The World Leprosy Day is the appropriate time to recognize the enormous strides made in the reduction of the global burden of leprosy over the last decades.

In this regard the International Leprosy Association (ILA) was awarded a recognition prize for its participation in the fight against leprosy by the Ministry of Health of Brazil.

The ceremony took place last January 13 in the main auditorium of the Ministry of Health in Brasilia, the capital of Brazil, with the participation of His Excellency Deputy Minister, Dr. Jarbas Barbosa. Participants included representatives of Health State Secretaries, Social Movements and PAHO/WHO.