Dr Michel Volcy

Since 2006 the Colombian Neurology Society, with the aim of improving headache knowledge in the country, has organised the Colombian Headache Meeting every 2 years, with participation from the most important neurologists in headache field from Colombia and international speakers from the USA, Canada, Brazil and Europe.

The first two meetings took place in Bogota (2006 and 2008), the third meeting in Barranquilla (2010), and the last meeting was held in Bucaramanga at the Dann Carlton Hotel from 16–18 March 2012.

At this last meeting we had the honour to welcome international invited speakers Dr Alan Rapoport (USA), Dr Sheena Aurora (USA), Dr Jose Miguel Láinez (Spain) and Dr Carlos Bordini (Brazil). During the 2-day meeting the sessions were planned to be high level from the basics (diagnosis, epidemiology and pathophysiology) to pharmacological treatments (acute and prevention) and procedures in headache area; additionally there was a child/adolescent headache session. The full meeting was also freely accessible live through the Colombian Neurology Society web site www.acnweb.org.

For first time we had platform presentations for which seven best works were selected – two from a neurology programme in Bogotá, two from a headache centre in Medellin, and one from a neurology office in Bucaramanga.

A total of 156 assistants (general neurologists, internal medicine physicians, neurosurgeons, neurology residents, medical students and neuropsychologists) attended the meeting.

On the website, through the Neuropilo publication, there was a report about the meeting to all the Colombian Neurology Society members.
Dr Miguel Láinez (Spain), Dr Jose Vargas (President of Colombian Neurology Society), Dr Carlos Bordini (Brazil), Dr Sheena Aurora (USA) and Dr Alan Rapoport (USA)