

AAHS 2015 Post-Course in Brazil a Success!

The AAHS Post-course following the Brazilian Hand Surgery Society's annual meeting held in Iguassu Falls, Brazil on March 21, 2015 was a success! **Eleven AAHS members (Erich Gauger, Scott Kozin, Cherrie Heinrich, David Bozentka, Alex Davit, Marco Rizzo, Jorge Orbay, Chris Chadderdon, Leo Kroonen, Scott Steinmann, and Julie Adams) traveled to Brazil and spoke to over 600 attendees at the Brazilian Hand Society meeting.** The post-course had a great turn out especially considering that the Brazilian meeting coincided with the AAOS meeting in Las Vegas, the ASSH course in Hawaii, the SSHS-ASSH meeting in Singapore, and many people's spring breaks.



Because of our members' dedication and wonderful talks, the post-course was extremely well received. An outstanding line up of AAHS faculty presented an update on hand surgery of the entire upper limb, and provided tips and tricks to improve patient care and outcomes. **Our hosts were gracious and kind, and we AAHS members had a great time renewing old friendships, making new contacts, and learning from our Brazilian colleagues during their annual meeting.** Our AAHS members enjoyed touring the beautiful countryside and sharing great meals and good times with our hosts.

The AAHS 2016 Annual Meeting brochures that were sent to the Brazilian meeting were GONE within short order and there was great enthusiasm for the 2016 meeting in Arizona. **As a means of reaching out and developing interest in AAHS and relationships with our South American colleagues, I believe that the course fulfilled these goals very well.**



Thank you to the AAHS member faculty participants, our friends and colleagues in Brazil, especially **Carlos Henrique Fernandes MD and Giana Giostri, MD**, to **Don Lalonde MD** for his leadership in AAHS reaching out to our sister societies around the world and his vision of cooperation to create a quality AAHS co-sponsored course, and the Hand Association's support of this program!

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