

# 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications

## News

For the first time Latin America has the opportunity to organize the World Congress on Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications, in Colombia specifically. Since the first Congress which took place in Copenhagen (Denmark), almost 20 years ago, the interest on the prevention of diabetes has been growing thanks to the studies demonstrating the efficacy of interventions in high risk individuals. The same has happened with the early detection and multifactorial treatment of diabetes and its complications, which has reduced the burden of the disease. Now we need to perform the results regionally and locally, and the main purpose of this eighth Congress is to summon all the experts working on prevention strategies in the real world, in order to exchange their experiences and find ways to collaborate with groups of interest in developing projects in this field. It will also offer the opportunity to update our knowledge on these topics. After being around the world through cities such as Fiuggi (Italy), Hong Kong (China), Chennai (India), Helsinki (Finland), Dresden (Germany) and Madrid (Spain), it is now the turn for the beautiful Cartagena located in the Caribbean. There, amidst tropical scenery and a colonial walled city, we hope to offer you our best hospitality and assure a scientific meeting with the highest standards. To achieve this, our three Scientific Societies working in the field of diabetes have joined their efforts: Colombian Diabetes Association, Colombian Diabetologic Federation and Colombian Association of endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. We therefore want to invite all the health professionals working in this field to attend and present their work in this great meeting which will take place on 15, 16 and 17 October 2015 at the Convention Centre of Las Americas Hotel in Cartagena.

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