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Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nutrición¹

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DURING THE First Western Hemisphere Conference of Nutrition in Chicago in December 1965, a group of about 40 participants from Latin America decided to establish the "Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nutrición." A board of directors was elected and Dr. Conrado F. Asenjo from Puerto Rico was chosen chairman and was asked to draft the statutes. Accepting the offer made by the Director of the National Nutrition Institute of Venezuela, the journal *Archivos Venezolanos de Nutrición*, published regularly since 1950, was transformed into the *Archivos Latinoamericanos de Nutrición* and declared the organ of the new society. The bylaws were approved by a group of members meeting during the 7th World Nutrition Congress in Hamburg in 1967.

The *Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nutrición* has by now some 200 members from all the countries of the Latin American area, including the Caribbean Islands and the United States. At the Hamburg meeting, Dr. J. E. Dutra de Oliveira from Brazil was chosen president. In September 1968 the first meeting of the Society took place in Caracas. Some 12 general papers and about 50 original communications were presented. A new board of directors was chosen and Dr. Fernando

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Monckeberg Barros of Santiago de Chile was elected president. Among the activities planned for the future are the organization of regular meetings and bringing together the groups of experts who will establish standards for such things as methods for studying adaptation of undernourished children, development of high protein products for human consumption, teaching of nutrition, nutritional recuperation centers, and programs of applied nutrition.

The journal *Archivos Latinoamericanos de Nutrición* is edited by Dr. Werner Jaffé of the Instituto Nacional de Nutrición of Caracas, Venezuela who is assisted by 3 assistant editors and 25 members of the Editorial Board. It is published 4 times a year. Papers in Spanish, English, French, or Portuguese are accepted. All articles have English summaries. Each issue runs an editorial and 6-9 papers of original investigations from the different fields of the nutritional sciences. Moreover, there are sections on Latin American Bibliography, New Books, News, and Technical Notes. Although most contributions come from Latin American investigators, the journal welcomes articles from any country. About 30 papers are published per volume.

The scope of the journal is rather broad and includes papers on experimental nutrition, human nutrition, clinical nutrition, food composition and technology, and nutritional problems of developing countries. Economic support is received from the Instituto Nacional de Nutrición de Venezuela and the Research Corporation of New York.