (Asia-Pacific, including Australia) and the American College of Rheumatology (ACR).

"As part of its commitment to developing and developed countries, ILAR works up an ambitious fellowship program and provides financing to projects in countries such as the Philippines, Lebanon, Macedonia, Jamaica, Morocco, Uruguay, Kenya, India, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Mexico, Zambia, Argentina, Vietnam, Brazil, South Africa, United Kingdom, Switzerland, China, Haiti, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Cambodia, Canada, Ecuador, Ghana and Australia," said the new Editor-in-Chief.

The aim: to promote musculoskeletal health and prevent disability

Dr. Carlos Pineda was Chair of ILAR during the period 2015-2016. Under his leadership, ILAR promoted the following priority lines:

- 1) Generation of diagnostic and treatment guidelines for emerging diseases such as Chikungunya.

- 2) Update of consensus documents to treat the main rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, including practical solutions when available resources are limited.
- 3) Generation of practical solutions to address the problems of storage and distribution of medicines for rheumatic diseases in developing countries.

"As Editor-in-Chief, I will dedicate all my efforts to strengthen the ILAR's mission and to promote greater recognition of the conditions that enable musculoskeletal health in all countries, especially those underdeveloped nations. I believe that Clinical Rheumatology is the ideal platform to do so by disseminating the latest scientific knowledge in the field of rheumatology", concluded Dr. Pineda.