

New registration categories for LASA2021

For an inclusive and accessible Congress to all

We would like to send our warmest greetings from the LASA leadership and management team, and we wish you and your loved ones the best of health for 2021.

We are aware that the pandemic has hit families' economies drastically and, in many cases, tragically. For this reason, and recognizing that the progressive registration model for the LASA2021 Virtual Congress is not sufficient to respond to the serious burdens of the academic communities of our continent, on December 19, 2020, the Executive Council approved two new categories of registration for LASA2021.

People who wish to participate in LASA2021 now have three payment options:

1. Progressive registration model

Rates for the progressive enrollment model, created specifically for LASA2021, are as before. These rates use a two-dimensional model based on the United Nations Human Development Index and the ranking of the national economies from the World Bank to account for global income differences.

We encourage people whose financial situation allows them to pay the rate in their category in the progressive model to enroll with that fee.

2. Pay what you can

If you wish to participate in LASA2021 but are not able to pay the rate in the progressive model, then you will be able to enroll with the amount you can afford.

3. Solidarity fee

LASA has created a registration category of \$400 for those who wish to contribute to LASA. This category will help subsidize the registration of those who, because of their economic situation, have chosen the "pay what you can" category.

We hope that this change will allow registration for those who were accepted to the Congress as a presenter or with a role of: organizer, chair or discussant. In addition, we invite you to encourage other colleagues, students, and persons with an interest in Latin America to register and participate in all sessions and events of the Congress.

We are living through tough times, and while there is increasing hope of defeating COVID-19, the pandemic is not over. Furthermore, we are aware that economic havoc will be evident in the coming months. Therefore, we call for the solidarity of our members to ensure the sustainability of the Association and to unite so that LASA2021 is, once again, an inclusive meeting that guarantees a vigorous public debate about the pressing reality of our Latin American societies.

Finally, we reaffirm our commitment to organize a virtual event that recreates the traditional activities of LASA's International Congresses. The Book Exhibit, the Film Festival, the *Gran Baile*, and the broadcast of the Welcome Ceremony and the presidential sessions will continue to be part of LASA2021. In addition, we are working on the creation of academic sessions as well as virtual spaces for informal meetings between colleagues.

We hope you can join us at LASA2021.

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