



Dear colleagues,

In September 1990, the **Argentine Association of Healthcare Architecture and Engineering** (AADAIH) held the first interdisciplinary congress of this specialty in Latin America. From that moment on, it became known as the Latin American Congress of Healthcare Architecture and Engineering.

Since 1990, and uninterruptedly for 35 years, the Argentine Association has organized this annual Latin American Congress, consistently bringing together colleagues from across the region and other continents.

AADAIH was founded in 1986 and joined the International Federation of Healthcare Engineering (IFHE) in 1987. Over the following years, other national associations were established in Latin America, joining ACAIH (Colombia) and SMAES (Mexico), which were founded in 1976 and 1991, respectively.

By the mid-1990s, the associations of Brazil (ABDEH) and Uruguay (SUAIH) were organized, joining the IFHE under the sponsorship of AADAIH and with the support of the associations from Spain and Italy.

During this century, associations were created in Bolivia (ABAIH), Chile (AARQOS), Costa Rica (ACOAIH), Cuba (CCAINH), Paraguay (APAIH), Peru (APAES), and Venezuela (AVAIMS).

In 2014, at the IFHE World Congress held in Buenos Aires—the first time in Latin America—the following associations joined the International Federation as Class A members, introduced by AADAIH: AARQOS (Chile), ACAIH (Colombia), ACOAIH (Costa Rica), CCAINH (Cuba), and SMAES (Mexico). Later in the same decade, APAES (Peru) and APAIH (Paraguay) joined the IFHE as Class B members.

Through their participation in the International Federation, all these organizations have enabled the establishment and consolidation of the IFHE Latin American Regional Group.

Over the last 30 years, parallel to the strengthening of national associations, new specialized congresses have developed in different countries. Some of them are official and recurring, such as those in Mexico (since 1994), Brazil (since 2004), Cuba (since 2011), Costa Rica (since 2013), Chile (since 2024), and Colombia (since 2024). Others are official but irregular, as in Peru (2019), and some are unofficial, such as in Chile (since 2005) and Colombia (since 2009).

All these congresses, as well as international ones in other regions, seminars, and symposiums, have generated and strengthened the exchange and relationship among Latin American architects and engineers working in healthcare.

The maturation of the Latin American Regional Group leads us today to propose a joint congress to



share our experiences and updates, both regional and global, with all professionals around the world: the **1st IFHE Latam Congress**, which we will host in conjunction with the **36th Latin American Congress of Healthcare Architecture and Engineering**, to also celebrate the **40th anniversary** of **AADAIH**.

The event will take place in **Buenos Aires** from **April 26 to 30, 2027**. It will feature an extensive program of presentations managed by a Scientific Committee composed of members from all Latin American national associations, special international guests, an important selection of technical visits, and the accompaniment of our partners and sponsors, who have made our growth possible over these 40 years.

We look forward to welcoming you to a city, Buenos Aires, and a country, Argentina, which always have countless different activities to offer as well.



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