Words from the President of CACI 2020-2021

Palabras del Presidente del CACI 2020-2021

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Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a great honor to have been appointed the representative of our College and work with the Board of Directors and all of you for the benefit and growth of our medical specialty. It is with great satisfaction that I reach you in this new issue from our journal and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the goals that the Board of Directors and I have envisioned for 2020-2021.

Following in the footsteps already taken by CACI quite a few years ago we intend to keep growing as a scientific and educational society locally but also across Latin American, and the world thanks to the agreements signed with EuroPCR, GACI, SOLACI, C3, CIT, India Live, and TCT. We have been able to organize the very first congress on innovation in Latin America that will be held together with the prestigious Israeli ICI meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina next August 4 at the Puerto Madero Hilton Hotel. We have also signed an agreement with HENDOLAT (Endovascular Horizons Latin America). HENDOLAT is a multidisciplinary, international organization of continuing medical education to promote and spread scientific knowledge across Latin American through a digital platform. Also, we intend to keep giving grants to our members so they can attend national and international congresses.

The CACI Innovation Unit (*InnovaCACI in Spanish*) has been created. Its main objective will be to assist interventional cardiologists in the entrepreneurial efforts of developing innovation projects. It will also provide the necessary back up so these projects can be escalated with project-oriented tools.

This year will see the new iteration of our prestigious UBA-CACI course for specialists. Also, the educational area has implemented a new course for technicians, nurses, and interventionists that has received a warm welcome. Actually, it was sold out within a matter of days.

We'll keep strengthening our relations with the Argentinian Ministry of Sanitation, ANMAT, and other government and funding institutions by developing group activities in our headquarters and signing agreements for bilateral cooperation purposes.

Sick or accident leave subsidies will still be effective as agreed by the Board of Directors back in 2016-2017.

Answering the call from many members who have been asking to strengthen CACI collegiate nature, a professional commission has been created. It manages the collegiate secretary and the tariffs and social works commissions to improve quality, compensation, and funding for our clinical practice.

We wish to keep communication open with our members. We'll be meeting in the different Argentinian states, keeping close contact with our members, and discussing local issues; for this to work, we'll need to work closely with the state delegates.

Also, we wish to see our journal grow. For this reason, we wish to invite all of you to submit original scientific papers and clinical cases that are interesting for the cardiology community for their originality and complexity. This year we'll be working on the English edition of our journal too. There is no doubt that it will bring new readers from all over the world.

I also announce that we will ratify our commitment to the Stent Save a Life program and the RADAC Registry.

Chapter IV of the E-Book on Hemodynamics and Interventional Cardiology will be presented in SOLACI 2020 that will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Work on chapter V has already begun by the way.

We will be giving more publicity to our simulation center to conduct training programs for members not only at local level but also across Latin American as well.

In order to meet these objectives and avoid the problems that we'll certainly have throughout the year we need to work together to do our job effectively.

Diego Grinfeld
President of CACI 2020 - 2021