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On April 7, Dra. Marilene Melo, (President of ABMM) and Dra. Ivone Meinão (President of the Sao Paulo Branch) took part with other leaders of Brazilian medical associations in public protest against the private health care companies for better services

and better wages.

ABMM had information in the April edition of the Journal of the Medical Association of

São Paulo about the activities of ABMM in order to get more women medical doctors as associates.

On May 31 there was a forum organized by the Sao Paulo Branch about the subject: "Violence against Woman; legal and penal aspects and actions of medical and

government support" organized by Dr Ivone Meinão with the participation of lawyers, psychologists and a councilor of the City of São Paulo.

In May ABMM put MWIA's letter about the abduction of the Nigerian school girls by Boko Hara their website.

In May, Dr Elizabeth Alexandre, cardiologist, member of the Department of g\Gender Medicine of ABMM and scientific director of section São Paulo of ABMM, was elected president-elect of the Dept of Cardiology of Women of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology.

Anna Maria Martits (director of international affairs of ABMM and member of the new Dept of Gender Medicine of ABMM and Elaine Frade Costa (Professor of Endocrinology

of the University of São Paulo), made an update of the Guidelines of "Diagnosis and Treatment of Male Late Onset Hypogonadism (andropause)" for the Guidelines Program

of the Brazilian Medical Association. The first Guidelines on the same subject were made

in 2004 by the same authors.

On May 29 was the first meeting of the Dept of Gender Medicine Department of ABMM,

where they discussed future actions. These will include making the scientific sections of ABMM focused on gender medicine, trying to introduce in the curriculum of medical schools the important subject of Gender Medicine, stimulate the subject in Brazilian medical congresses and invite Department Head Professors of different specialties to teach Gender Medicine to medical students.

On July 29 was the second meeting of Gender Medicine Dept during which were suggested subjects in Gender Medicine for the XXXII^o Panamerican Congress of Woman

Doctors: "Menopause and Andropause," "Sexuality and Self Esteem," "Alzheimer: are there gender differences?" Sex Differences in autoimmune diseases," "Woman, Diabetes,

Heart".

During this meeting it was also decided to send representatives of the Medicine Department to the OSSD (Organization for the Study of Sex Differences) 2015 Annual Meeting that will be held in April, 2015 at Stanford University.

ABMM, with the great collaboration of Dr Elisa Garcez, from the executive of ABMM,

sent to Dr Bettina Pfleiderer for the Training Manual on Domestic and Sexual Violence, a

video about domestic violence in Brazil executed by the "Project Peace at Home" and a poster made by the Council for the Feminine Condition of the State of São Paulo about Violence, for the World Cup.

This is a first communication for the XXXII^o Panamerican Congress of Medical Women which will be held in the city of São Paulo from 04/03/2015 to 07/03/2015, organized by

the São Paulo Section of ABMM President: Dr Ivone Meinão.

Theme of the Congress: "Targets for the Millenium and the Medical Woman"

Program: subject to changes

Pre Congress: healthy lifestyles

Symposia: Sex differences in cardiology, immunology, endocrinology, neurology Immunological disturbances in childhood

Infectious-contagious Diseases in the 21st Century

Avoidable Cancer in Women

Oncogenomics

Medical Women's mental health

Addiction and medical doctors

Healthy Aging

Posters and Free Sections: themes: feminization of medicine, empowerment of women, syndication of women, role of woman doctors in society, career for woman doctors, violence against woman.