

# HISTORY OF THE IBERO LATINAMERICAN FEDERATION OF PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY.

Summary of the speech by Prof. René Artigas Nambrard, to the Presidents of the Ibero-Latinamerican National Societies, Nov. 1994, in Viña del Mar, Chile.

A small but select group of Plastic Surgeons took on the task of organizing the Latinamerican Society of Plastic Surgery: Oscar Ivanissevich, Lelio Zeno, Hector Marino and Ernesto Malbec, from Argentina; Antonio Prudente, Rebello Neto and Linneu Silveira, from Brazil; Enrique Apolo and Pedro Pedemonte, from Uruguay; Jose Vélez Diez de Canseco from Peru; and Emilio Aldunate Phillips and Rafael Urzua Casas-Cordero, from Chile. The Society was constituted in Sao Paulo, Brasil, in July, 1940.

The First Congress of this newborn Society was held in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, from July 6-12, 1941, under the Presidency of Dr. Antonio Prudente. The official topics were "Treatment of wounds" by Prof. Lelio Zeno and Dr. Antonio Prudente, and "Inclusions in Plastic Surgery" by Drs. Ernesto Malbec and Rebello Neto.

The II Congress was held in Buenos Aires and Rosario, on October 18 and 24, 1942, chaired by Dr. Lelio Zeno. The subjects covered were "Cleft Lip and Palate" and "Large Tissue Losses of the Face".

The III Congress was held in Santiago and Viña del Mar on October 22 and 26, 1944, exactly 50 years ago. The President was Prof. Johow, with Dr. René Artigas as Secretary.