10 years after the first ever course in Vigo on July 2007 (hosted by Luke and David) and continuing the tradition of the first full on cadaver course in 2014; another cadaver course returned to the charming city of Vigo. It was an intensive four-day lecture/cadaver dissection seminar, that brought participants together from all over Spain. This seminar was spearheaded by Dr. Luke Cicchinelli and David Cid, with special guests Tara Giorgini from Italy, and Todd Gunzy, Joe Southerland, Mickey Stapp, and José M. González from the United States.

We had a great turnout for this special event; we had 20 participant’s sign-up. This seminar emphasized surgical procedures that covered topics from the forefoot up to rear foot/ankle, with lectures added as needed for these topics. Each participant was provided two lower extremity cadaver specimens to hone their surgical skills. The goal of this seminar was to provide an adequate number of limbs per participant as well as to maintain a decent attending to attendee ratio.

It wasn’t just business all day. During the day, participants worked on cadavers and attended lectures. The evenings afforded both attending’s and attendees the opportunity to explore Vigo. Every night a dinner was held to host both attending’s and attendees, where stories ranging from daily life to podiatry were shared among friends and colleagues. These nights were filled with endless food and amazing spirits. Special events were also held to immerse everyone in the Galician culture. Whether it was fishing for clams or hiking the mountains at night, these events helped to bring different cultures from around the world, together.

The course was deemed an immediate success from the education to the recreational experience. This is something that is not learned from books, but from immersing oneself in the experience. I hope to be afforded the wonderful opportunity to attend next year.

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