

MADRID SYMPOSIUM

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ICA President Dr. John Maltby welcomes doctors and guests to the Gala Banquet.

they deserve."

A highlight of the three-day event was the Saturday night banquet where guest speaker Astronaut Pedro Duque from the European Space Agency, described the challenges of space travel and research with clips from his missions in space which were quite awesome. Mr. Duque's parting advice to the chiropractic doctors was that they should try to get involved in the space program as the service they provide could be of immense health benefit to astronauts whose bodies have to undergo so much trauma during training and actual missions into space. Mr. Duque's parents (who were also present) are staunch chiropractic supporters and founders of the Spanish Chiropractic Patients' Association.

The conference started off on a high note with attendees from 21 different countries present. ICA president Dr. John Maltby, after welcoming the doctors and guests gave a brief overview about ICA and its programs. He was followed by AEO president Dr. Belen

Sunyer who welcomed everyone to her city of Madrid and introduced Dr. Robert Gevers, one of the founders of the Spanish Association (AEQ) who described the history of chiropractic in Spain. Dr. Gevers also updated everyone of AEO's activities and what it is doing to get chiropractic recognized, plans for the future and its progress in establishing a doctor of chiropractic program with a University in Spain.

The educational portion of the conference included a diversity of topics from neurology to philosophy presented by Dr. Dan Murphy, Dr. Gerry Clum, Dr. Rob Scott, Dr. Peter Fysh, Dr. Lora Tanis, Dr. Jean Pierre Meerseman, Dr. Angela Olaru, Dr. Rob Sinnott and Dr. George Gedevanishvili. There were interesting paper presentations and the award for the best complete paper submitted was awarded to Dr. Christopher Colloca for his paper on "Altered spinal motion patterns and neurophysiological responses associated with intervertebral disc degeneration during chiropractic adjustments." The CA program, presented both in English and Spanish by two volunteer speakers who have office management experience in two of the largest chiropractic practices in Spain, was also much appreciated by the 20 chiropractic assistants who attended.

The conference topped off with the banquet on Saturday evening where Mr. Duque was the guest speaker. There was live entertainment and then the guests took to the floor dancing and socializing till the wee hours of the morning. It was a night to be remembered.

"It was wonderful to see doctors from different countries communicating with one another and have fun together," said Dr. Maltby. "We thank AEO and our sponsors, Myovision, Palmer College and Life University, for helping our International Symposium with their support and contributions. This was one of our most successful international symposiums and we will make sure that our next one in 2008 will be another great experience for all our colleagues and friends from around the world."



Enjoying the banquet from L to R: ICA President Dr. John Maltby, AEO President Dr. Belen Sunyer, Chief guest Astronaut Pedro Duque and Fr. Edelmiro who will head up the new chiropractic college at the university.



One of the highlights of the gala banquet was the Flamenco Show that was colorful, lively and entertaining.



Dr. Rick Burns (r) from Illinois meets up with another Palmer College alum, Dr. Sinclair Warner from South Africa.

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