

# International Symposium on the Centennial of the Discovery of Chagas Disease

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The Centennial of Chagas disease discovery arouses in us two different feelings: pride for the scientist Carlos Chagas, one of the founder fathers of Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, who marked the history of science and health in Brazil and worldwide, and responsibility to face the challenges still imposed by this disease. In this sense, it is with great honor that we present this special issue of *Memórias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz*, whose articles were written by former researchers and presented at the International Symposium on the Centennial Discovery of Chagas Disease.

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