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Dear ASNR Osborn Professor Program Committee,

Thank you very much for giving me the wonderful opportunity to participate in the ASNR Osborn International Visiting Professor Program and travel to Colombia. It was an exceptionally rewarding experience, both academically and personally and I am very grateful to the ASNR for making this visit possible.

My trip began on May 12, 2026, when I arrived in Bucaramanga, in the Department of Santander. Upon arrival, two radiology residents from the FOSCAL radiology residency program were waiting for me at the airport. We went directly to the FOSCAL teaching hospital where I had a brief tour of the facilities. That evening, I joined Dr. Carlos Arias and three radiology residents from the FOSCAL and UDES radiology residency programs for dinner. It was a wonderful introduction to the local radiology community and an opportunity to learn more about their training programs.

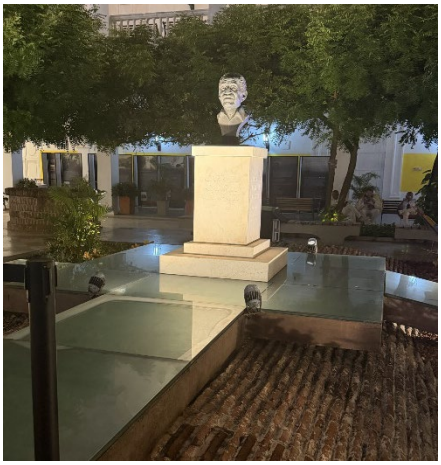
On May 13, I participated in a teaching session on the beautiful campus of Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga (UNAB), attended by radiology residents from both the UDES and FOSCAL radiology residency programs, as well as several attending radiologists. I delivered two one-hour interactive case-based lectures: one on imaging of orbital tumors and their mimics and another on imaging of skull base tumors and skull base reconstruction. These were followed by a session reviewing several unknown cases whose anonymized images had been shared with me in advance. The format generated excellent discussion and interaction with the residents and faculty.



The teaching session concluded around noon. Following lunch at a restaurant overlooking Bucaramanga, I traveled to the airport and flew to Cartagena to attend the 49th Colombian Congress of Radiology (CCR 2026).

On May 14, I registered for the conference and met Mr. Alejandro Baena, Academic Activities and Communications Operations Coordinator of the Colombian Association of Radiology, who had very kindly coordinated the logistics of my visit. During the congress, I delivered the following invited lectures:

- Brain Tumor Mimics – 20 minutes
- Basics of CEST MRI in Neuro-Oncology: What Radiologists Need to Know – 20 minutes
- State-of-the-Art Imaging Techniques in Metastatic Disease to the Brain – 20 minutes
- Spine Tumors: Case-Based Review – 30 minutes



The congress was extremely well organized and provided many opportunities to interact with Colombian radiologists, trainees and other attendees. The scientific program was complemented by social events each evening which provided additional opportunities for professional and cultural exchange. One particularly memorable event was a dinner at the historic La Merced monastery, part of the University of Cartagena, where the ashes of Nobel Prize-winning Colombian author Gabriel García Márquez are interred.

On May 16, I also had the opportunity to explore Cartagena's beautiful historic Old City and experience some of the remarkable culture and history of the region. I departed Cartagena on May 17 to return home to Toronto.

Overall, the visit was an outstanding experience. I particularly valued the opportunity to interact closely with radiology residents and faculty in Bucaramanga and to participate in the Colombian Congress of Radiology in Cartagena. The enthusiasm of the trainees, the hospitality of my Colombian colleagues and the opportunity for meaningful academic and cultural exchange made this a truly memorable visit.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the ASNR and the Osborn Professor Program Committee for this opportunity. I would also like to thank the Colombian Association of Radiology, Mr. Alejandro Baena, faculty, residents and organizers in Bucaramanga and Cartagena who welcomed me so warmly and made the visit such a success.

Sincerely,

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