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Before the SARS CoV-2 vaccines were developed, attendance at face-to-face events was cancelled and we had to adapt to this situation. However, in 2021, I was able to participate in the youth leadership course organised by Colabiocli, which was conducted remotely.

Attending this congress allowed me to meet most of the young Latin Americans I met through the Colabiocli course, sharing their experiences and views especially on how our work has developed in the context of the pandemic and the societal impact of our vital labour.

We also share our dreams and new ideas for future projects; however, we are aware that as clinical laboratory professionals in Latin America and despite having the tools to work with high quality during the analytical process, we still have the challenge of accrediting the processes through the ISO 15189 standard.

On the other hand, attendance at the congress was a very rewarding activity, especially because of the high level of speakers on topics related to the pre-analytical phase, the impact of COVID on the development of clinical laboratory activities, cardiac markers, pharmacovigilance and cancer therapy through genomic data and leadership, among others.

I thank the IFCC for this opportunity, for the experience and for the motivation it generated in me to continue participating in my national scientific body, to continue enriching myself as a professional, to continue working with the commitment to be able to contribute to the health of patients.

