My ASNR visiting professorship in Chile was an eye-opening and once-in-a-life-time kind of experience, and I am truly grateful to the ASNR and to my hosts for the opportunity.

My visit began with the Congress of the Chilean Society of Radiology in Santiago, where I gave two lectures and attended the excellent sessions. I was very impressed by the breadth and depth of the sessions, which reflected very high level of radiology development in Chile and frequent academic exchange with other countries. I was warmly invited to the social events, where I met interesting colleagues from across Latin America and around the world.

I then visited the hospital and campus of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, where I gave two more lectures and met many of the residents, fellows and staff. I enjoyed lunch with the fellows and candid discussions about radiology and neuroradiology training in Chile. I am very appreciative of Dr. Juan Pablo Cruz who was exceptionally generous with his personal time to take me on tours of Santiago and a winery, and for introducing me to his colleagues. We had extended exchanges about the state of neuroradiology in Chile and the U.S., and it turns out although we're separated by thousands of miles, many of the challenges are the same! I am also grateful to Juan Pablo and his wife for inviting me to dinner at his beautiful home.

At Clínica Alemana, I gave a presentation and met the residents, fellows and faculty, who likewise shared interesting cases. I am grateful to Drs. Della Barra and Schoenstedt for welcoming me to the neuroradiology sessions at the Congress, for inviting me to their clinic and introducing me to their excellent neuroradiology section and world class facilities.

I especially thank Dr. Wenger, president of the Chilean Society of Radiology, for the months of personal planning and meticulous attention that made my visit a success, and for his insightful suggestions on areas to visit in Chile with my family before the visiting professorship and excellent restaurant recommendations. Chile is truly a beautiful country full of warm and kind people, and I plan to return in the future to visit more of the country.

Overall, I was very impressed by Chile's level of neuroradiology development and hope to stay in touch with the many people I met. There are many areas where we can learn from each other. Since returning, I have spoken enthusiastically to my colleagues about Chile, and I hope this visit leads to more bridges and exchanges between our neuroradiology communities.


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