

(Abroad • Domestic) Official trip report form (Student)

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Year (Grade)	DC4
Destination	Puerto Iguazu – Argentina
Period of trip	September 22-25, 2014
Purpose of trip	VIII International Symposium on Phlebotomine Sand flies

International Symposium on Phlebotomine Sand flies (ISOPS) is a meeting aimed at bringing researchers from many parts of the world together in order to brainstorm, exchange ideas and provides practicable measures towards proper control of sand fly-borne diseases, especially leishmaniasis.

The VIII International Symposium on Phlebotomine Sand flies (ISOPS8) held in Puerto Iguazu, Argentina between September 22-25, 2014, organized by Dr Oscar Daniel Salomon, Maria Gabriela Quintana and Maria Soledad Santini, came with its unique programs. The ISOPS8 featured a Keynote Lecture by Dr Eunice A. Bianchi Galati, 8 speakers at Round Tables, 73 Oral and 176 Poster Presentations, which were very insightful and commendable. On September 22 at the Oral session 4: Taxonomy and Phylogeny, I had a cherished opportunity to share my recent research results entitled “Identification of Peruvian sand fly species (Diptera: Psychodidae) through DNA barcodes” with colleagues that came from 35 countries. Indeed, it was a great moment for me. At the ISOPS8, I was academically enriched on different areas of my research interests and skillfully positioned to contribute to the world of science. The Round Table sessions were in particular insightful and very interesting. It provided platforms to scholars to share their cutting-edge research experiences to others especially young colleagues. Topics covered were vector control: new strategies, integrated interventions, taxonomy and phylogeny, eco-epidemiology of leishmaniasis; vectors and new scenarios of transmission, and vector competence/capacity and invertebrate host-parasite interaction.

Generally, the impact of ISOPS8 held in Puerto Iguazu, Argentina on my career pursuits cannot be overemphasized.



Oral Presentation at ISOPS8



Oral Presentation discussion (left) and scientific interaction with a colleague during postal session (right) at ISOPS8

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