

Recap: The Latin American Infectious Tropical Diseases Symposium Benefitting Venezuelan Refugees in Recife, Brazil

The Brazilian Pernambuco State Academic League of Radiology (LARDI), which has 21 members and is supported by the World Federation of Neuroradiology Societies (WFNRS), organized a symposium in conjunction with the League of Infectious Diseases (LAIN) on December 4, 2018. 139 people enrolled in the event which was held at the Catholic University of Pernambuco and was coordinated by professors Maria de Fátima Viana Vasco Aragão, MD, PhD (The Coordinator and Orientador of LARDI and Member at Large of WFNRS) and Regina Coeli Ramos, MD, PhD (The Coordinator and Orientador of LAIN), who lectured on “The Latin American Infectious Tropical Diseases in Children - Neuroradiological Aspects” and “Why Vaccinate?”, respectively.

At the end of the event, a book donated by the Brazilian College of Radiology (CBR) was raffled to the attendees. Registration was free, but each attendee was asked to donate a kilo of non-perishable food to benefit the Venezuelan refugees at the Catholic University of Pernambuco. The Academic League of Radiology also donated cleaning materials and diapers. The Venezuelan refugees were very happy and grateful for the donations.

The aim of LARDI is to continue its education-focused work with students of medicine to learn, and subsequently to teach, radiology and neuroradiology, and also to have an outreach program embracing humanitarian causes to collect food, clothes and cleaning materials for people in need in Brazil. The LARDI also aims to clarify the role of radiology in worldwide healthcare, in the screening of various threatening diseases, in their diagnosis, and in the control of treatment.

"We would very much like to thank WFNRS for its support and for the confidence it places in us", said Maria de Fatima Vasco Aragao.