



*PaMinSA III*  
*Third Paleopathology Association Meeting in South America*  
*Bridges and Transitions*



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**First Announcement**

Dear colleagues,

We have pleasure in informing you that preparations are in progress for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Paleopathology Meeting in South America (III Congreso de Paleopatología en Sudamérica - PAMinSA III). It will take place in the city of Necochea in the province of Buenos Aires on the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2009.

We are very proud of undertaking the challenge of organising the 3<sup>rd</sup> PAMinSA in our country and to continue the recently inaugurated biannual meetings of the Paleopathology Association in South America. The Paleopathology Association (PPA) is an international scientific association that promotes the study of paleopathology all over the world. The Scientific Meetings of the PPA are events that have been traditionally held annually or biannually in North America and Europe for more than 35 years, bringing together academics from diverse branches of medicine and anthropology. Similarly, in recent years the successful South American Meetings in Rio de Janeiro (2005) and Santiago de Chile (2007) allowed Latin American students and professionals to present their research and make contact with colleagues from other countries and continents.

The spirit of this 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting can be summed up under the title “Bridges and Transitions”. This can be understood in lots of different ways: the different ways of understanding the relationship between nature and culture, between man and the environment in which he lives, in the bridges that run between the different lines of theories, interests and the many questions of researchers across the world, and also the diverse issues that surround the societies they study.

The Meeting will have three types of presentations: special sessions, podium presentations and posters. The Scientific Committee and the Organizing Committee are working towards generating a list of special sessions with diverse and relevant themes that will cover the current issues across the discipline. The podium presentations and posters will have open themes. In the next announcement we



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will send a list of the proposed sessions and in addition to the criteria and requirements that are needed for each paper across the different types of presentations.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> PAMinSA will be held in the city of Necochea, province of Buenos Aires, during our spring of 2009. This will allow us to enjoy the pleasant climate in this beautiful coastal city with all types of hotels and guesthouses, fine restaurants and the marvellous charm of the sea. Its proximity to the urban areas with their major tourist attractions, like Buenos Aires or Mar del Plata, and the very interesting archaeological sites around the area, will also allow us to undertake various excursions.

We hope we can count on your presence. In future announcements we will give more information on this event, deadlines for enrolment, fees, the requirements for dates of presentations of abstracts and information about accommodation and transport. Likewise, shortly we will set up a webpage in which you can find further announcements and periodic updates of general information about the 3<sup>rd</sup> PAMinSA.

From all points of view **transitions** represent challenges. The Organizing Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> PAMinSA wishes that this Meeting will contribute to the consolidation of **bridges** within South America and with the rest of the world in respect of the work we do but also by increasing the friendship we have.

Kind regards,

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