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Anatol Steck, Senior Project Director, International Archival Programs (Left) & Ambassador Jorge Argüello (Right) at USHMM. Photo Credit: USHMM.

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Argentina and the United States were the two countries in the Americas that admitted the most immigrants fleeing Nazi persecution. Multiple stories connect us, while at the same time we are united by our desire to keep memories alive. On September 21, the Argentine Embassy carried out a series of activities associated with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. In the

morning, Ambassador Jorge Argüello and his entire team took a guided tour of the Museum, which culminated in a few minutes of reflection in the Hall of Remembrance, an eternal flame burns before an inscription from Deuteronomy.

In the afternoon, at the Embassy there was the opening



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the renewal of the cooperation agreement between the General Archives of Argentina and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In this edition, we also include an article on the Pan American Health Organization's decision of selecting an Argentine laboratory to produce RNA-based vaccines to combat COVID-19 in Latin America.

Finally, an article on the fundraising partnership between the Embassy of Argentina with the Many Hats Institute and the Summerhill Polo to benefit D.C. Scores.

Jorge Argüello
Ambassador to the United States

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pillar of both our national policy and our foreign policy. Our cooperation with the Holocaust Museum falls within this framework.

We share evidence, history, and fight together against hate and racism. Remembrance, truth, and justice. Never again. ■

of an exhibition that coincides with the bicentennial of the General Archives of Argentina. This exhibition reflects the cooperation between the Argentine Archives and the Museum, providing mutual access to essential materials for the reconstruction of stories and exhibition of documents, photographs, and other testimonies from that time. Horror is embodied there but also hope.

In the afternoon, a ceremony was also held to renew the agreement between both institutions, which has been in place for 15 years, with the signature of the Director of Archives' Document Funds, Samanta Casareto (on behalf of the Minister of the Interior, Eduardo de Pedro), and the Director of the National Institute for Holocaust Documentation, Rebecca Boehling, on behalf of the Museum.

The Holocaust Museum seeks to keep alive the memories of the Holocaust, to remember victims and survivors, and also tries to confront hatred and anti-Semitism. Argentina is the only Latin American country that is a full member of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. We have officially adopted the definition of anti-Semitism it established, as an essential tool to combat it. We repudiate any manifestation that denies the Shoah, anywhere in the world.

Since the end of the last dictatorship, our country has unwaveringly maintained a state policy that demonstrates strong leadership in the field of human rights, which is a

PAHO SELECTS AN ARGENTINE LABORATORY TO PRODUCE VACCINES WITH MESSENGER RNA TECHNOLOGY AGAINST COVID-19

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) selected two biomedical centers, one in Argentina and the other in Brazil, as regional centers to develop and produce RNA-based vaccines to combat COVID-19 in Latin America.

This initiative will facilitate technology transfer of the vaccines developed by Moderna in the United States to a region severely affected by the Coronavirus that still lacks access to enough vaccines.

Sinergium Biotech, a private bio-pharmaceutical company in Argentina, was selected for this purpose and it will partner with pharmaceutical mAbxience, from the same holding, to develop and manufacture

the active ingredients used in the production process. Likewise, the Bio-Manguinhos Institute of Technology on Immunobiologicals at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in Brazil was also chosen for this initiative.

PAHO highlighted that the vaccine manufacture will benefit the entire region and that their distribution will be financed by a PAHO Revolving Fund.

The region of the Americas has had the most COVID-19 infections to date, with 87.6 million registered cases and more than 2.16 million lives lost. In this regard, access to and the distribution of vaccines continues to be uneven and several countries in the region will not reach the

Minister of Health, Carla Vizzotti (Ctr.) and team.



THIS INITIATIVE WILL FACILITATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OF THE VACCINES DEVELOPED BY MODERNA IN THE UNITED STATES TO A REGION SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THAT STILL LACKS ACCESS TO ENOUGH VACCINES.

vaccination goal set by the World Health Organization of 40 percent by the end of this year.

Argentina's Minister of Health, Carla Vizzotti, made reference to this milestone for Argentina and for the region during the Third Annual Regional Conference of the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Center for Latin America, which took place on September 22 as a side event at the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

On that occasion, Vizzotti stated that Sinergium has extensive experience in the manufacture of vaccines and other biological products, an enormous capacity for the development of complex health products, as well as extensive experience in the distribution of these products nationally and internationally. She also highlighted that Sinergium has shown its commitment to supplying products through PAHO's procurement system.

In the framework of her presentation, in a panel with the Vice President of Costa Rica, the Minister of Health observed that Argentina's pharmaceutical industry is recognized for its track record, standards, and quality, with 190 manufacturing plants in the country.

It is important to highlight that Argentina produces, among others, the flu vaccine, the pneumococcal vaccine, and the quadrivalent vaccine against HPV. In addition, through international cooperation, it worked with Mexico to jointly produce the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, and with the Russian Federation to produce the Sputnik V vaccine through Richmond Laboratories.

The vaccination campaign is progressing in our country, with 64% of the population vaccinated with one dose and 46% that is fully vaccinated to date.

Expanding our production capacity was a strategic decision to promote access to vaccines in Argentina and also throughout Latin America. ■



Charlie Muldoon, Summerhill Polo (Left), Ambassador Jorge Argüello & wife (Ctr) and Fabian Koss, Many Hats Institute (Right).

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH POLO FOR KIDS

On Saturday, September 25th, Ambassador Jorge Argüello threw the opening ball to the polo game in “Polo for Kids”. The Embassy of Argentina partnered with the Many Hats Institute (MHI), the Summerhill Polo in benefit for D.C. Scores, to present this unique event to benefit the local community of children and youth.

Argentina has a long-standing tradition as a trademark of the best polo worldwide, with the highest number of ten-goal players in the sport and breeding the best polo horses for international markets. In 2019, Argentina exported to the world nearly \$28 million in equine athletes, from which 14 million corresponded to the U.S. market. In addition, the United States shares with Argentina the culture for horses and imported from the world \$1 billion in horses

in 2019, from diverse origins such as Germany, Belgium, Canada, Australia, and Argentina.

This passion for horses and this “love affair” with polo between Argentina and the United States joined forces this last Saturday for a social cause. It proved that when efforts come together for good, purposes come to be fulfilled. The event, which has already become a tradition in the Metropolitan Area of D.C., alternates the community it serves each year. Thus, one year benefits local communities in Argentina, and one year serves local communities in the United States.

In this particular case, the funds of the event were channeled through Many Hats Institute in favor of D.C.

THE 2021 POLO FOR KIDS BENEFITS D.C. SCORES AND THE LAST EVENT BENEFITED THE GARRAHAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

Scores, a free school-based program serving over 3,000 kids across the District of Columbia through an award-winning model that combines soccer, poetry, and service-learning. Fabian Koss, a co-founder of the Many Hats Institute, talked about the joint initiative: "At the Many Hats Institute, we created the Polo for Kids initiative in the 1990s in partnership with Summerhill Polo. The Many Hats and Summerhill Polo are honored to team up with the Embassy of Argentina. The Embassy has been our key partner in numerous fundraisers over the years that have benefited children all over the globe. The 2021 Polo for Kids benefits D.C. Scores and the last event benefited the Garrahan Children's Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This partnership is a great opportunity to bring a "Taste of Argentina" to the Washington, D.C. area."

Ambassador Argüello mentioned that the Embassy of Argentina is one of the many sponsors of the event. "We thought it would be a great idea to support a nonprofit dedicated to improving the conditions for children and youth worldwide while promoting Argentina's culture. Here we are featuring Argentine polo, gastronomy, wine, and beef. The best Argentine image. We even have an Argentine player with a scholarship for an MBA at Georgetown University playing today."

The polo field and facility where the event took place, owned and operated by one of America's legendary polo families, the Muldoon's, offered the guests an exciting experience. In addition, Argentine beef and wine were offered, bringing a unique "Taste of Argentina" to the "Poolesville Pampas."

The owner of the Summerhill Club, Charlie Muldoon, highlighted how the event joined an entire community to raise funds and bring awareness. "The Muldoon family has always been equestrian-centered, 'Big Joe' Muldoon took over the Potomac Polo Club in the 1970s, and since then our family has raised funds and awareness for various charities through the sport of polo. In the 1980s my family originated the Family House Polo Match that has been held annually for over 30 years. Since 1995 the Many Hats Institute, Potomac Polo Club, and Summerhill Farm have worked together to support numerous charities worldwide, an incredible sport that convenes people from all walks of life to support important causes. The partnership that we have developed with Many Hats Institute and the Argentine Embassy is a great collaboration that brings the community together to help significant causes."

In the end, the event serves multiple purposes from social causes to the promotion of culture and trade. Next year the fundraising will benefit the Argentine community and it will also be another opportunity for both countries to share their mutual passion for horses and working hand-in-hand for a common purpose. ■