

The 5th Brain Tumor Awareness Day and 1st Snola Day in Argentina

The “*Fifth Annual Brain Tumour Awareness Day,*” and 1st Snola Day in Argentina, took place on October 25th, 2016 in the building of the Argentine Medical Association AMA (Buenos Aires). The academic support of Dr. Marcos Maldaun as President of SNOLA was very significant. The Argentine Association of Neurosurgery AANC; the Section of Neuro-oncology of the Latin American Federation of Neurosurgical Societies FLANC; the National Academy of Medicine; and the Bioethics Institute of the Pontificia Argentine University, also gave their academic support to the meeting.

The Meeting started with the presentation of the analysis of The Argentine Survey about “The accessibility to diagnostic methods and treatment of brain tumors in Argentina”. This was the first observatory on brain tumors performed in our region to make a situation diagnosis. The complete report will be published soon in the Argentine Journal of Neurosurgery, and also in the Argentine Journal of Cancerology. We expect that will be the initial step to give academic support for quality management improvement.

Honorable guests from Brazil: Dr. Marcos Maldaun, Dr. Ricardo Ramina, Dr. Jose M Rotta, Dr. Veridiana Camargo; Dr. Steven Kalkanis, President of the AANS/CNS Section of Tumors from USA, and Professors from Argentina participated in the Meeting giving lectures and with a very active participation in all sessions talking about updates and future directions in brain metastases, low grade gliomas, high grade gliomas, and acoustic neuromas.

People from different areas such as neurosurgery, neuro-oncology, radiation therapies, and palliative care have attended to the meeting. The number of attendants is increasing year by year. A great effort was made to continue with this kind of meeting, with high quality from the academic point of view, and open to the scientific community, with free access. Through these initiatives, we hope to continue to foster education with the ultimate goal of providing an equitable neurosurgery practice for the people of Argentina and Latin America.

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