



THE SPECIFICITY OF ANTI-VENOMOUS SEROTHERAPY: A DIALOGUE BETWEEN FRANCE AND BRAZIL.

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Abstract

The first scientific dialog between France and Brazil was struck at the beginning of the 20th century. On the one hand, French researcher Albert Calmette from the renowned Pasteur Institute and his theory of the neutralizing effects of anti-venomous serum over all types of venoms. On the other hand, Brazilian researcher Vital Brazil, founder of the Butantan Institute, and his theory on the specificity of serums. Upon analysis of Vital Brazil's work, a scientific dialog between Brazil and Calmette was identified, in a process representative of a Scientific Communication. Based on the analysis of letters sent by Calmette to Brazil, available at the "Casa de Vital Brazil", relevant portions are capable of proving scientific collaboration between both researchers, especially as to the clarification of the issue of specificity of serums, as well as the friendship and admiration demonstrated by the French researcher towards Brazil's work.