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IBRA Scholarship Report Program B

Hospital Samaritano São Paulo - Brasil

Information about Scholar and fellowship

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- Country of Citizenship: Argentina
- Name and Country of Training Center: Hospital Samaritano, Higienópolis, São Paulo, Brasil
- Name of Fellowship Director: Prof. Dr. Daniel Falbo M. de Souza
- Scholarship Type: Program B
- Scholarship date: 01/03/2023 – 31/03/2023

Professional and personal experience

What were your professional and personal expectations of the scholarship?

My expectations for this scholarship were to be able to visit a high-level continuing education center to gain new knowledge and experiences to be able to carry out in my daily work environment.

Personally it is a great opportunity to learn specific techniques of temporomandibular joint surgery.

What is the main focus of the IBRA training center (in general and of the department) you assisted in?

Samaritano Hospital is part of a network of hospitals of the Americas Group, one of the largest hospital groups in Brazil, being a hospital of high institutional and assistance level.

The maxillofacial surgery department under the direction of Dr. Falbo and his team focuses on outpatient care in hospitals for patients seeking specialists in maxillofacial surgery, with emphasis on consultations related to TMJ dysfunction and orthognathic surgery, and the surgical resolution of cases of medium and high complexity in the operating room.

What did you do during your scholarship/how were you incorporated in the training center's daily routines/activities:

During my stay I attended surgeries in the operating room on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays as usual. In these surgeries I played the role of assistant, where the surgeon in charge was explaining the procedure step by step for learning.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays we performed outpatient consultations in the hospital, surgery controls, scheduling of new surgeries, etc..

I also assisted in cases of emergency surgeries that Dr. Falbo's team had to solve.

I attended approximately 15 surgeries in a 1 month period.

Arthroscopic temporomandibular joint surgery was the surgery that I attended the most and that was my ideal plan. It is a surgical technique that is not performed at my local training center and it was very helpful for me to attend and learn the surgical technique. I could certainly start implementing it.

Orthognathic surgery of the jaws was another procedure performed during my stay. They perform virtual case planning and simple and effective case resolution.

Surgical resolution of cysts and tumors of the jaws, emergency trauma and resolution of infections were also carried out. These procedures are solved in the traditional way correctly in my opinion.

▪ ***What was the most significant personal experience of the scholarship for you?***

The most significant was to meet Dr. Daniel Falbo and his team, having them as a great reference of maxillofacial surgery in Brazil and I hope to continue the exchange with them with new periods of exchange, congresses, etc..

Without a doubt, the language is the most valuable experience when it comes to another country, as well as the cultural exchange with its different foods, customs, etc.

Closing words

▪ ***Tips to future scholars (housing, traveling etc.)***

During the stay you will attend different hospitals within the city of Sau Paulo.

The star marks determine the location of the different hospitals where the team's surgeries are normally performed.

It is convenient to find accommodation in the central area of these hospitals to have a comfortable experience.

I recommend the neighborhoods: Jardins, Higienopolis, Jardim Paulista, Bela Vista and Paraiso

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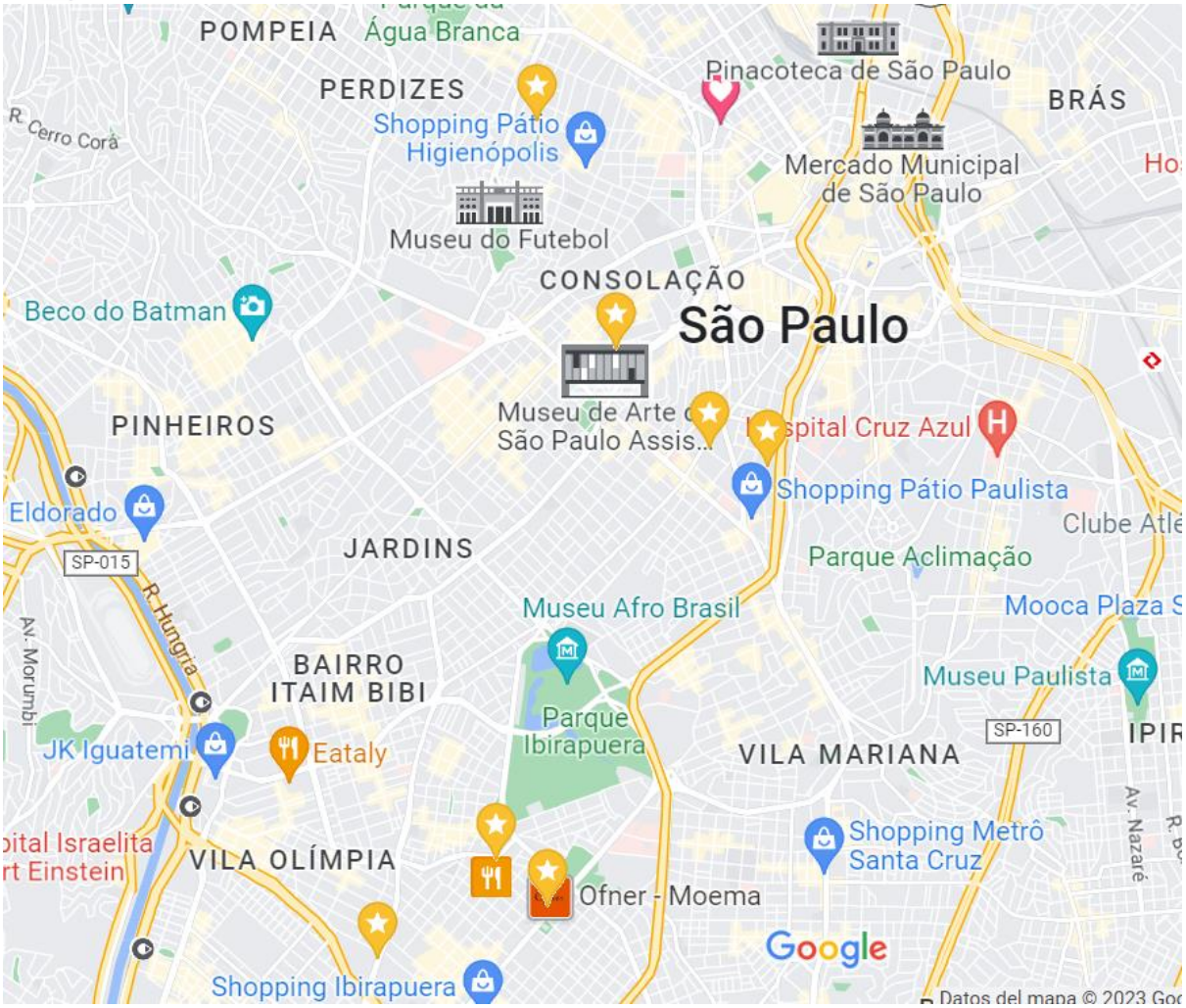

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