2026 ASNR Anne G. Osborn International Outreach Professorship

Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, Brazil

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I am honored to have served as the 2026 ASNR Anne G. Osborn International Outreach Professor to Brazil, with visits to Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. The professorship offered exactly what I had hoped for: an opportunity to teach, and an even greater opportunity to learn from colleagues who practice neuroradiology within a different healthcare system, and to build relationships that will continue well beyond the trip itself.

My visit began in Rio de Janeiro with my host, Dr. Celso Hygino. Our first conversations centered on the Brazilian healthcare system, with its parallel public and private sectors, and on how closely the daily practice of radiology in Brazil mirrors our own, along with the ways in which it differs. Dr. Hygino welcomed me to the Alta Diagnostic Center in Botafogo, where he gave me a tour of the facility and a thoughtful introduction to how radiology is practiced and organized in Brazil.

That evening, Drs. Hygino, Flavia Costa, Clarissa Canella, and Silvia Mendonça hosted an educational conference at the diagnostic center. The program featured excellent lectures from Drs. Costa, Canella, and Mendonça, and I delivered several talks on spine imaging to an engaged audience of practicing radiologists and trainees. The discussion that followed was one of the highlights of the trip. We explored neurography, oncologic imaging, and practice patterns in radiology, and I was especially interested to learn that referring physicians in Brazil often specify which radiologist they would like to interpret their studies, a referral culture quite different from what we see in the United States.

Apart from my own lecture, the program was delivered in Portuguese. I was initially unsure how much I would be able to follow, but the real-time translation on my phone proved remarkably capable. It was not perfect, but it allowed me to follow the lectures and take part in the discussion, and it turned what could have been a passive evening into a true exchange of ideas. It was a wonderful experience in Rio.



Alta Diagnostic Center, Botafogo, Rio de Janeiro: the evening symposium program, with the faculty and hosts, and lecturing on dynamic MR imaging of the spine.

I then traveled to São Paulo for the Dr. Feres Secaf 30th Imaging Update Course 2026, hosted by the Sociedade Paulista de Radiologia. I was met by Drs. Renato and Maria Mendonça, and we spent time

comparing practice in the United States and Brazil, how the public and private sectors differ in their approach, and how practices in both countries are implementing artificial intelligence. At the conference I was warmly welcomed by Drs. Heitor Alves and Felipe Pacheco. I delivered lectures on emergency neuroimaging and on screening and triage in neuroradiology, and I spent the remainder of the day attending lectures, once again with translation on my phone at my side.

The format of the course was, from an educational standpoint, one of the most instructive aspects of the trip. Following each traditional lecture, residents broke into small groups for short case presentations and rotated through stations on neurovascular imaging, neuroinflammatory disorders, and brain trauma. The approach kept trainees active and engaged, reinforced the lecture content through direct case review. It was a wonderful conference.



Dr. Feres Secaf 30th Imaging Update Course, São Paulo: with colleagues and hosts at the course, and lecturing on screening and triage in neuroradiology.

I was also able to take in some of the sights of Rio, including Sugarloaf Mountain and Christ the Redeemer, both of which more than lived up to their reputations.



Sugarloaf Mountain, the view over Rio de Janeiro, and Christ the Redeemer.

This professorship reinforced for me that teaching is at its best when it flows in both directions. I arrived to share my experience in spine and emergency neuroimaging and left with new perspectives on medical education, practice organization, and the adoption of artificial intelligence, along with friendships I expect to last for years to come. I am deeply grateful to the ASNR and to Dr. Anne Osborn for her commitment to international outreach and for this remarkable opportunity. I especially want to thank my hosts, Dr. Celso Hygino and Dr. Renato Mendonça, and all of the colleagues in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo whose warmth and generosity made this visit so memorable.