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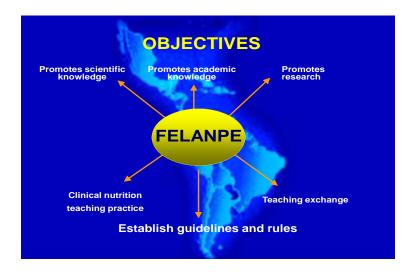
Good Morning Dr. Charles Van Way, Aspen's President and all members of the board. Distinguished personalities. Ladies and Gentleman,

I would like to thank ASPEN for inviting us "the Latin-American Federation of Nutritional Therapy, Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (FELANPE) to share with you who we are and what we do.

FELANPE was created more than 20 years ago by the union of different Latin American societies in the field of artificial nutrition to conciliate interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary efforts in clinical nutrition and nutritional therapy.



It Promotes scientific and academic knowledge, research, teaching exchange, clinical nutrition teaching practices, guidelines and rules.



It was created by physicians, nurses, dietitians and pharmacysts from 19 countries, including the *Iberic* Peninsula. The organization started in Buenos Aires 1986. The first president was from Venezuela.

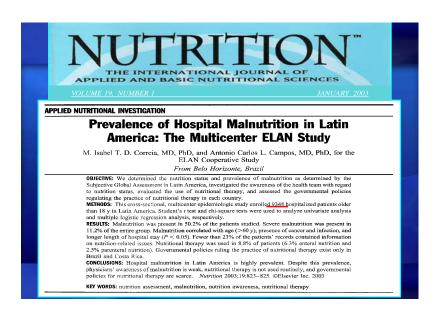


Latin America, in general, is a region with extreme contrasts, where most of the population lives below the poverty line. Moreover, there is a serious need of education, especially in the field of nutrition at any level. Access to hospitals and to health plans, is limited, and malnutrition, consequently, renders longer stays at the premises.

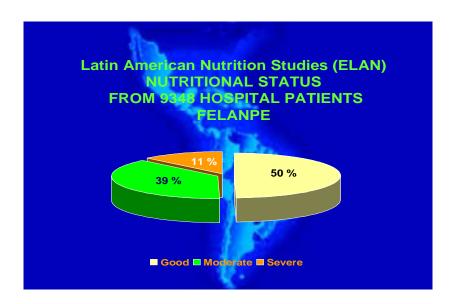
This assertion does not only extend to Latin America but also to other continents where in spite of great efforts malnutrition continues to be growing problem more than ever



One of the most important research efforts in this field, covering many aspects on the current situation, is the "ELAN" or Hospital Malnutrition in Latin America; published at "Nutrition 2003".



We found that 50% of the population suffers from malnutrition.



FELANPE, converged in what we have called "The Cancún Declaration", which is an international statement about the "Hospital Nutrition Right".



The Latin-American academic formation in Clinical Nutrition varies from country to country. Besides, there is no formal education in most of them.

FELANPE created four (4) very effective, practical and dynamic courses for the basic Clinical Nutrition teaching.





They are available to different society's members in all Latin American countries. They are:

- *TNT: Total Nutrition Therapy. For physicians, Awareness about the importance of proper nutrition therapy.
- *CINC: which integrate the clinical nutrition education for different professionals.
- *CNP: Pediatric course.
- *And the newest Clinical Nutrition Advanced Course.



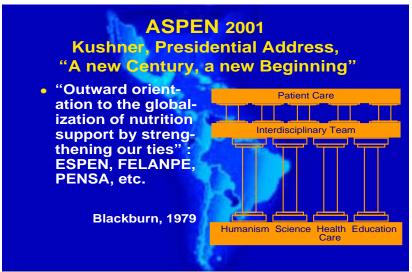
These "projects" have been -and continue to be- very successful as the integrate powerful educational tools, solid data, leadership, and well-designed political strategies that have helped to improve the clinical nutrition panorama in Latin-America. 35 thousand professionals have been trained in Latin America in all of these courses. We have even crossed frontiers and have gone as far as to Asia.

This is a Textbook of FELANPE. 2nd edition is work-in-progress.



Dr. George Blackburn proposed in 1979 that our Society's foundation rested in 4 pillars. Dr Kushner in ASPEN 2001 said that at the same time that we embrace these therapeutic advancements, we need to reach outward and inward.

Outwards to globalization of nutrition support by strengthening our ties with different Societies (ASPEN, ESPEN, FELANPE, etc). There is a tremendous need for education materials and expertise in Nutrition Support throughout the world.



We hold our congress every 2 years. We cordially invite you to the XIII Felanpe's Congress, 2012 in Panama.







Thank you / Gracias. Gertrudis Adrianza de Baptista