

IV Brazilian Congress for the Development of the Hospital Building

“New technologies: the impact on the healthcare buildings”

The Brazilian Association for the Development of the Hospital Building – ABDEH, held its 4th biannual congress at the nation’s capital, Brasilia, between 14 and 16 of April, 2010. The event was part of the city’s official 50th year birthday calendar, which featured an extensive schedule of cultural events during the whole month of April.

The IV Congress happened at the luxurious convention center of the Naoum Plaza Hotel and began with a round of technical visits to three local hospitals, which were attended by more than 100 participants.

In the evening of the 1st day, there was a grand opening ceremony, which featured an inspirational speech by Dr. Gonçalo Vecina, former president of the National Health Surveillance Agency and Health Secretary of the State of São Paulo and current director of one of the best hospitals in the country, the Sirio Libanês, located in São Paulo.

To lift the spirits even more, a surprise act followed, with the performance of a local group of women percussionists, who played a few heart-thumping scores, which deserved a standing ovation from the crowd.

To conclude the first day, a cocktail-party followed, along with book launch sessions and the opening of a poster session with projects done by students of the Specialization Course on Healthcare Architecture of Brasilia’s UNIEURO University Center.

Approximately 500 people attended the three days of congress, including professionals from practically each of Brazil’s 26 states, and also from Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Peru, Paraguay, Colombia and the Dominican Republic. The attendees had the opportunity to listen to some very interesting presentations, such as the one by Architect José Gelabert–Navia, director of the American firm Perkins+Will, who showed his office’s recent work in Sri-Lanka. Prominent Brazilian Architects such as Domingos Fiorentini, Augusto Guelli and Flávio Kelner also presented some of their work, just to name a few, as the schedule featured more than 30 distinguished speakers.

According to the questionnaires returned by the attendees, the IV Congress was considered a high-quality event, both in the level of the presentations and the quality of the infrastructure and general organization.

After the congresses in Salvador, Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre and Brasilia, it was finally announced that ABDEH’s next congress, to occur in 2012, will be held at the country’s biggest city and business capital, São Paulo.

Undoubtedly, with each congress the ABDEH solidifies its image as one of the most important professional associations in Brazil, broadening its participation and helping the country in the continuous effort to bring more quality to its healthcare network.



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