



7th IOF Advanced Training Course on Osteoporosis in Latin America Medellin, Colombia, April 30 - May 1, 2009

More than 100 attendees participated in the 7th IOF Advanced Training Course in Latin America which was held in conjunction with the Vth Colombian Congress on Osteoporosis organized by ACOMM. As in past regional courses, the program was taught by a regionally and internationally renowned faculty. In addition, it was the first time that an English speaker was invited - attendees and sponsors were particularly honored and motivated to attend thanks to the participation of IOF President and renowned speaker Prof. John Kanis.



From left to right: R. Caminos (Venezuela), J. Jaller (Colombia), P. Nel Rueda (Colombia), C. Perez (Colombia), J. Kanis (UK), J. Zanchetta (Argentina), A. Terront (Colombia) and G. Riera (Venezuela).



The teaching faculty met the evening before the course in order to review each lecture and avoid any overlap. This 4 hour exercise contributed to the continuity and fluency of the discussion. Furthermore, the audience rated the teaching faculty performance as excellent (51%) and very good (33%).

Last but not least, the participant surveys showed that more than 54% of the participants rated the course overall as excellent and 42% as very good. Due to this successful result, the IOF Latin America sees the continued need for the course to further training in other cities of the region.