

WELCOMING LETTERS
FROM

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BILL CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1993

Greetings to everyone gathered for the 14th International Leprosy Congress.

People on every continent can be thankful for your tireless, effective efforts in combating Hansen's disease over the past decades. During the last ten years, you and your colleagues have reduced the number of individuals who suffer from this disease by more than one-half -- substantially reducing the amount of suffering in our world.

I commend you for your work to assist victims of Hansen's disease in returning to lives of dignity and usefulness within their communities. I wish you continued progress as you work toward achieving your goal of eliminating this disease as a major public health problem.

Hillary joins me in sending best wishes for every success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA LAWTON CHILES

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August 29, 1993

Greetings:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the International Leprosy Congress.

If you are a first time visitor to Florida, welcome! Our abundant natural resources, scenic highways and extensive park system are yours to enjoy. Our dynamic cities and 2,000-mile coastline await you. Every region of Florida promises special memories to you, our guests. The Sunshine State abounds in natural beauty and challenging outdoor activities.

We are pleased that Florida was chosen as the site of the 14th Congress. I am appreciative of the efforts this organization makes to find a cure for Hansen's disease (leprosy).

My best wishes are sent for a very productive meeting and a pleasant stay in Orlando.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawton Chiles".
LAWTON CHILES

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WELCOME!

On behalf of our beautiful city and its gracious citizens, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a personal welcome to everyone attending the 14th International Leprosy Congress. Orlando is proud to be the host city for such a distinguished and diverse group of dignitaries, scholars and health care officials from around the globe.

During your visit here we hope you will have an opportunity to enjoy all the wonderful amenities that Orlando has to offer. Visit our beautiful parks and lakes, our championship golf courses and, of course, our world famous attractions. Wherever you go you will find friendly Floridians who are experienced and willing hosts.

Best wishes for a most successful Congress. It is our hope that you will enjoy your visit and plan to return in the near future.

Sincerely,

Glenda E. Hood
Mayor

GREETINGS FROM THE ILA PRESIDENT



Welcome to Orlando and to the 14th Congress of the International Leprosy Association. Your officers and the joint ILA/ALM/USPHS Congress committee have labored for months to ensure that this Congress becomes memorable as a personal experience for all of us, as a time rich in opportunities for increasing the professional skills we bring to the struggle against Hansen's disease and disabilities. We have tried to create a Congress format that facilitates sharing of information and ideas by every participant, and we hope you will find our effort successful.

Again we say, Welcome to the 14th Congress. We look forward to a week of fellowship that is warm, richly patterned, deep in its insights and scientific content, and full of the vitality that has always marked those engaged in the long battle against Hansen's disease.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Meyers, M.D., Ph.D.

President, ILA