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## Podologists from Spain Spend a Week at NYCPM



*Pictured left to right are: Asier Casais Alvarez; Maite Oses Orduna; Laura Cala Perez; Beatriz Cala Perez; Gema Garcia Gomez; Xavier Garrido Castells; Marta Losa Iglesias, PhD; Ricardo Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo, DPM, PhD; Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, NYCPM; professor Juan Carlos Carrera Merino; Hon. Louis Levine, President and CEO, NYCPM; Joel Sturm, COO, NYCPM.*

Six podologists from Spain attended a challenging week-long course at NYCPM on anatomical dissection and surgical skills, taught in the College's state-of-the-art Bako Anatomy Lab. NYCPM's Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, directs this semi-annual program of visiting students from Spain on behalf of the College; the program is now in its 23rd year. Professors Ricardo Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo, DPM, PhD, a graduate of NYCPM, and Marta Losa Iglesias, PhD, work closely with Dr. Trepal to direct the program. Both course directors accompanied the students on their visit.

NYCPM has a longstanding affiliation with the podology community in Spain that was initiated by the late Professor Anthony Hernandez of NYCPM and is carried on in his memory. Teaching the students from Spain were professors Ricardo Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo, DPM, PhD, and Marta Losa Iglesias, PhD, as well as professor Juan Carlos Carrera Merino and NYCPM faculty members Michael J. Trepal, DPM, Kevin Jules, DPM, and Anthony DiLandro, EdD. The course work involved lower extremity cadaver dissection as well as videotaped demonstrations.

The Bako Anatomy Lab at NYCPM is state-of-the-art in terms of technology, environmental features, and aesthetics. It has five twenty-two-inch, ceiling-mounted, flat-screen TV monitors, one fifty-inch flat-screen LCD monitor, and one forty-two-inch flat-screen LCD monitor. The lab also has video cameras and a computer system to assist with instruction and can accommodate two separate courses to run concurrently. There is a large adjoining room for the storage of cadavers.