

## At Full Tilt

### *A plena máquina*

We have been very busy lately, with the main upcoming event for our Society: the annual Congress. The constant work performed by the Scientific Committee intends to update and present all subject matters and situations of interest for the practice of cardiology in general, as well as for its different subspecialties.

The current social and economic scenario in Argentina continues to be difficult, especially for us, healthcare professionals, who want to achieve our purposes in the field. However, from October 19 to 21, the SAC will become an optimistic compass that, thanks to the participation of many members and international guests, will guide us along different scientific and practical paths to be followed for the sake of our patients and ongoing medical training.

At the international level, we were able to sign beneficial agreements for our Society, such as the agreement with the WHF (World Health Federation), which has included free access to Wikicardio in different languages in their website using a smart online translator and acknowledged the SAC's copyright.

Together with the AHA (American Heart Association), we made progress regarding bilateral participation in various events in the US and Argentina. Argentine registries on regional endemic diseases and the healthcare situation in the region have sparked the interest of the President of the AHA, Dr. Joseph Wu, as well as other authorities. Dr. Wu offered to provide support for these registries, including financial support.

Thanks to the ACC (American College of Cardiology) Argentine Chapter, the grant for residents in New York will continue and might be increased from one to two a year. SAC members' involvement in the ACC societal activities is also being promoted. They are particularly interested in receiving our members' applications to become part of The Global Graduate Educators Workgroup (GGEWG), and younger members' applications for the grant provided by Dr. William Zoghbi (former ACC President) in order to fund research in low- and middle-income countries.

Furthermore, we continue to work closely with the members of the European Society of Cardiology, who have invited us to take part in a pilot project selecting only five Societies to create a network of affiliated associations for the young, and foster exchange and involvement in different educational activities.

As we are aware of the importance of progress in scientific research and the financial restraints affecting it, we have decided to offer six grants aimed at promoting the activity in our field.

We continue to work with the aim to achieve the purpose of this Society to the full extent, shown by the exchange of information and experiences grounded in shared professional interests, as well as medical education standards.

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