

# Letter from the President of CACI

## Carta del Presidente de CACI

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Dear colleagues and friends,

Once again it is my pleasure to address you through this prestigious journal, the pride and joy of our college.

We are about to finish 2022, a year that was not easy to transit by since post-pandemic difficulties were too many. However, thanks to the effort made by the Board of Directors and the different working commissions we travelled through 2022 successfully meeting all of our compromises both academic and financial. To top it all off, we held our successful 32<sup>nd</sup> National Congress from December 2 to December 4 in Ciudad de Termas de Río Hondo, Santiago del Estero, Argentina. As always, attendance was great, as well as the scientific and social program discussed in this meeting

I would like to share with you some of the things we have done throughout this year that is about to end.

We created an area of contents to strengthen the position and visibility of our college. This office of contents produces different material aimed at the interventional cardiology community and our members. I wish to mention the work done by our webmasters and college students when it comes to analyzing recently published relevant papers to our medical society and presenting them in a way that is easy to read for our members.

Everybody is welcome to our social medial to keep daily and fluid contact through this means of communication. In addition, we have been thinking of updating and modernizing the college official website.

Also, we have created the CACI Registry. Our Board of Directors made it very clear that the title granted by our college is very important since it is the only one recognized and accredited by the Argentine Ministry of Health. Since ours is a medical subspecialty and the status of specialist cannot be granted, we created the “CACI Registry No.” indicative of the number of members affiliated to our college who are holders of CACI specialist title.

The International Day for Interventional Cardiology. In September 2 of 2022, at the WHO plenary session, the project presented by the permanent Argentine delegation at United Nations was approved. Therefore, **September 16** was declared the “**International Day for Interventional Cardiology**” since interventional cardiology has improved life expectancy and quality of life, and angioplasty saved huge amounts of grams of myocardium at risk across the world.

That date commemorates the very first coronary angioplasty performed by Dr. Andreas Grüntzig back in 1977. We should mention that this achievement that has elevated our beloved specialty stems from a CACI was initiative started by Dr. Diego Grinfeld and Dr. David Vetcher and ended during my presidency thanks to the invaluable support from the Directorate for International Organizations (DIOIN) and the Argentine Ministry of Health. Therefore, we should be celebrating the present time to strengthen the importance of our medical specialty. Also, to reinforce the commitment made by the interventional cardiology community to improve public health. We were present in the FAC, SAC, PCR, and TCT Congresses. Also, we were present online with China. In addition, we also held an online session with the Latin American Society of Interventional Cardiology on World Heart Day.

Our Commission drafted and approved unanimously our Code of Ethics as the early step towards an actual collaborative, scientific college by including the necessary changes our members demand within a strong and self-sustainable college.

This is only part of what the Board of Directors has accomplished throughout 2022 as we're constantly renewing our commitment to keep fighting for a stronger college “we can all be proud of”.

My best to everyone. Happy Holydays, and Best Wishes for 2023!!!!

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