



AHPBA Mission Outreach Team

FORMOSA AND ASUNCION



The team arrives at Aeropuerto Formosa

We began our outreach trip on Sunday December 4th in Buenos Aires with Susanne Warner, Javier Lendoire, Octavio Gil and myself. We flew from Buenos Aires to the city of Formosa where we were received by the Local Authorities of the Province. We did a visit to the "Polo Científico" where we exchanged information with the scientists about the actual projects and future developments. After that we visit the new Nuclear Medicine Center where we discussed the perspectives of multidisciplinary possible treatments in malignancies of the HPB field in this setting, after that a short visit to the Hospital. We arrange a welcome reception and dinner with the Governor, several Ministers of the province and the authorities of the hospital. On Monday morning we make rounds at the Hospital de Alta Complejidad of Formosa with physicians from several areas discussing patients. We started the Conferences Session with an Open Ceremony done by the Minister of Health.

The meeting was virtual and on site and the first 2 talks were given by Bill Jarnagin in a virtual way with local translation. Everybody was surprised by the excellent and fluent Spanish of Susanne Warner. We gave all the conferences during the morning and afternoon with a short coffee break to finish all in time. After the conferences Susanne and Octavio Gil were interviewed by the local press. At 5 PM we left by Van to Asunción (Paraguay). Julio Ramirez Sotomayor and Carlos Pfingst were waiting for us at the hotel upon arrival. The activities in Asuncion started on Tuesday at Hospital de Clinicas where we delivered conferences and discussed HPB cases the hole day. We went to the hotel to rest for a couple of hours and prepare for a typical dinner at the house of the local host Julio Sotomayor and the Minister of Health of Paraguay accompanied us for this evening.

The next day we had scheduled a visit to the Itagua National Hospital where we met the director and toured the institution. Later they took us to visit the new IPS Ingavi, where we got to know the new facilities of the institution. After such an interesting experience for all of us, we ended the mission. We had lunch at the hotel and each one of us took a return flight to their country.

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