

Public Meeting Report – Curitiba – Nov, 6th, 2004

On the 06th of November, 2004, it was held on the Rosa-Crucis Order Hall (AMORC Hall) - Curitiba City – Parana State – Brazil, the second Public Meeting of the South II Region in Brazil.

The event took place from 4pm to 6 pm and the total attendance was of approximately 550 people. The hall was completely full and many people sat on the floor along the stairs beside the chairs. The attendance of people who were not members of the Sathya Sai Organization was 80%.

The Public Meeting of Curitiba city was organized following the guidelines about Public Meetings, recently promoted by the National Diffusion Coordination of the Central Council of Brazil.

This most expected event began 4:30 pm with the introduction of the Master of Ceremony, Dr. Roberto Silveira, representing the Sai Group of Rebolsas. The audience was requested to sing the National Anthem, that was being played by the maestro Herculano de Araújo, who is the Devotion Coordinator of South II Region in Brazil. The maestro was already singing some Human Values songs in the beginning, while the publi was being welcomed.

After this ceremony, the President of the Regional Coordinator Committee of South II Region, Flavio Borges, welcomed the public and passed the Word to Professor Neyda Ulysea, Education Coordinator of South II Region. She read the letter that Swami wrote for the Public Meetings and added some comments about the importance of a social transformation in the time we live. After 20 minutes, she introduced the lecturer, Professor Hermógenes, National Devotion Coordinator of The Central Council of Brazil, that spoke about the Avatar, His work and message. This lecture lasted 1 hour and after the opportunity of asking questions was given, in the same pattern of the other Meetings.

At 6:15, the event was formally ended with the chanting of *Loka Samastha* and with effusive applause to the lecturer.

Before the end, some announcements about the events in the South II Region were given as well as the phone numbers of the Sai Centers and Sai Groups of the region.

When we welcomed the public, brochures with more detailed explanations were handed out about the objectives of the Sai Organization and Sai Baba's work in Brazil and in the world. The Newsletter "Om Sai Ram" edited by the Regional Coordination Committee – South I Region, containing the Organization's activities in the Region during the months of November and December.

Before and after the event, many materials of the Sai Foundation were available to buy: books edited in Brazil, Videotapes, CDs of devotional songs and Human Values songs and also the videotape "Sai Baba and His Work", already translated to Portuguese.

There were many comments after the event as well as e-mails. People's comments were that the event worked out perfectly.

There was a big team of nice Sevas working at the reception of people attending the Meeting, which gave a special touch for the event. The delay in the beginning of the event was due to the transportation of Professor Hermógenes from Ponta Grossa to Curitiba and the need for rest before the lecture.