



7th ISPAD Science School for Health Professionals Report

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The 7th ISPAD Science School for Health Professionals was held October 24-26, 2010, in Buenos Aires just prior to the annual ISPAD congress. The primary aims of the SSHP are to provide training in basic research methodology; promote professional growth as a researcher; develop individual research projects; and develop a supportive global research network. The secondary aims are to broaden the science and increase attendance at ISPAD Congresses, as well as increase ISPAD membership and international research collaborations. This year, there were 42 applications (an increase from 34 in 2009) from individuals from 19 countries, attesting to the continued popularity of the School. Fifteen individuals from 10 countries were invited to participate and 14 attended (one could not due to health concerns). The Lead Conveners of the 2010 SSHP were Professor Alan Delamater, PhD, Psychologist, and Carmel Smart, RD, BSc, Grad Dip Nutr Diet, Dietitian (PhD candidate). Other faculty included Dr. Sheridan Waldron (who was a Convener and faculty member for the last 7 years) and Dr. Peter Swift (who has been the medical representative on the School since 2004). This year two new ISPAD members joined the faculty: Professor Barbara Anderson (USA) and Marcia Frank (Canada). This was the last year on the SSHP faculty for Drs. Delamater, Waldron, and Swift. At the 2010 ISPAD Annual Meeting, twelve abstracts (oral and poster) were presented by previous SSHP delegates. The ISPAD Allan Drash Fellowship for 2010 was awarded to Eveline Goethels, a past Science School Graduate (2008). Appreciation is extended to Lifescan/Animas for their continued support of the SSHP.