UNESCO’S 5TH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

WADA was present at the UNESCO Conference of Parties meeting, held in Paris on 29-30 October 2015.

This edition of the meeting celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Convention and a variety of programs, advances and projects against doping in sport were presented.

WADA’s Regional Office Director, Lic. Prof. María José Pesce Cutri, participated and met most of the countries’ representatives from the region to discuss and join efforts in the fight against doping.

1ST LATIN AMERICAN SCIENCE AND MEDICINE SEMINAR, LIMA, PERU

From 1-2 December 2015, the first edition of the Science and Medicine Seminar took place in Lima, Peru. It was run in cooperation with the Ministry of Sports of Peru (IPD) and WADA’s Latin America Regional Office.

A group of WADA experts including Dr. Olivier Rabin, Science Director, Dr. Alan Vernec, Medical Director and Lic. Prof. María José Pesce Cutri, Director, Latin America Regional Office, lectured on new advances in investigations and procedures, and updates in anti-doping. It was an opportunity for countries in the region to share their experience, to have a first contact with anti-doping experts and remain in communication to achieve their common goals. Over 23 countries were represented, with a high attendance of Peruvian specialists. The outcome was excellent with expectations of a second edition soon.

2015 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, TORONTO, CANADA

WADA’s Regional Office attended and participated in the Outreach Program at the Pan American Games held in Toronto, Canada in July 2015. Athletes showed great enthusiasm for the Program, signed the Pledge to Clean Sport and tested their anti-doping knowledge with the Play True Quiz, making it a great success and a memorable experience to share with their colleagues. We witnessed strong commitment from the athletes and their entourage towards doping-free sport. The booth was also visited by Pan American medallists who answered questions and exchanged stories and experiences with the athletes.

21ST SOUTH AMERICAN SCHOOL GAMES, ASUNCIÓN, PARAGUAY

The Sport Ministry of Paraguay, “Secretaria Nacional de Deportes”, hosted the 21st edition of the South American School Games. WADA’s RO participated with the Outreach Program, and over 500 athletes were able to have a first contact with the Agency and access information on anti-doping which is crucial at this age. It was also an opportunity for Paraguay to receive training in the Outreach Program which will be very useful to apply in any other Games they may organize, as their staff will already be well-trained and experienced.

WADA Medical Director, Dr. Alan Vernec, at the First Science and Medicine Seminar held in Lima, Peru