

XXVI Brazilian Mastology Congress

The XXVI BRAZILIAN MASTOLOGY CONGRESS was held from April 10th to 13th, 2024, in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, one month before the devastating flood that affected the city and neighboring areas along the Guaíba River.

The Congress was successful, with more than 1,100 participants, 5 international speakers, and 245 national speakers. Over the three days, cutting-edge scientific content was discussed in various sessions.

During the pre-congress conference, the multidisciplinary aspect of the field was highlighted, with the involvement of nurses, physiotherapists, and psychologists through a series of lectures. A multidisciplinary approach was emphasized as crucial for patient care.

Additionally, topics such as oncoplastic surgery, oncology, and genetic aspects were covered in the pre-congress meetings. More than 90 scientific presentations in electronic format were displayed, and the abstracts of these works can be found in this edition. Monetary prizes were awarded to the two most outstanding works.

The Congress took place inside a shopping center, which offered all kinds of facilities, including various restaurants, stores, and services. The shopping center is located on the shores of the Guaíba River, and the stunning setting contributed greatly to the event's success.

During the Congress, a 3 km night race was organized for participants, who tested a new model of sneakers. The race, held along the Guaíba River shoreline, was a fun and enjoyable activity for all involved.

The Congress consolidated the enormous importance of Brazilian Mastology in the scientific community, reinforcing the role of the Brazilian Society of Mastology. I am confident that all participants left with a high level of scientific knowledge, alongside the unique experience of attending an event in such a beautiful location.

Sadly, one month after the Congress, Porto Alegre became the site of a terrible flood that destroyed many areas along the Guaíba River and caused numerous casualties in the city and neighboring towns. The airport was closed and reopened only in October.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in the congress and to everyone who offered help and contributed to the city's reconstruction efforts.

Best regards,
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