
The V Argentine Congress of Andrology was held in Buenos Aires on the 25-27 October, 2007.

The Scientific Committee prepared a well balanced program that included topics of clinical Andrology and basic research in Biology of Reproduction. For this purpose, 7 international experts from Chile, Germany, Spain, Uruguay, and USA, and 13 local experts participated in plenary lectures and symposia on Spermatozoa, Reproductive Medicine, Infectology and Reproduction, Urologic Oncology, Sexual Dysfunctions and Andropausia. The invited speakers for plenary lectures and symposia were Dr. J. Alvarez (University of Harvard Medical School, USA, and La Coruña, Spain), Dr. E. Bustos Obregón (Universidad de Chile, Chile), Dr. G. Doncel (Eastern Virginia Medical School, USA), Dr. A. Kierszenbaum (The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education/ The City University of New York, USA), Dr. E. Nieschlag (University of Münster, Germany), and Dr. O. Mazza (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina). A summary of lectures, symposia, and communications has been published at the Revista Argentina de Andrología (V16, Nº2, October 2007) (ISSN 1669-7618); the issue was provided to all participants to the meeting.

There were 180 attendees, among them medical doctors, biochemists, biologists, chemists and veterinarians; about 50 were young basic researchers or residents. The excellent academic level of lectures and symposia and a very participative audience nicely combined to generate a very lively atmosphere.

There were 40 communications, 35 presented as posters and 5 selected for oral presentations; of these last 5, one was awarded as the best basic research communication and one as the best clinical work in Andrology.

The ISA funding made possible for the organizers to grant 24 fellowships to the first authors of short communications. These fellowships were given to young clinical trainees and researchers, mainly from other countries (Chile, Peru and Uruguay), and exempt them to pay the registration fee to attend to the meeting.

A pre-congress “Theoretical and Practical Course in Molecular and Functional Aspects of the Andrology Laboratory”, organized by Dr. M. Vazquez-Levin, was taken by 25 students, three of whom were awarded with fellowships for their attendance.

Some photographs of the meeting:
Dr Nieschlag with Dr Brugo Olmedo; Dr Doncel; Dr Alvarez

Dr Vichera receives the award to the Best basic research communication