

SOLACI/CACI Congress: a long journey is finally and safely coming through

Congreso SOLACI/CACI 2021: una larga jornada está llegando a buen puerto

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Once again, this year our country will be holding the most important interventional cardiology congress in Latin America. This congress has been hosted by the Argentine College of Interventional Cardioangiologists (CACI) since the first one held back in 1997.

The congress was scheduled to be held a year ago, but it had to be postponed because of the situation caused by COVID-19 both worldwide and in our region waiting for a better epidemiological situation that, unfortunately, has not come to our country yet.

For this reason, the congress will be held online. However, this does not mean that the scientific quality of the sessions and/or of the topics of discussion will be lower. The congress, that will be held from August 2nd through August 6th will be holding sessions on topics that have to do with interventional cardiology, angiology, pediatric cardiology, structural heart procedures, innovations, and clinical cardiology.

Added to the relevant joined sessions we will have with our partner international societies that have traditionally participated in our congress, this time we'll be holding other sessions with very important scientific societies from the United States and China that will be present in this congress for the very first time.

Therefore, added to the traditional joined sessions we have always had with TCT and PCR in the *main arena* we'll be holding joined sessions with CRT (Cardiovascular Revascularization Therapies/Ron Waksman), SCAI (Society for Cardiovascular Interventions), CCI (Catheterization & Cardiovascular Interventions Journal), IAGS (International Andreas Gruentzig Society), and CBS (Left Main & Bifurcation Summit). All of them will be present for the very first time in our SOLACI/CACI Congress held from Argentina.

The sessions will include conferences, live cases, case reports, and long discussions with speakers, panelists, and audience members through a website that will allow the fluid interaction of all participants.

This time we are glad to announce that we'll be presenting a record number of original studies in different modalities: original articles, case reports, pediatric cases, advancements, and reports from technicians, and nurses.

We have had a significantly higher number of submissions compared to other congresses held in our country. A total of 345 papers were submitted of which 298 were accepted in the oral presentation and poster modalities.

The top 5 papers will be selected by 3 truly blind independent evaluators who will be holding a CCI special meeting for paper assessment and possible publication in this journal. All abstracts will be published on our next *RACI* journal (issue #3, 2021).

In conclusion, despite of the huge difficulties sustained we are finally and safely coming through thanks to the support and contribution from all those involved including secretaries, technicians, and the invaluable support from our industry despite the limitations brought to our setting by this pandemic.

We'll be glad to welcome you next August 2nd in the SOLACI/CACI 2021 Congress official website

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