

End of year bulletin: Our journey in 2019



We are pleased to end this new year of efforts and achievements by sharing with you a brief review of our journey during the year.

The Jacinto Convit World Organization (JCWO) is a U.S. non-profit organization founded in 2014 to contribute globally through scientific and educational programs, to specific areas of public health such as cancer and infectious diseases. The organization is named after Dr. Jacinto Convit, a renowned physician, scientist, and humanist, who impacted thousands worldwide with his studies and medical interventions for more than 70 years.

Inspired in Dr. Convit's principles of helping the most in need, being useful to others and working together to have a stronger society, we currently develop two programs that target the most underserved and underprivileged populations in developing countries: Cancer Immunotherapy and Molecular Diagnostics.

JCWO believes in the power of team work over individual efforts and the importance of a multidisciplinary team. We are thrilled to say that during 2019 we brought in new team members who potentiate the mission of the organization.



At the beginning of the year Dr. Jeismar Carballo joined the team as Scientific Officer and more recently was appointed Project Coordinator, with the main goal of enhancing the development of scientific projects and continue building collaborative networks throughout the world. She has been a key person in all efforts made by JCWO during the year.



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Intern experience

This year we launched an internship program and recruited students from different countries to provide them with opportunities in various disciplines such as language, health care, communications, and design. A total of 8 interns were benefited and the number is expected to increase in the coming months. We are proud of their excellent work and contributions to the organization.



“The experience of being a health care intern has been so valuable in fostering new skills and learning about the impact of international non-profits. The community at Jacinto Convit is so supportive and dedicated to bettering the lives of those in need around the world.”

Katjana Wiederkehr
University of Arkansas

Giving to our cause

JCWO is now validated by 15 fundraising and transparency organizations through which individuals can contribute to the development and execution of its programs. Anyone in any part of the world can access our profile through the most popular donating sites and support our work!



Combining therapies

In an effort to innovate by combining effective and last generation immunotherapies, we are proud to share our latest work "Evaluation of a ConvitVax/ anti-PD-1 combined immunotherapy for breast cancer treatment"



Expanding the team

An important achievement this year is the conformation of a team of Ad-Honorem Specialists who work with our staff for the preparation and execution of projects.

Dr. Adam Brufsky, Professor of Medicine and Director of the Comprehensive Breast Cancer Center at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, joined the team as a Scientific Advisor. He is primarily responsible for giving support and advice in the planning, execution, and outcome analysis of studies with ConvitVax.



Dr. Nicolas Acquavella, Senior Director, R&D Early Clinical Development, Immuno-oncology at Sanofi US. Specialized in the care of patients with melanoma and pancreatic cancer with an interest in taking novel immunotherapies from the laboratory to first in human studies.

Dr. Isildinha Reis, Research Professor, Division of Biostatistics at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. Has extensive experience in design and analysis of oncology clinical trials, basic-science/translational investigations, and epidemiology studies



Eduardo Cianferra, Pharm.D., Pharmacist with vast experience in vaccine research, development and production. Experienced clinical research professional on phase I, II and III clinical trials, currently at Memorial Healthcare System.

Research specialists actively participate in the preparation of upcoming clinical trials in cancer immunotherapy to develop ConvitVax, a personalized breast cancer therapeutic vaccine designed by Dr. Convit.

Michelle Yaw, Medical Writer with over 12 years of experience in clinical research working in institutions such as NYU Cancer Institute, University of Miami's Cancer Center and Mayo Clinic.



Jose Alberto Fernandez, Computer Engineer, MBA & Coach, joined as an Ad-Honorem Specialist in technology, mainly in charge of the maintenance, changes, improvements and new designs for our website.

It is a great honor to have them as part of our team!

Testimony: humanist science

Our team had the exceptional opportunity to interview Dr. Francisco Kerdel-Vegas, a renowned physician, dermatologist, diplomat and professor, born in Venezuela, currently residing in Spain. Worked for more than 25 years with Dr. Convit in research and clinic on infectious diseases. Together they trained new generations of specialists and founded an NGO to promote and finance studies in neglected dermatologic diseases. Full interview will soon be published in our Press Room.



“Convit became an icon of what a doctor should be as a human because he was a profoundly generous and detached man. He was able to do important things because he had no interest in money.”





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Our deepest gratitude goes to our allies, donors, collaborators, interns, staff and all the people who help us make this project a reality every day. We are committed to continue developing programs that can improve the lives of the most in need.

“The most important lesson in life is to do good and help those who suffer”

Dr. Jacinto Convit