

## **Cesar Garrido: a short bio of the new WFH President**

Cesar Garrido was elected to a four-year term as World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) President at the [2020 Annual Meeting of the General Assembly](#) on October 16, 2020. The following is a brief overview of the newest President of the WFH.

Cesar Garrido was born in Caracas, Venezuela. He has two sons, one of whom has hemophilia A, which was the impetus for him becoming a committed member of the bleeding disorders community—a commitment which began over two decades ago.

In 1996 Garrido became a member of the Venezuelan Association for Hemophilia (AVH). He has held a number of roles in that organization, including being a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer and Project Manager. At the AVH, he has been key member of several endeavours, including the creation of new diagnostic laboratories in Venezuela, and campaigns for testing and diagnosis of people with hemophilia (PWH) in Venezuela and Latin America. He was also part of national programs which increased access to factor, developed outreach and identification campaigns, increased access to education, and set up regional medical workshops for PWH.

At the international level, Garrido was an Advisory Board member of the International Alliance Patient Organization (IAPO) and was member of HERO (Haemophilia Experiences, Results and Opportunities) in 2010. He was also a development manager for a strategic alliance of 27 countries from the Americas that was set up to influence public policies.

The WFH has been a big part of Cesar Garrido's life since 1999. He was a member of the Board of Directors from 2002 to 2010 and was most recently lay member from 2014 until his election as President in 2020. He has held a number of important roles at the WFH, including chair of the Accreditation Committee, chair of the [Hemophilia Organization Twinning \(HOT\)](#) Committee, co-chair of Capacity Building Committee, national member organization (NMO) Vice President, and member of the President's Strategic Council.