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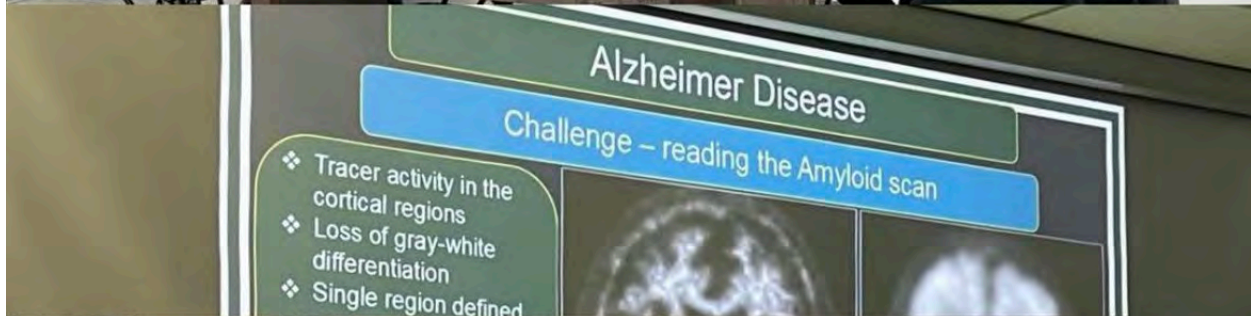
It is with utmost pleasure that I am sending you this report on my recent visit to Recife Brazil under the auspices of the Anne G Osborn ASNR International Outreach Professor Program in collaboration with the Sociedade de Radiologia de Pernambuco, hosted and facilitated by Dra. Maria de Fátima Vasco Aragão. Recife is a coastal town and is the capital city of the state of Pernambuco, boasting a rich history and cultural heritage. Public state-funded hospital facilities serve the dual function of providing healthcare as well as medical education in this city. I had the pleasure of visiting three of these institutions, and interacting with medical students, radiology residents, faculty, nursing staff and the technologists.

On my first day, I visited the Instituto de Medicina Integral Professor Fernando Figueira (IMIP) where I delivered three interactive lectures on the topics of sinonasal masses, temporal bone masses and dementia imaging. The medical students, and radiology and otolaryngology residents in these sessions actively engaged in the discussion. The Radiology faculty on site Dr. Adriano Hazin and Dr. Marcos Miranda Filho provided all possible support and were very welcoming and deeply appreciative. We had a fun quiz session, and the winners of this session were radiology residents Dr. Lucas Miranda, Dra. Mariana and Dra. Ana Emilia. We had the delicious shrimp Moqueca and pirão for lunch and cod fish for dinner this day. Moqueca remains one of my most favorite Brazilian food.

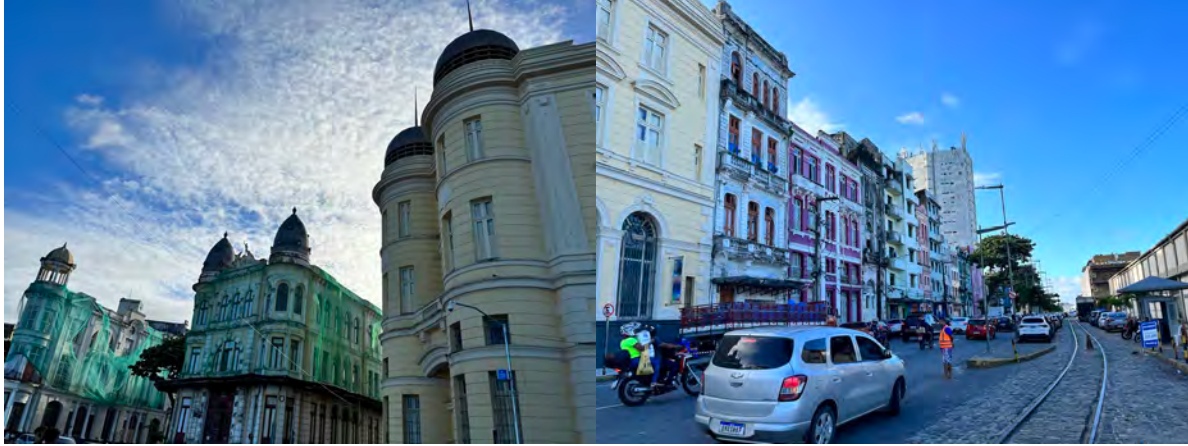


The next day I had the pleasure to visit Centro de Ciências Médicas (CCM) which is a Federal University run by the state of Pernambuco (UFPE) with medical education and several residency and research programs. Here I met the Dean and several other dignitaries of the Institution exchanging ideas of collaboration. After the meeting with the Dean and other institution staff, I delivered two lectures to the research students working under Dra. Aragão, medical students, radiology, internal medicine and otolaryngology residents and the faculty, on imaging work up of hearing loss and approach to cases of dementia. The lectures were very well received, and the participants actively engaged in the discussion. The winners of the quiz session on this day were Paulo Silva, Giovanna Brant and Gustavo Freitas. We had lunch with Dra. Aragão, her

research team, and Dra. Luziany Araújo, and had Picanha, Carne de sol and Rubacão, accompanied with several juices of the tropical Brazilian fruits.



That evening Dra. Aragão arranged a tour to the historic city by the waterfront where I learnt about the Dutch and Portuguese heritage of the city.



On my final day Dra. Larissa Sobral picked me up from the hotel in the morning. This day was spent with the program directors of radiology residency Dra. Cristine Zelaquett de Souza Ramalho Luz and Dra. Adônis Manzella at the Hospital da Restauração. This is the largest public hospital in the Northeast region of Brazil and has an advanced division of Neurological Sciences. The day started with didactic lectures delivered to the radiology residents, internal medicine residents, surgery residents and medical students. The winners of the fun interactive component of the session on this day were Dra. Cristine Zelaquett, Maria Eduarda and Vitor Dias. This session was followed by a tour of the hospital and the radiology department. After the session we went out for lunch and had the classic Brazilian Feijoada, Caldinho de feijão, and crab, followed by coffee, pão de queijo and brigadeiro.



On one of the days we visited, the beautiful historic city of Olinda, adjacent to Recife, which is a UNESCO world heritage site.



All in all, it was an outstanding trip with active exchange of ideas, lots of education, fun learning sessions and great food!