



Paraguay launches its “National Policy on Research, Technological Development and Innovation for Health”.

This new policy places Paraguay among a select group of countries that have changed the paradigm of research, from one that mainly emphasizes the development of drugs and treatments to cure health conditions to a broader national strategy that aims to improve the health status of the population and includes every research, biomedical, social, and clinical research. ([Press Release](#)) ([Policy](#))

MacMaster Forum named WHO Collaborating Center. Will support evidence-based health policies.

With this designation as [WHO Collaborating Center](#), the [McMaster Health Forum](#) will perform a greater role at the international level in support of evidence-based policy-making concerning the plans of governance, financial and of supply of health systems. ([press release](#))

PAHO Award - Red Cochrane Iberoamericana: Health Agenda for the Americas - “*Toward the Strengthening of Health Systems in the Americas*”.

For the second consecutive year PAHO will deliver the PAHO-Red CCCi Award, during the [Cochrane Colloquium 2011](#). The award aims to promote research that contributes with the Health Agenda for the Americas and in 2011 specifically, strengthen health systems through Cochrane revisions. Awards go to a systematic revision and a protocol. Deadline for submitting works is 20 June. ([Award announcement](#)) ([2010 Award](#)).

Brazilian Registry of Clinical Trials

Brazil implemented a system for registry of clinical trials: the Brazilian Registry of Clinical Trials (REBEC). This Registry is a national repository of studies with human subjects and that promotes the transparency and the dissemination of clinical trials. REBEC is an online tool and can be looked up at <http://ensaiosclinicos.gov.br/>

Equator Network in Spanish publishes updates on key guides.

The development of the Equator site in Spanish continues with the publication of the updates on the CONSORT, PRISM, and STROBE guides in Spanish. In addition to these guides, EQUATOR offers an extensive collection of guides to inform systematically on research findings. See the [updates](#) and repository of guides in [Spanish](#) and [English](#).

Documenting the value of research.

Photographer Jane Dempster, collaborator of the Research, Promotion and Development Team, visited Colombia with the intention of vividly illustrating the returns of research. For this purpose she visited institutions such as the School of Health of the Universidad del Valle and the Cisalva Institute; the Sexual and Reproductive Health Group, and the Group of Epidemiology and Population Health (GESP), where she spoke with researchers and authorities who exposed on their research and developments. [Press Release](#)

Workshops on Research Ethics and Translation of Knowledge

“[Informed Consent](#)”, Universidad de la Frontera in Temuco, Chile, 19 January 2011.

“[What makes research with human subject ethical?](#)” Cochrane Canada Webinar Series, 26 January 2011.

“[Research Ethics with Human Subjects](#) ([Spanish](#) and [English](#))” Washington, DC; Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 2-3 February 2011.

“[Preparing policy briefs and convening policy dialogues in EVIPNet-Americas](#), Santiago de Chile, 7-10 March 2011

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