

Full Speech
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Good Morning.

It is an honor and an immense pleasure to be present at the opening ceremony of this first-class medical event such as the 5th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF the Spanish Association of Medical Professionals in Ozone Therapy (AEPRIMO) and the 6th IMEOF INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS (International Medical Ozone Federation). Thank you very much for the invitation.

I am coming to this act on behalf of the Community of Madrid, in the person of the Regional Minister of Health of the Community of Madrid, Professor Dr. Jesús Sánchez Martos, who has specifically instructed me to welcome you and to convey the pride that, in this case, the Community of Madrid and the city of Madrid had been chosen as the venue for this important Congress.

And that, in particular, this Faculty of Medicine of the Madrid Complutense University, be the venue which welcomes the debates and reflections of physicians who work in this discipline in our country and around the world. This faculty is the temple of the Spanish scientific knowledge since centuries and school of generations and generations of health professionals in this country.

It is also a source of satisfaction for us that the motto of this Congress is "**Better Ozone Therapy with Training, Research and Publications**". We believe that continuing and permanent medical education, theoretical and practical, such as what is taught at this Congress, which also includes the three Pre congress Courses, is the fundamental tool for updating knowledge, exchanging experiences and laying the groundwork for future collaboration between professional and institutions that work in this field.

If, in addition, as may be seen from the reading of the Program, the speakers are expert teachers belonging to centers of prestige and pedagogical methods are the suitable for the best learning, the objectives of this event will be fulfilled.

Also, and in a right way, special emphasis is placed on the importance of promoting the development of basic and clinical research projects that, with methodological rigor, provide results that allow the improvement of therapeutic procedures, maximizing their effectiveness and minimizing risks, as well as the introduction of good clinical practice in its application.

The main findings obtained from the research carried out must always be published in journals of greatest impact, not only among professionals directly involved in this new technology, but also among the entire international scientific community.

Although it is a well-known reality that the number of papers and books on the subject has been multiplied in recent times, there is still some lack of knowledge on the subject that must be covered by the dissemination of the characteristics of this technology.

And it was precisely in Madrid where it has been materialized one of the most successful attempts in the way of unifying criteria regarding standard methods and procedures to follow. I am referring, as you could imagine, to the **Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy**, signed seven years ago, during the International Meeting of Schools of Ozone Therapy, organized by AEPRIMO, at the Royal National Academy of Medicine. It includes, among others subjects, the therapeutic foundations, the recommended routes of application or the pathologies most appropriated to be treated with ozone therapy.

The Madrid Declaration has been and it remains a reference document and its recommendations are widely applied in different parts of the world.

In addition, as you know, the Declaration is the document and working guide of ISCO3 International Committee of Ozone Therapy, which has the responsibility to introduce modifications when necessary, in order to keep it up to date in accordance with the scientific investigations on ozone therapy performed anywhere in the world.

From the Madrid Community Regional Ministry of Health we hope that the name of Madrid remains closely linked with the advance and progress of universal medical knowledge, with professional consensus and with the deepening of scientific evidence of the therapeutic procedure to which you dedicate yourself professionally.

We wish that the success of this Congress entails a benefit to the health and quality of life of our citizens.

And I cannot stop encouraging you to know this city, hospitable and welcoming, that is always ready to offer the visitor its great tourist attractions, cultural and of all kinds.

Thank you.