



São Paulo, October 6th, 2016

To the American College of Surgeons – International Relations Committee
w/copy to: Dr. Pon Satitpunwaycha, MD, FACS

On behalf of the Department of Surgery of the University of Santo Amaro and of the Brazilian Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, I would like to thank the College as well as Dr. Pon for assisting and supporting us with such a great opportunity to promote the **1st Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Review Course**. The event held with Dr. Pon Fund support and ACS was a great success!

The University of Santo Amaro is located in the extreme south of the city of São Paulo and has the General Hospital Grajaú as a teaching hospital. The region where the hospital is located is one of the most violent ones and sustains one of the highest trauma rates in the city and even the State of São Paulo. Due to these facts, the Acute Care Surgery and Trauma Service has important academic and clinical roles to the region's population. Therefore, the opportunity to accomplish an international scientific event was a great achievement for the department and the hospital, especially having counted on the support of the Brazilian Chapter of the ACS, Brazilian College of Surgeons (CBC) and the Brazilian Society of Integrated Assistance to Traumatized (SBAIT).

There were two hundred participants: 40% were medical students, 30% were surgical residents and 30% were surgeons.

Originally, nine international surgeons were invited: five from the United States, one from Mexico, one from Bolivia, one from Paraguay and one from Chile. Unfortunately, due to visa issues, one of the USA surgeons was unable to attend and the Surgeon from México had a last minute professional issue and also was unable to attend.

In addition to the above, more than forty Professors of Surgery from the most prestigious Universities and departments throughout the country attended the event. Some of these Professors supported our 1st Congress of Surgery of the University of Santo Amaro and the 1st meeting of residents and former residents of Surgery of the Department, which took place 1 day before the event.

The Presidents of the following Societies attended:

Governor of the Brazilian chapter of the ACS - Dr. Savino Gasparini, FACS

CBC - Dr. Paul Corsi, FACS

SBAIT - Dr. Sandro Scarpelini

Brazilian Society of Coloproctology - Dr. Fabio Guilherme de Campos

Brazilian Society of hernias - Dr. Alexander Morrell, FACS

The activities were of a high scientific level. There were complex discussions and active participation of all. During the case presentations, participants were able to vote and discuss with the speakers, the best treatment options and modalities of treatment for each patient.

The program was designed to address issues of trauma surgery, acute care and training of the general and trauma surgeon. Current issues widely debated around the world were brought up and discussed, especially for damage control and medical education.

International guests brought great contributions to the surgeons of the University of Santo Amaro and encouraged elegant debates, sharing valuable experiences and knowledge without restriction. Their presence was highly motivating to the medical students and residents who were able to discuss and debate with such renowned surgeons of great experience.

During the practical course - *maneuvers in trauma surgery* - our guests worked as instructors and young surgeons had the opportunity and privilege to learn and review important concepts with dedicated and caring professionals. This closed the event with a golden key!

In addition, there were several social activities, where the colleagues were introduced to some of the rich cuisine of Brazil, closing with a tasty Brazilian typical dish named *feijoada* on Saturday!

On behalf of the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, University of Santo Amaro as well as the Brazilian Chapter of the ACS, I would like to thank for all the support, the out coming of the event was as envisaged. This definitely further strengthens our pride of being a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons!

Thank you,



Marcelo A. F. Ribeiro jr., MD, PhD, FACS
Dean of the Medical School
Chairman of the Department of Surgery – University of Santo Amaro



São Paulo, October 7th, 2016

To: Dr. Pon Satitpunwaycha, MD, FACS

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Dear Dr. Pon,

I would like to thank you in my name, in the name of the Department of Surgery of the University of Santo Amaro and in the name of the Brazilian Chapter of the ACS, for your great generosity and great academic spirit that gave us all the opportunity to improve our knowledge and strengthen partnerships with surgeons from other countries during the *1st Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Review Course*. Your support was crucial to the success of the event!

A man like you provides us all a wonderful example of generosity and makes me feel proud to be a part of the same family, as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons!

Thank you,

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