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Drs Francy Patricio and Marilene Melo sent the history of ABMM to Dr. Helen Goodyear of the Publications Subcommittee for the 2019 MWIA Centennial Committee.

Dr Fátima Alves, President of ABMM and a professor of Otorhinolaryngology, was invited to the office taking of Prof Wilma Lima as first woman president of the Brazilian Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Cervical and Facial Surgery. Dr Fátima Alves made a brilliant speech where she made references to the nice congratulatory message of Prof Bettina Pfleiderer, MWIA's president, to Prof Wilma and spoke also about the importance of gender medicine in Otorhinolaryngology, being one important subject the science of sleep and sleep apnea correlated to the length of oropharynx.

In January, ABMM executive sent condolences on the sad occasion of the passing of Prof Hiroko Yamamoto, immediate MWIA VP for Western Pacific. Dra Marilene Melo and Dra Fátima Alves, invited Prof Albertina Takiuti, who has a brilliant curriculum linked to women health and violence against women, to be the official representative of ABMM on the important theme of Violence Against Woman and Girls. I already sent Prof Albertina's brilliant curriculum to Dr Bettina, who very kindly explained the steps to contribute to MWIA's Manual on Violence. (The manual can be found at <http://mwia.net/mwia-trainingmodule-violence/>)

Drs Elizabeth Alexandre, Marilene Melo and Anna Maria Martits are planning to go to Montreal in May, for the OSSD 2017 Annual Meeting.

In Feb. Dr Fátima Alves represented ABMM at a meeting at Regional Council of Medicine of the State of São Paulo, about "New means of payment for medical doctors and hospitals."

This year, the ABMM was invited by the Regional Council of Medicine of São Paulo for the graduation ceremony of the new graduates in medicine of the state of São Paulo. Dr Marilene Melo made a very nice speech to the new medical doctors, and spoke about important issues of interest for the young doctors, including the important issue of Gender /Sex Specific Medicine. For some of the new doctors it was the first time they had heard about this important subject.

At the end of January, there was a very joyful lunch for the opening of the activities of 2017, for all the executive of ABMM and relatives at the elegant Museum of Brazilian Home, organized by Dr Helena Stivanin, our social director.

Representatives of Women's Mental Health Program, University of São Paulo, and the Latin American Psychiatric Association, invited Prof Alexandrina Meleiro, psychiatrist, considering her great expertise on the subject, to write the chapter on: "Suicide and suicidality in women" in the book "Women's Psychiatry and Mental Health – a Clinical and Evidence based Guide" to be published by Springer.