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MEETING SUMMARY

SILAN (Sociedad Iberolatinoamericana de Neuroradiologia Diagnostica y Terapeutica)

This year's SILAN XI annual meeting was held in La Coruna located in Northwestern Spain. The meeting was held at the Palacio de Congresos in this beautiful and prosperous city located on the shores of the northern Atlantic Ocean. Dr. Eduardo Garcia Cervignon organized the meeting. There were 250 physicians and 70 non-physician attendees from most Latin American countries and many others from Europe and the United States.

The meeting lasted 4 days. During the first 2 days, a review course on spinal imaging was held. The presenters in this course reviewed anatomy, imaging, pathology, and intervention in the spine. During the last 2 days, reviews on fibrinolysis, angioplasty, and advances in the endovascular therapy of cerebral vascular malformations and aneurysms were given. Throughout the meeting, a total of 125 oral communications and posters were presented. Awards for the best original presentations were as

follows: Juan Taveras Prize to Dr. O. Diaz from Colombia (Cerebral DSA using gadolinium-DTPA as a contrast agent); Fernando Vinuela Prize to Dr. J. M. Modenesi from Brazil (Endovascular therapy of complex post-traumatic vascular lesions in the head and neck); best poster to Dr. A. Magalhaes from Brazil (Extracranial carotid arteries: correlation between color Doppler, MRA, CTA, intravascular sonography, and arteriography); and best presentation by a resident to Dr. A. Arbelaez from Colombia (Spine interventional techniques as performed by the neuroradiologist).

The social program included a welcoming reception at the Palacio de Ayuntamiento, a visit to Santiago de Compostela, and a closing dinner. The next meeting will be held in Punta del Este, Uruguay during December 10–14 of 2000. Additional information may be found at the website: www.silan.org.

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