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The implementation of the IFHE Americas Regional Group is part of an IFHE strategy to strengthen the regional associations that are its main members, A Members, seeking to understand the needs and demands based on the technical unit of specific interests and purposes. Based on the existence of a solid group in the European region called IFHE EU - IFHE Europe Regional Group, a movement was systematized in Latin America, initially coordinated by architects Liliana Font from Argentina, Fábio Bitencourt from Brazil and Luciano Monza from Argentina to design and organize a first meeting during the 23rd IFHE Congress held in Buenos Aires in October 2014. Later, architect Briseyda Reséndiz Marquez joined this coordination.



First meeting to define the proposal to create the IFHE Americas Regional Group, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 2014.

The IFHE Americas Regional Group is a sectorized representation for the region, made up of existing associations in the countries of the continent linked to the International Federation of Healthcare Engineering (IFHE). However, representations from countries that are not Members of the IFHE, but that have regular activities and technical and scientific interests with other countries formally linked to the Federation, are also participants in the Group.

The formalization of the group would take place in 2016 during the IFHE Congress in The Hague, Netherlands, with the presence of representatives from eleven Latin American countries and a representative from the USA. Soon after, the largest meeting of this Group would take place in the city of Rio de Janeiro in August 2017 during the IFHE Conference in Rio. Representatives from 14 countries in Latin America were present in this city, as well as Canada and the USA.



First formal meeting of the IFHE Americas Group in the city of The Hague, Netherlands, May 2016.

Subsequent events and meetings also took place in Santiago (Chile), Lima (Peru), Brisbane (Australia), Rome (Italy), Toronto (Canada) and Ciudad de México (Mexico). Now there is a systematization and sequence of these meetings annually in person in different countries, as well as regular events via electronic platforms (Teams, Zoom, Google Meets, etc.)



IFHE Americas meeting in Brisbane, Australia, in October 2018.

During the 27th IFHE Congress held in Toronto, Canada, in September 2022, the IFHE Latin America Regional Group used opportunities to promote its 8th Meeting. As expected, there was a need to update the Latin American associations and their respective members on the

proposals and decisions discussed throughout the year 2022. This Meeting consolidated the proposals and strategies for conducting the Latin American Continuous Operation Network for its future.



IFHE Américas Group meeting in Toronto, Canada, in September 2022.

More recently, the 9th IFHE Americas Meeting took place in Ciudad de México, Mexico, during the Congress of SMAES – Sociedad Mexicana de Arquitectos Especializados en Salud with important participation of representatives from Latin America, USA and Canada. At the same time, it is

important to note that we have always had the presence of representatives from the IFHE Europe Regional Group at all of our Group's events. Engineer and Member of the Executive Committee Daniela Pedrini and other representatives have made great contributions in this period since the beginning of the organization of IFHE Américas.



IFHE Américas meeting during Congress held in Ciudad de México, Mexico, November 2023.

Below we present the current presidents of IFHE Americas associations in February 2024:

- IFHE – International Federation of Healthcare Engineering – Steve Rees - Canadá

- AADAIH - Asociación Argentina de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria - Miguel Sartori
- ABDEH - Associação Brasileira para o Desenvolvimento do Edifício Hospitalar – Ana Paula Naffah Perez
- APAIH - Asociación Paraguaya de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria - Maria Castillos
- ACOAIH - Asociación Costarricense de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria – Vania Ureña
- SUAIH - Sociedad Uruguaya de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria – German Elzaurdia
- SMAES - Sociedad Mexicana de Arquitectos Especializados en Salud – Ramón Aguirre Olivera
- APAES – Asociación Peruana de Arquitectura e Infraestructura em Salud - Guillermo Turza
- ACAIH - Asociación Colombiana de Arquitectura y Infraestructura Hospitalaria - Freddy Andrade
- AARQHOS - Asociación de Arquitectura y Especialidades Hospitalarias de Chile - Ivan Hildebrandt
- CCAINH - Comité Cubano de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria - Guillermo Mateo Reyes Roig
- ABAIH - Asociación Boliviana de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria – Jaime Catacora
- AVAIMS – Asociación Venezolana de Arquitectura e ingeniería Medico Sanitaria - Jorge Garrido
- IFHE EU – IFHE European Regional Group - Daniela Pedrini (Itália) / Jacques Roos (France)
- CHES - Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society - Craig Doenksen -

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