

Preface

It is an honor to write this introduction to the VI Manual of the Interamerican Association of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology (IAPO), thus increasing the knowledge of all physicians who read this manual. The benefits of all this information are offered to the distinctive specialists dedicated to the pathologies of our areas: ear, nose and throat.

A major effort was made by Dr. Tania Sih, the coordinator of this manual, and the editors, Dr. Alberto Chinski, Dr. Roland Eavey and Dr. Ricardo Godinho, bringing together well-known specialists with a high ability to provide their knowledge in writing, making them last for a long time.

Year after year, IAPO has taken great care to keep its members united not only with this beautiful work, the manuals, which are given free from charge to every physician who becomes a member of the association, but also by the Scientific Congresses activities as well as its website.

Thus, these manuals, the IAPO congresses and the website deal with themes related to the Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology Pathology with the objective of reaching an increasing number of specialists around the world. With members in 72 countries, IAPO is like a family that is becoming larger not only in numbers but also in scientific knowledge.

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