

# All Access Subscription includes LASA2023 Congress

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## Dear Colleagues

A warm greeting to all of you

This message is to remind you that, if you wish to participate in the LASA2023 Congress in Vancouver, the *All Access* fee must be paid before your subscription expires, but more importantly, to explain the benefits of the *All Access* model.

This model was the result of a significant effort by the Secretariat and the Executive Board, and its objective is to benefit the membership in general, especially those who want to continue to belong to LASA but have seen their institutional support and salary income decrease due to the serious imbalances that their institutions and/or countries have been experiencing.

## What is the *All Access* model?

This year, LASA introduced a single payment model that includes both membership and Congress registration. Thanks to this new modality, we are able to reduce the costs of LASA membership and annual congress attendance for all our members, compared to previous years. In the past, LASA membership and Congress registration were separate benefits and had to be paid separately.

## How does this single fee benefit us?

The most benefited are students and unaffiliated professionals. They were set a single annual fee of USD50 and USD125 respectively, allowing them to enjoy all LASA benefits.

Next, come affiliates residing in Latin America, as all countries in the region were moved to category 2 –low-income countries–, removing many of them from positions where they previously had to pay more for membership or registration. However, there will be some differences between them, depending on the annual salary income. The reductions here, although varying, are also significant. Those affiliated to institutions considered in category 1, based on their salary level, have been left with lower rates than in previous years. Students from these countries will pay USD75, also a substantial reduction from the past, when they paid USD225. All members now benefit from discounts compared to what they paid in previous years.

Some have criticized the one-time payment because if their panel or paper proposal is not accepted, why pay registration fees to Congress? In this case, we would like to remind you that the Congress is hybrid and therefore you will be able to participate as a listener remotely, and if you wish to attend and be part of the audience, also in person.

Dear colleagues, we know that for many of you these fees may still be expensive or you may have your doubts about their benefits. As a non-profit professional association, the vast majority of whose income depends on the dues paid by its members, we need to look for a model that can balance the economic possibilities of its members with the sustainability of the association. This year, we are testing this model and when the event is over, we will inform of its results. We are not sure that it will be sustainable over time.

We send you our warmest greetings and please be sure to check your e-mails and websites where we will be circulating relevant and attractive information on the activities in preparation for our next meeting in Vancouver.

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