

Public Meeting Report – Florianópolis – Nov, 7th 2004

On the 07th of November, 2004, it was held in the Integrated Colleges of Turism Hall– Florianopolis City – Santa Catarina State – Brazil one more Public Meeting in the South II Region of Brazil.

The Public Meeting happened from 4pm to 6 pm and approximately 500 people attended the event. The Hall was able to support 700 people.

The total attendance of people who were not members of the Sathya Sai Organization was 95%.

The Public Meeting of Florianopolis city began at 4:15pm with the Master of Cerimony, Flavio Borges, President of the Regional Coordinator Committee – South II Region, welcoming everyone and reading the letter that Swami wrote to the Public Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Then, he introduced the lecturer Professor Hermógenes, National Devotion Coordinator of the Central Council of Brazil. During 1 hour and a half, the lecturer spoke wisely about Sai Baba, His teachings and His example of life.

Following the patterns of other Meetings, the opportunity of asking questions was given. All questions were written into papers and forwarded to the main table that after selecting the questions handed to the lecturer.

During the time that people were writing the questions down, the master of cerimony talked about the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organization, its finality and functioning, giving phones and activities of the Sai Groups in Florianópolis City and Camboriu City.

After a 30 minute time of answering the questions the event was formally ended with the chanting of *Loka Samasta*.

While the public was welcomed in the beginning of the event, as well as at the end of the event, we had indian music being played with the CD “Prashanti”, performed by Meeta Ravindra.

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 Committte – 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. Unfortunately, many books had already been sold in the Public Meetings of Ponta Grossa and Curitiba and we had few material available left.

Like the other events, this one happened with a lot of harmony and everything worked out as planned. The public who attended was content with the lecture and came to greet and congratulate Professor Hermógenes after the event was over.

The Sai Group of Florianópolis coordenated all the event. The Regional Coordinator Committee – South II Region gave support with some suggestions and orientations from a distance. However, the event was harmonic and had no faults at all, following the guidelines of the National Diffusion Coordination.