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VIVA PUERTO VALLARTA...ICOI/MCOI MEXICAN SYMPOSIUM PROVES TO BE A CROWD PLEASER

The ICOI's first meeting in Mexico was held at the Westin Regina Hotel in seductive Puerto Vallarta from January 19 to 21, 1996. Escaping the winter cold from the north were over 200 delegates from the USA and Canada. Another 200 plus delegates came from Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Germany, Ireland, Japan, The Netherlands, Spain and, of course, Mexico. The Congress was hosted by Dr. Eduardo Topete of Guadalajara, Mexico and the MCOI. The opening ceremonies were hosted by Dr. Eduardo Topete of Guadalajara, Mexico and the MCOI. The opening ceremonies saw addresses from not only the Secretary of Health of the state of Jalisco, but also the

head of the Mexican Dental Association. The engaging hospitality of Mexico was manifest in the Fiesta Brava dinner party held at a mini-bullring in Puerto Vallarta. The evening was complete with native music and dancing as well as a mounted horse show. Delegates were invited to try their luck at bull fighting (with small hornless calves). No animal or human blood was shed! Only dignity was lost.

The next night witnessed a gala dinner hosted by the Mexican College of Oral Implantologists (MCOI). Receiving their Fellowship awards at the dinner were the following: Dr. Sergio Belmonte Martínez, Barcelona, Spain; Dr. Alfred J.

Coletti, Warwick, Rhode Island, USA; Dr. Yoshikazu Masago, Tokyo, Japan; Dr. Donald R. Powell, Hemphill, Texas, USA; Dr. Carroll Rudolph Shanks, Maryville, Tennessee, USA; Dr. Thomas P. Sydlowski, Toledo, Ohio, USA; and Dr. Masato Taki, Tokyo, Japan.

Also, recognized for their elevation to ICOI Diplomate status were Dr. Mototsugu Imai, Osaka, Japan; Dr. Yoshikazu Masago, Tokyo, Japan; Dr. Yoshikazu Masago, Tokyo, Japan; and Dr. Masato Taki, Tokyo, Japan.

The General consensus was to return to Puerto Vallarta soon and experience superb Mexican weather and hospitality!

