

IOF- Advanced Training Course on Osteoporosis

Report on 2008 Latin American activities

October 30th - November 1st, 2008

Buenos Aires, Argentina



Introduction

The IOF Advanced Training Course on Osteoporosis was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 30th to November 1st, being the third edition in Buenos Aires and the fifth experience in the region. In this opportunity, 23% of the participants came from other regional countries: Venezuela, Bolivia, Panama, Paraguay, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Mexico, Ecuador and Colombia, over a total of **140 health professionals**.

Training course faculty members

Jose Zanchetta -course leader- (Argentina), Gregorio Riera -scientific coordinator- (Venezuela), Rodolfo Spivacow (Argentina), Raúl Caminos (Venezuela), Patricia Clark (Mexico), Sergio Ragi (Brazil), Claudia Campusano (Chile), José Luis Ferretti (Argentina) and Daniel Messina (Argentina).

The participants marked the conferences as excellent (43%) and very good (42%). The different nationalities of the professors is an invaluable resource for the attendees, being represented different health realities of the region, this is the reason why the 86% of the participants marked them as excellent and very good (43% each).



IOF Family

Grants were available to healthcare professionals working with IOF member societies (3 per society), thus 16 physicians from 6 countries (Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Uruguay, Chile and Costa Rica) attended the training course. Up to 14 grants were available to internships from public Argentinean hospitals.

Sponsors

Not only national but also regional pharmaceutical companies sponsored this training course:

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| - Servier Argentina | - Roche Venezuela |
| - Roche Argentina | - Servier Ecuador |
| - Gador Argentina | - Roche Peru |
| - Hologic Argentina | - Pfizer Ecuador |
| - Ferring Argentina | |

Results

The surveys states that more than 54% of the participants considerate the course as excellent and 42% as very good. Due to this successful result, the course will be held again next year on April 30th and May 1st in Medellin, Colombia.