

The Argentine Society of Radiology



Dr Alfredo Buzzi, a BIR member, is Secretary of the Sociedad Argentina de Radiología (SAR). The BIR had the pleasure of meeting with him at the SAR offices in Buenos Aires in November last year. By **Chloe Scragg**, BIR Branch Coordinator.

The SAR is a very active society in Argentina. What is the greatest achievement of the Society since its formation?

For 92 years, the SAR has undoubtedly provided the core of academic and social activity for the Argentinean radiological community. It has carried out numerous activities among which we can highlight the publication of the "Revista Argentina de Radiología", edited since 1937 which is highly regarded throughout Latin America.

The SAR organises the annual Argentine Congress of Radiology (this year the 55th), which attracts over 2 000 professionals and is the second most important Radiological Congress in South America. In 1994 the Council of Professional Certification was created. It has been formed alongside members of the SAR.

Since 2000, the SAR has worked towards developing its International presence, and has formed links with many radiological societies throughout the world. The SAR offers many services to its members: legal advice, translation assistance, courses, meetings, a virtual campus, a Certification Program and grants for research, to name but a few!

How would the SAR like to see the radiology community develop in Argentina over the next few years?

The economic situation that Argentina

and other Latin American countries face makes it very difficult for our radiological community to grow with the lack of advanced technology, which is needed for our professional development. We would like Argentinean radiologists to have access to all the new technological developments. This depends on several domestic political decisions regarding taxes, credits, etc.

It would also be important that the radiological community join together with organisations that work in defense of the professional practice.

To keep the high academic level reached throughout the years, it is important we maintain the ever-growing scientific, cultural and social activities.

And finally, should any of our readers visit Buenos Aires, what would you recommend they should see and do in the city?

Buenos Aires is a very cosmopolitan city where tango, literature, good food, music, films, theatre, shopping tours, football and nightlife converge. The neighborhood of La Boca and the old part of the city San Telmo with its peculiar flea market held every Sunday, as well as the newly developed neighborhood of Puerto Madero with its countless restaurants are worth a visit. The Museum of Fine Arts and the Colón Theatre are things that no one can miss visiting.

Outside Buenos Aires, Argentina offers different landscapes thanks to the



Prof. Alfredo Buzzi and Chloe Scragg of the BIR at the SAR

diversity of our climate. Mountains, forests, rainforests, deserts, beaches and snow can be found all over the country! And of course, it is mandatory to eat our typical barbecue, accompanied with a good wine from our lands!

For further information regarding the SAR, please visit www.sar.org.ar