

## 55th Annual ACP Chile Chapter Meeting, in collaboration with the Medical Society of Santiago

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I had a wonderful time with our colleagues in Chile at their 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, held in collaboration with the Medical Society of Santiago, particularly with Drs. Luz Letelier (Immediate Past Governor) and Mario Calvo (Governor). Their meeting had high attendance, particularly striking in its diversity of members ranging from students to senior physicians, and inclusive of members from across the country. The conference agenda included medicine subspecialty updates as well as innovative content on AI and also professionalism, and there was a very spirited Doctor's Dilemma competition (that also had a real stumper as the final question!). I was invited to speak at a keynote session on health equity and also a hospital medicine update, and was grateful that there were a lot of questions about both topics – particularly about gender equity during the keynote. One highlight of the meeting was the ACP Update, where Dr. Letelier presented on all that the chapter had accomplished (which was very impressive!), and where Dr. Calvo spoke about his plans for the chapter as the new Governor. It was particularly touching to see the lovely tribute to Dr. Letelier by Dr. Calvo. Another highlight was witnessing the reunion of former Governors – it was truly wonderful.

The Chilean chapter leaders are deeply committed to the College and to advancing evidence based medicine, as well as to investing in our early career peers, and this is a very important relationship to continue.

In addition to attending the meeting, I had a wonderful time exploring Santiago with Drs. Letelier and Calvo, including visiting Centro Artesanal Pueblito Los Dominicos and enjoying dinner at El Divertimento, and having dinner with Drs. Jorge Andres (Scientific Program Chair) and Sylvia Echavarrri (Chapter Awardee). My husband and I also had a wonderful time exploring on our own, including visiting the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, visiting La Chascona (Neruda is a favorite poet of mine), enjoying flamenco music and public art, and exploring Rapa Nui (Easter Island) for a few days.





Dr. Calvo honoring Dr. Letelier



Dr. Letelier



Former Governor Dr. Guillermo Conte, Dr. Barrett, Dr. Letelier, and former Governor Dr. Maria Eugenio Pinto