

## DENFAC report

### *DENFAC in South America*

Following successful International Association for Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD) Dentistry for All Children (DENFAC) workshops in Romania, Turkey, Poland and Senegal, West Africa, a meeting was held in Lima, Peru, on 18 and 19 February 2005. It was the first IAPD DENFAC project to be held on this continent. The meeting was hosted by Dra. Monica Valdivieso and her colleagues at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, as well as the Sociedad Peruana de Odontopaediatria.

The main purpose of the meeting was to explore the possibility of future DENFAC workshops in Peru. In addition to faculty members from the host university, representatives were also present from universities from Trujillo, Huanoco, Paracas, Puna and Iquitos. The meeting was led by Professor Gerald Wright, Secretary General of the IAPD. Professor Hugo Furze was in attendance.

The meeting consisted of a 2-day exchange of academic information. Professor Wright provided talks on the teaching of behaviour management of children and pulp therapy in the primary dentition. Professor Furze presented a lecture on laser therapy. University representatives described the paediatric dentistry teaching programmes at their respective institutions. Most presentations were of a very high



**Fig. 1.** At the DENFAC workshops, Lima, Peru, 2005. From left to right: Professor Gerald Wright, Secretary General, IAPD; Dra. Monical Valdivieso, department chair and host of the workshop; Dr Hugo Furze, President, IAPD; and Dr Jorge Castillo, faculty member and translator.



**Fig. 2.** Delegates and teachers attending the workshops in Lima, Peru 2005.

quality. Following their presentations, there was considerable discussion about the need for a future DENFAC workshop, the content of any future programme and future participants.

Professor Wright also toured the dental faculty at the university, and assessed the clinic and laboratory facilities for future meetings. He met with the Dean and the Head of the School of Dentistry. These meetings centred on the problems of Peru and how the IAPD could be of assistance.

It was decided at the conclusion of the meeting that there were three areas which Peru would like addressed at a future workshop. The areas are:

- 1 methodologies for teaching paediatric dentistry and evaluation of teaching in paediatric dentistry;
- 2 restorative materials used in paediatric dentistry; and
- 3 caries risk in paediatric dentistry.

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