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Final Report

a. The number of attendees at the Fourth Workshop on Comparative Aspects of Oxidative Stress in Biological Systems, from March 31-April 3, 2009, was of 186, with participants from 8 countries and 13 different Mexican states, covering almost the entire country.

b. The academic program of the Workshop included lectures from 14 invited speakers, 13 Young Investigator Awardees, 3 morning courses and 106 poster presentations. All invited speakers are considered international experts in different aspects within the field of oxidative stress, and the courses was offered by experts researches like Dr. José Carlos Fernández Checa, from Liver Unit, Hospital Clinic, IDIBAPS, España.

c. Each participant received a CD containing all abstracts for both lectures and posters. Enclosed you will find a package with the materials distributed to each participant, as well as the directory of participants.

d. The main objective of the Workshop was to provide a venue for South and Central American researchers and students to interact closely with those researchers who lead the field of free radicals and oxidative stress. All invited speakers were available at all times to talk to students and young researchers, exchange of information were done not only during the academic sessions of the Workshop but also during social events, and international collaborations were discussed. Tentative date for a Fifth Workshop on Comparative Aspects of Oxidative Stress in Biological Systems was set for 2011. Therefore, we consider the outcome of this Fourth Workshop a success in reaching its goals.

e. The highlights of the event included the participation of our international speakers at the congress:

Dr.José Carlos Fernández Checa,

Liver Unit, Hospital Clinic, IDIBAPS

Instituto Investigaciones Biomédicas Barcelona, CSIC



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Dr. Volodymir I. Lushchak,
Department of Biochemistry, Precarpathian Nacional University, Ukraine
Dr. Victor Darley-Usmar
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f. It should be noted that the amount of the Oxygen Club of California support was to pay part the costs include hotel accommodation for all invited guests, as well as airfare for two of our invited speakers, Dr. Lushchak and Dr. Fernandez Checa.

g. The participation of international speakers at our meeting increases the interest of the community for assistance to this International Workshop on Comparative Aspects of Oxidative Stress in Biological Systems Meeting, and improves its quality.

Finally, attached you will find an different statistics and information about the meeting.

Sincerely yours, By The Organizing Committee

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