



ABSTRACT TEMPLATE

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS AT FIOCRUZ BAHIA: CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE IN PARASITOLOGY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SALVADOR AND CACHOEIRA

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Abstract

Over the past two years, the graduate Program in Human Pathology (PGPAT) at the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA), in partnership with the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) in Bahia and the graduate Program in Biotechnology in Health and Investigative Medicine (PGBSMI) at Fiocruz Bahia (both CAPES level 6), has implemented educational strategies to train teachers and students in science and health projects, particularly in parasitology. Participants received training through an Institutional Program of Continuing Education in Active Teaching Methodologies, enabling them to apply their knowledge in various health-related undergraduate programs, as well as in elementary and high schools. Activities included lectures, workshops, science fairs, graffiti, and interactive games. Addressing topics ranging from health education to the exploration of parasites, vectors, and insect biodiversity, these initiatives aim to raise awareness and support efforts to prevent, control, and eliminate diseases such as leishmaniasis, Chagas disease, and schistosomiasis. Through this project, we strive to integrate parasitology knowledge into society while promoting cultural diversity and addressing ethnic-racial issues in public schools in Salvador and quilombola communities in Cachoeira, Bahia.

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