



GYA Webinar: COVID-19 in Latin America - perspectives from young scientists

14 May 2020, from 18:00 to 20:00 UTC

A group of GYA members from Latin America are organising a webinar titled “Covid-19 in Latin America: perspectives from young scientists” on 14 May 2020, from 18:00 to 20:00 UTC.

Due to historically low expenditures on public health and other structural problems, Latin America faces the COVID-19 pandemic from a weak and vulnerable position. As such, the challenges in this region are harder in comparison with the rest of the world. This webinar brings together six Latin American scientists, all members of the GYA, in order to discuss with the general public (in Spanish) their perspectives on this crisis.

The webinar will consist of short talks, and Q&A with the participants. Questions such as How did we get to this situation? What are Latin American virologists doing? How to transfer scientific knowledge to the political arena? What emerging technologies are being used in other parts of the world to deal with the pandemic? will be discussed.

Moderator: Felix Moronta (Venezuela). International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Italy.

Speakers:

- Fernando Valiente (Chile). Programa de Virología, Instituto de Ciencias Biomédicas, Universidad de Chile
- Sandra López (Panama). Department of Research in Virology and Biotechnology. Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies.
- Alma Hernández (Mexico). Secretaría de Educación, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación de la Ciudad de México.
- Alex Godoy (Chile). Centro de Investigación en Sustentabilidad y Gestión Estratégica de Recursos, Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile
- Clarissa Rios (Peru). Centre for the Study of Existential Risk at the University of Cambridge, UK.
- Daniel Limonta (Cuba). Li Kan Shing Institute of Virology, University of Alberta, Canada.

Registration: The meeting will run via Zoom; to register before the webinar please follow this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpde-sqD4iGdMIuglYS1mrbeKVyC_Jk-0- and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.