

## Final report of the II National Symposium on Sudden Cardiac Death and I Ibero-American Convention on Sudden Cardiac Death

### *Informe de relatoría: II Simposio Nacional de Muerte Súbita Cardiovascular. I Convención Iberoamericana de Muerte Súbita Cardiovascular*

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Under the motto: «**Sudden Cardiac Death: from genes to society**» the II National Symposium on Sudden Cardiac Death and I Ibero-American Convention on Sudden Cardiac Death has been held in Havana, capital of the Republic of Cuba, from December 6 to 9, 2016; organized by the Sudden Death Research Group (GIMUS, acronym in Spanish), the *Hospital Clínico-Quirúrgico Docente Hermanos Ameijeiras*, the Center for Demographic Studies of the University of Havana and the Havana Convention Center, Cuba.

This event has been sponsored by the Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP), the Academy of Sciences of Cuba (ACC), the University of Medical Sciences of Havana (UCM-H), the National School of Public Health (ENSAP), the PAHO/WHO Representatives in

Cuba and the *Hospital Clínico-Quirúrgico Docente Hermanos Ameijeiras*.

The Summit was addressed by an Honor Committee chaired by Dr. Roberto Tomás Morales Ojeda, Minister of Public Health, accompanied by his Vice-ministers, the presidency of the Academy of Sciences of Cuba and the Rector of the University of Medical Sciences of Havana. Its Organizing Committee was chaired by Dr. C. Luis Alberto Ochoa Montes, also President of GIMUS and was organized and developed by a national and international scientific committee, a management, logistics and outreach committee; with the support of BS. Alicia García González, event planner of the Convention Center, Cuba and BS. Niurka Remedios Ballesteros, from the Cubanacán Travel Agency.

With a wide array of participants and a great variety of topics to discuss, as befits the event, it was convened since the closing of the First Symposium, held in this same venue in November 2013. Many today, over this five days, could meet once again, and others met for the first time, socializing and discussing.

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On December 5 and 6, the International Pre-Symposium Course «Sudden Death and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in 2015: International Agreements, Proposals and Survival» was developed. 30 teachers participated in the course: 20 from Spain, Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, and 10 Cubans; with an enrollment of 325 students: 311 Cubans and 14 foreigners.

The event was opened on the very December 6, in the afternoon; attended by 160 national delegates and 95 from other nations representing Peru, Spain, Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Panama, Puerto Rico, The United States, Dominican Republic, China, Argentina, Italy, Portugal, Japan, Canada and Brazil.

After each distinguished lecture during the opening of every 3-days session, the speakers worked, simultaneously, in Rooms 3, 5 and 6.

All of the general and particular themes were discussed in 8 lectures, 2 group discussions, 20 specialized conferences, 7 panels, and 31 free topics; with the participation of more than 200 professionals in the rooms. Twenty professors and specialists served as presidents and session secretaries.

The idea of meeting with experts from Spain and America emerged in the previous meeting three years ago, due to continuous exchange, thus resulting in the I Ibero-American Convention of Sudden Cardiac Death. A platform conceived for the discussion and presentation of scientific research results in this subject among research groups and

colleagues from the region, who developed their activities on December 8 in room 5 at the Havana Convention Center. A hundred delegates from 11 countries participated in this occasion.

For the first time, attendees were awarded the «Dr. Néstor Acosta Tieles in memoriam» prize as a way of encouraging scientific rigor in research works on Sudden Death. Forty papers were received and the Selection Board selected 10 to be presented, of which 8 contested in the 2 days-oral dissertation session in Room 6, on Wednesday, December 7. The Prize was presented at the closing plenary to the work entitled: «New markers for malignant ventricular arrhythmias in patients with ST segment elevation acute myocardial infarction», by the authors: Yaniel Castro Torres, Nabeel Yar Khan and Raimundo Carmona Puerta, University Hospital Celestino Hernández Robau, Santa Clara, Villa Clara, Cuba.

The Organizing Committee of this II National Symposium of Sudden Cardiac Death and I Ibero-American Convention of Sudden Cardiac Death would be contented if the objective of getting the scientific assistant community to update this topic, from a multi and interdisciplinary approach, was fulfilled, in order to improve the conditions to develop works that allow, from developing positions, to take joint action and face this worldwide public health problem.