

Editorial

Once again, Biomedical Engineering Journal and the organizing committee for the Third International Clinical Engineering Congress (III Congreso Internacional de Ingeniería Clínica - CONIIC) have joined efforts with the aim of publishing the most noteworthy work from said event in the Journal.

The CONIIC is the specific congress of medical engineering and one of the most important in the country in the area of Biomedical Engineering. This congress has been judiciously carried out year after year, on this occasion, in the Ruta N complex of the City of Medellín, during the days between March 14th and 17th of 2017.

In the words of its organizers, “The Third International Clinical Engineering Congress is an event created so that professionals, health service providers, and public institutions who intervene in regulation associated to health services, infrastructure and medical devices can interact, seeking to join working relationships and the sharing of their developments on the topic.” In order to achieve that interaction among academia, health service providers, public institutions and professionals, different institutions have joined forces to carry out this congress, among which are its organizers: Universidad EIA, Universidad CES, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Universidad de Antioquia, Instituto Tecnológico Metropolitano (ITM) and Fundación Universitaria María Cano, along with the support of: Hospital General de Medellín, Clínica Las Américas, Hospital Pablo Tobón Uribe, Clínica CES, Clínica Universitaria Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Hospital Manuel Uribe Ángel, Clínica Clofán, Hospital San Vicente Fundación, Clínica de Fracturas de Medellín, IPS Universitaria, Clínica CES, Fundación Cardiovascular de Colombia y Hospital Infantil del Concejo de Medellín.

For this year’s event, the following international speakers were present: Brian McLaughlin (Clinical Engineering Manager at Massachusetts General Hospital), Dr. Rupy Sawhney (Associate Professor & Associate Head, Industrial & Systems Engineering Department at University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Antonio Hernandez (Health International Advisor Member, Consultant to the OMS), Gerardo Trujillo, Eng. (CEO of Noria Latin America and President of AMGA), Frank R. Painter (Healthcare Technology Consultant and UCONN Professor), Guillermo Avendaño Cervantes (Director of CCIB - Centro de Conocimientos en Ingeniería Biomédica) and Mario Castañeda (President of HealthiTek, Inc.). National speakers included: Marisol Sánchez González (Director, Cámara de Dispositivos Médicos e Insumos para la Salud), Nelson Javier Escobar Mora (Professor at the School of Agro-industrial Engineering, Coordinator of Laboratorio Ingeniería Química y Operaciones Unitarias), Javier García Ramos (Professor, Bioengineering Program at the University of Antioquia), Sara María López Álvarez (Office Chief, Centro de Investigación y Extensión, Fac Ciencias Exactas y Aplicadas, ITM), Javier Camacho (Professor, Escuela de Ingeniería de Antioquia), Carlos Castro Hoyos (Senior Professional Expert in Health, Ruta N Medellín Corporation), Andrea García Ibarra (Biomedical Engineer, Dirección de Medicamentos y Tecnologías, National Ministry of Health and Social Protection) and Héctor Eduardo Castro Jaramillo (Director, Medicamentos y Tecnologías en Salud, National Ministry of Health and Social Protection).

Biomedical Engineering Journal, as a media outlet for the results of scientific research in the area of Biomedical Engineering, will publish the best works presented at the CONIIC in its issues 21 and 22.

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