

XLVI CONGRESS OF THE BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

Foz do Iguaçu, Paraná State, Brazil – March 14th to 18th, 2010

Central Subject – Environmental Changes and Tropical Diseases: Challenges of the Millennium

Foz do Iguaçu, a city located on the triple border among Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay will be, for the second time, the host of the annual congress of the Brazilian Society of Tropical Medicine (SBMT). The XLVI Congress of SBMT (MEDTROP 2010) presents as its central subject **Environmental Changes and Tropical Diseases: Challenges of the Millennium**. Its mission, jointly with satellite events included in the scientific program, is to bring together several health professionals to present and discuss results of research, projects and control programs of infectious and parasitic diseases involving Brazil and neighboring countries.

In this edition, MEDTROP 2010 program will amply debate the environmental impact on various aspects of infectious diseases, as well as propose measures to improve human health conditions. Similar to previous editions, MEDTROP 2010 will gather a great diversity of researchers, teachers and other professionals that work in the vast area of public health – doctors, biologists, pharmacists, veterinarians, geographers, historians, public health technicians, nurses, mathematicians and administrators of health programs – that comprise the scientific community related to tropical medicine and infectious and parasitic diseases.

The SBMT's congresses offer a special opportunity to bring together the scientific community of the area, constituting an important forum for researcher discussions and for medical attention to infectious-contagious diseases in offices or outpatient clinics of basic and hospital networks of the Brazilian Single Health System (SUS). On the other hand, the congress also attracts undergraduate and graduate students. One of the main objectives of SBMT's congresses is precisely the motivation of young people, thus ensuring the continuity of contributions that tropical medicine researchers have been providing for decades to the Brazilian society at large. In the same direction, SBMT's congresses try to attract elementary school

teachers and the general population through exhibitions and activities that disseminate scientific information on infectious and parasitic diseases endemic to our country.

The scientific program includes the following subjects: venomous animals, malaria, leishmaniasis, Chagas disease, tuberculosis, leprosy, dengue, arbovirus infections, hantavirus infections, schistosomiasis, filariasis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and Aids, hospital infections, antimicrobial drugs, influenza, endemic mycoses, among others, with emphasis on pandemic influenza caused by H1N1. Additionally, courses, conferences, round-table discussions and satellite symposia will comprise tools for debating the subjects proposed by the scientific commission. There will be a wide space in which to present free subjects through panels or oral presentations, and in each modality the best work will receive a prize.

For further information on the MEDTROP 2010, access the site www.medtrop2010.com.br and we look forward to welcoming you to Foz do Iguaçu.

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