

Iberian CARP Workshop

Madrid, Spain, 25. – 27. July 2014



The 3rd Iberian workshop was held in July, in Madrid, at the training center “Manantial del Corazón” since Spain was the host country for 2014. There were 29 participants including 2 kitchen staff, in which 5 of them were Portuguese and the rest either Spanish or married to a Spaniard. From the Spanish group, one person came from Málaga and two from Barcelona. The motto was “Shaping our life of faith”

The workshop started on Friday 25th evening and finished on Sunday 27th evening. As additional programs, we had Icebreakers on Friday afternoon and sightseeing for the Portuguese group on Monday.

On Friday, there was an initial presentation, introductions and icebreakers.

On Saturday and Sunday morning, we started the day with sports, Hoon Dok Hae and morning services. After breakfast, instead of lectures we did group discussions using the World Café system. These questions were related to life and faith, because that was our motto. They were mostly taken from the

book “Soulpancake” from the creators of the successful youtube channel with the same name.

On Saturday afternoon, we did some hiking at Boca de Asno, a forest near the mountain. We received a talk about nature and did some games. Later on we went to Segovia and gave everyone free time to relax. In the evening, we did the teambuilding activity “Fear in a hat”

On Sunday morning Margarida gave us a testimony about being a Jacob child.

In the afternoon we did 2 hours of canoeing. Later on, we had dinner altogether and the majority of Spanish bcs went home, since they had to work on Monday.

Overall, it was a good experience for everyone since there are not so many opportunities for older second gen to express themselves and deal with important issues about life and faith. On the other hand, the fact that it was the first international workshop for some people and hopefully it broadened their perspective of things.