Dear Dr Nelson,

We would like to thank Dr Ana Alcaraz for participating as a keynote speaker at the II Gross Morbid Pathology Course/VII CL Davis Symposium, in Botucatu, São Paulo, Brazil, from October 20th-24th. This course is a biannual effort of the Brazilian College of Veterinary Pathology to enhance the diagnostic skills of our members. The invited speakers have been carefully chosen among many discipline experts. Dr. Alcaraz has been invited to several of the international CL Davis courses and because of her excellent reputation we invited her.

Her expertise and command in diagnostic pathology was evident to the more than 150 participants, from graduate students and veterinary pathology residents to pathology faculty members and professionals. The feedback that we got from them was all positive. The comments from the attendees often reflected on her effective way of presenting material as well as on the good quality of her material.

We are very pleased with the outcome of the course. The organizing committee recognizes her contribution to the continuing education of Veterinary Pathologists in Brazil.

It is always a pleasure to have Dr Alcaraz with us. We look forward to the next opportunity to have her back.

Sincerely,

Renée Laufer Amorim, DVM, PhD DABPV
Porfessor Anatomic Pathology
Course organizer

Dear Dr Nelson,

On behalf of the College of Veterinary Medicine (FMVZ) at the UNESP, Botucatu/SP, Brazil we would like to thank Dr Ana Alcaraz for her participation last fall in our Faculty Training Seminars. We are very glad that she accepted our invitation to talk about student-centered learning and PBL as an instructional strategy. We all benefitted immensely with our interactions with her during those few days.

Dr Alcaraz talked to about 40 faculty members from different departments, all interested in education. She shared with us the experience of Western University and discussed with the audience how we could implement student-centered ideas or PBL cases in our Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science School. Dr. Alcaraz provided fundamental insight on some education concepts and all of the participants were very enthusiastic and engaged because of the material that she presented and how she presented it, since her relaxed style made the presentation not only enjoyable and entertaining, but more importantly applied and practical to those in attendance.
It was a great pleasure to have her with us, and we hope that we can establish a stronger relationship with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Western University, in particular concerning educational topics.

Sincerely,

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