

## Spanish Podologists Complete Studies, Celebrate 25 Years of Collaboration



*Spanish podologists pose with their certificates at the luncheon celebrating their program's completion. Posing with them are (second from left) Professor Ricardo Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo, DPM ('95), PhD; Professor Marta Los Iglesias, PhD (third from right); Professor Juan Carlos Carrera Merino, BS Podiatry (second from right), and Dean Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81), right.*

On August 3, 10 podologists from Spain culminated a week of study in NYCPM's Bako Anatomy Lab under the direction of Professor Ricardo Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo, DPM ('95), PhD and Professor Marta Los Iglesias, PhD of Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, with Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81), NYCPM's Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean. The two course directors, with Professor Juan Carlos Carrera Merino, BS Podiatry, accompanied the students to the College.

Among the subjects studied during their week here were anatomical dissection, surgical skills, and lower extremity cadaver dissection.

At the luncheon celebrating the completion of their studies, students each received certificates from NYCPM from Dean Trepal. Professor Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo gave President Louis L. Levine (right) and Dean Trepal (center) a plaque that honored "NYCPM's constant effort to internationalize podiatric medical education." President Louis L. Levine in turn presented Professors Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo and Los Iglesias with a beautiful glass plate that commemorates the 25 years of the two institutions' collaborations.



*At the luncheon to celebrate the completion of this year's course, President and CEO Louis L. Levine (right) and Dean Michael J. Trepal, DPM (left) presented Professor Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo, DPM, PhD (in orange shirt) and Professor Los Iglesias, PhD, with a beautiful glass plate that commemorates the 25 years of the collaboration.*



*At the same luncheon were two Canadian students from the Université du Québec a Trois Rivières who had studied podiatric imaging, podopediatrics and podiatric surgery at NYCPM for two months. In the photo, flanking Stephanie Maurais, DPM ('08), who coordinated their studies, are Alexandra Nguyen (left) and Hanna Adi (right).*