

Nomination for Regional Board Members (Region: Americas)



Name of nominee	Humberto Celho Neto E Silva
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Reasons for nomination (By nominating members):

I am nominating Mr. Humberto Silva as the Brazilian representative of the World Alliance in the 2012 Alliance Regional Board Member election. I have found him to be a tireless campaigner for our cause. Humberto has not only dedicated himself to helping Hepatitis C sufferers in Brazil, but he has also gone to great efforts to bring Hepatitis sufferers plight to the attention of the people of Brazil, raising awareness and introducing the cause as a serious issue in the Brazilian media. Thanks to him millions of Brazilians who would otherwise be ignorant of the disease and its consequences have been alerted to and touched by the difficulties faced by people living with hepatitis.

I have no doubt that if he is elected Humberto will be an excellent representative for our country on the Regional Board. As I believe Humberto has great diplomatic skills, as well as a great experience of international relations, I believe that he work very well with our colleagues and neighbours on the board, bringing his dynamism and dedication to the cause.

Alexandre Ferreira
Administrative Director ABPH

Experience and suitability for the role, including viral hepatitis status

(By nominee):

Since being diagnosed most unexpectedly with Hepatitis C in 2010 I have made it my goal to publicise our great cause around this great country of ours. My current viral hepatitis status is under treatment, gen. 3a, cirrhotic child a, 6 months of treatment, relapsed- 2nd treatment in course- I'm on the 41th of 48 weeks. I've had the virus for about 40 years, but as stated before I only found out 3 years ago. The probability is that I caught it after a blood transfusion during an appendicitis surgery, as a child. Current treatment: IFNpegasys 180 weekly +RIV 1000 mg daily.

Prior to my diagnosis I already had great experience in working in the charity sector, particularly with children with cancer and the cause of disadvantaged children in general. In 2010 I participated in the movement to pass the Children's Charter of Right in the Brazilian Congress.

I am well used to participating in international meetings and I enjoy dealing with my international colleagues. I believe this would be most helpful for serving on the regional board. I am also fluent in several languages (including Spanish). I wish to serve my fellow patients.