

## Providing Access to Knowledge: an Institutional Goal

### *Facilitar el acceso al conocimiento: un objetivo institucional*

The complex reality in which we are immersed forces us to face the challenge of maintaining our scientific society running, and this leads to work in a planned but nonetheless creative manner.

The Argentine Society of Cardiology authorities have a duty to continually review the validity of the organization goals, strategies and operability, always trying to anticipate changes by accordingly adjusting plans.

Adapting also means having clear our strengths and defining the goals we propose as an institution. The Argentine Society of Cardiology has identified one of its main objectives: to facilitate access to knowledge in order to improve the professional performance that will, in turn, impact on a better quality of life for the population.

In recent years, our proposal on continuous education and training has been increasing in quality and diversity. We have progressed from professional training onsite to implementing new distance update alternatives, starting with PROSAC to arrive to more complete virtual proposals using the Moodle and Webex platforms.

We have reconverted the structure of our Society. All areas of our institution are working in a joint plan that promotes a positive spiral of continuous improvement to meet one of the major institutional missions: to provide greater opportunities for the professional development of all Argentine physicians, technicians and nurses.

And having advanced along this path we wonder:

Why not reach out to all Latin America?

During the XXVII South American Congress of Cardiology held in March of this year in Colombia, I had the opportunity to present before the presidents of all Latin American societies our distance education project. And I am proud to say that the reception was very positive.

Since then, numerous collaboration proposals have emerged and work is in progress. Achieving these projects will allow us to strengthen our ties with all Latin American societies and initiate a cultural and knowledge exchange with enormous development potential.

The Argentina Society of Cardiology has been for many years an undisputed leader in the field of Argentine cardiology. But globalization has allowed us to transcend beyond our borders.

We have identified the future and we are heading there. With new goals to achieve: to position ourselves as models of the permanent updating of cardiologist professionals throughout Latin America.

Quoting Pablo Picasso. "*Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working.*" That is why we invite each of our members to join our working teams so that each may give his brushstroke to the picture we have all imagined.

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