

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT 2011



**Dear SPT Members:**

It is a great honor to have been elected to serve as president of the Panamerican Trauma Society for the year 2011. I also have had the privilege to participate in many activities of the society since its inception. Each year the society rises to the test of helping improve trauma care in the Americas and most significantly in Latin America. The diversity of life style and the experience of trauma care in the various countries have created a unique environment where all American Countries can benefit from the overall activities of the PTS. Looking at all these aspects I think it is a great challenge to serve this year as PTS president. It is also important to mention that in this year we are proud to have new Executive Director and Secretary Treasurer. Together we hope to maintain all the important and productive activities of our predecessors as well as to help turn into reality the projects that were recently started and designed for the near future. It is also our duty to catalyze energy and work to organize and establish new activities and projects to improve PTS meetings, courses, publications and activities of trauma care in the Americas.

We need to increase participation in the yearly PTS meetings, bringing emergency room physicians, surgeons, intensive care unit physicians, nurses, pre-hospital care providers and residents and students of all these areas of activities. We need to broaden the official participation of Trauma Society Boards of the different countries in the organization of the PTS. We need to augment medical residents' activities and stimulate clinical and basic research presentations in the PTS meetings. We need to organize Trauma Societies in the American countries that don't have one. We need to promulgate existing trauma courses and organize new trauma courses that pay attention to the needs and realities of the different countries. We need to integrate actions and exchange experiences between PTS and countries or Regional Trauma Societies without losing our identity. We need to make the PTS Journal more easily available and suitable to become indexed in the medical literature as soon as possible. We need to encourage our committees to concur with their ideas and suggestions to promote actions in the different fields of trauma care. We need to visit and use our website by sending suggestions, thoughts and requests to bring about its natural growth. We need to identify and face our economical challenges, create and accept rules and contribute in a way that the PTS may one day become self supporting.

Let's work together this year to make each one of these aspects better because I am sure our actions will help our society and stimulate the ones that will follow us to make the SPT stronger, contributing even more to the improvement of trauma care in the American Countries.

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