Networking activities in Biological Physics and Bioimaging in LAC.

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Actions taken vs plan:

-We set up the network with 3 subnetworks, the website and mailing lists, thanks Rafael!
-We connected to many groups but did not include a list on the website.
-We organized online colloquia.
-Pablo, Rafael and Silvina organized mini-course on Fundamentals of Biological Physics (in 2025 and in 2026).
-Useful information was distributed through the mailing lists, including call for positions.
-The subnetworks did not meet by themselves or advanced initiatives on their own.

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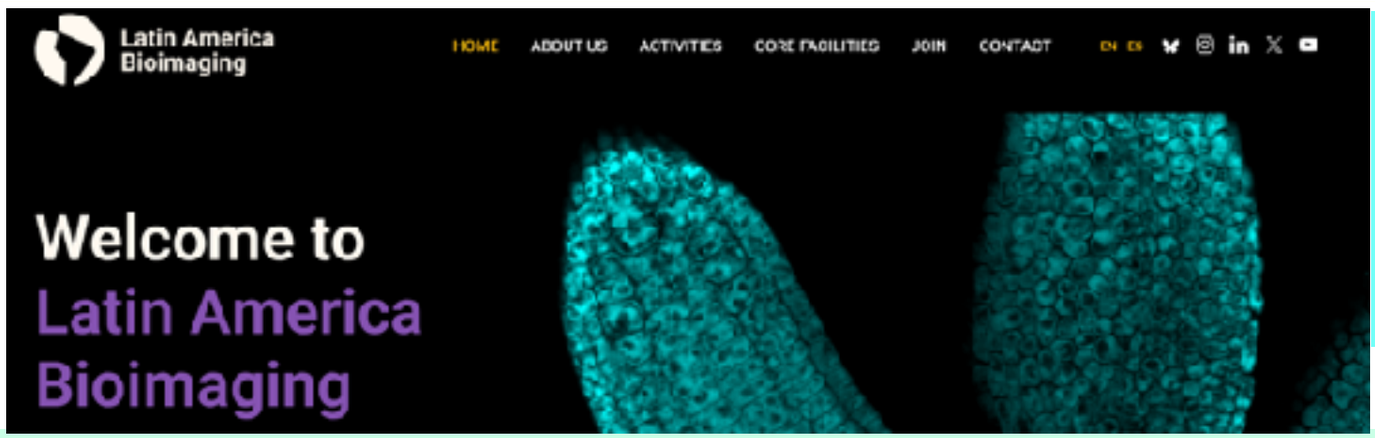

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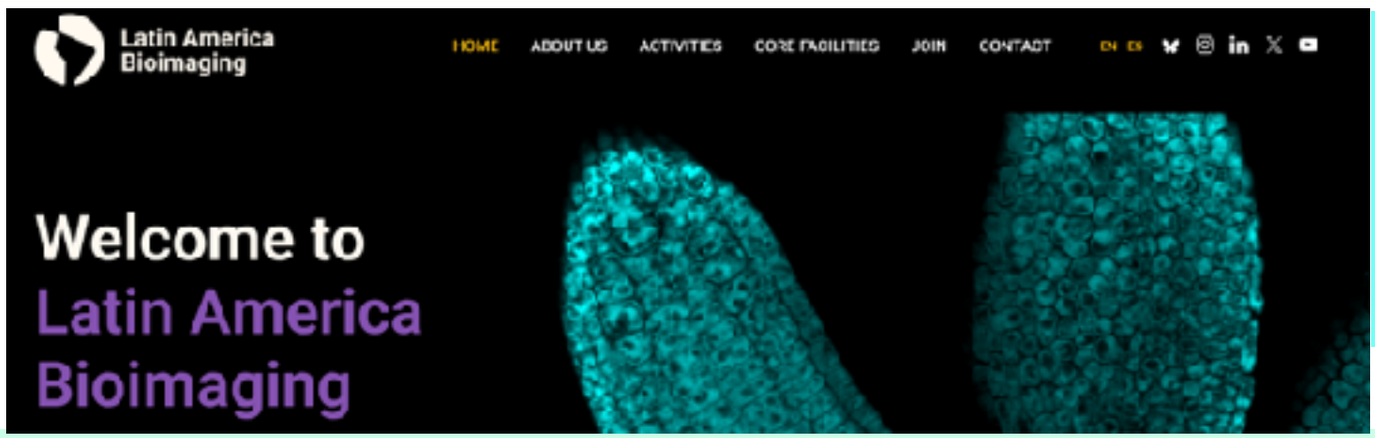

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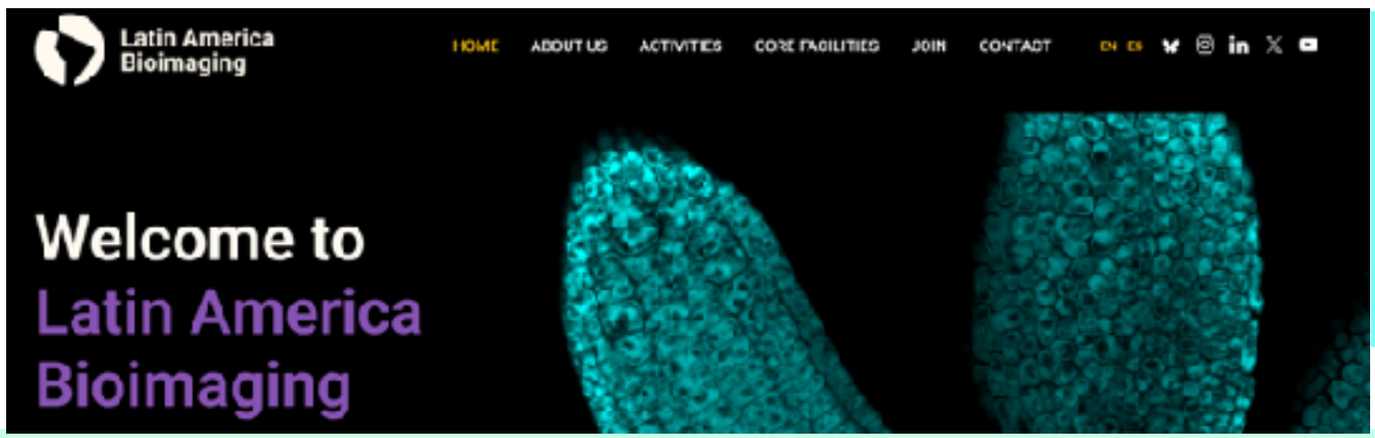

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