

First Ibero-American meeting of the ICD Europe, joining the third International Dental Social meeting in La Rabida, International University of Andalucía, Spain

It was the first Ibero-American meeting of the ICD Europe, organized in La Rabida, upon the invitation of the International University of Andalusia, from 12 to 14 October 2017. The organizer was Antonio Castaño Seiquer, new ICD Fellow from Spain.

The participants for this meeting were from many European as well as English & Spanish-speaking countries: Around 150 participants: Spain, Portugal, Austria, USA, Dominicans Republic, Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela and Brazil.

All speakers presented many social and humanitarian activities in several under-served countries where dental services and treatment is hardly to be encountered.

Jane Santiago, the Spanish Regent, gave a great effort in the organisation.

Besides several speakers from Spain, Vicente Lozano de Luances presented his great projects dating to many years of work and commitment in India. His work was not only characterized by giving medical services, but great efforts were also given for preventive and educational measures.

Hani Farr, an ICD Fellow from Austria presented three charity projects in Mexico, Dominicans Republic and the Philippines which were all sponsored by ICD Europe. The presentation of the above-mentioned projects of Hani Farr was successfully shown and illustrated and especially because the projects took into great consideration children with regard to the preventive dental care (similar to the way it is applied in Austria) and elderly people who were provided with prosthesis free of charge.

Miguel Pavao, an ICD Fellow from Portugal presented his project about „Smiley World“.

The ICD Regent of Mexico, Rolando Peniche Marcín presented the activities of the ICD in Yucatan, Mexico.

The two days of the conference showed great success and cooperation where all participants and fellows had the opportunity to exchange experience and communicate about possibilities for the development of new projects and encourage more activities in the under-served countries.

La Rabida was not only the place where Christoph Columbus left to discover the New World in 1492 but which also

gave new-born activities in the field of charity and humanitarian activities for under-privileged areas with the great support of ICD.