

## To Our Readers,

I am leaving the direction of the Argentine Journal of Cardiology and accepting the proposal to work in the executive area of the Argentine Society of Cardiology for the next two years (2013 1st Vice-Presidency – 2014 Presidency). It is a rare honor to move from an academic to an executive area of the Society, and it raises considerable expectations and demand. Hernán C. Doval will be in charge of the Journal with the same editorial team, and will continue the challenge of a new presentation in the Index Medicus in 2013. Twelve years ago, Dr. Raúl Oliveri invited me to join the Journal staff, and it has been a very enriching experience. Weekly meetings with colleagues from the Editorial Committee became true debates and exchanges of views and concerns on medicine. In turn, the tradition of giving the Director the ability to write an open letter on a variety of topics encouraged me, over the past four years, to re-explore concerns that had not been formally elaborated due to lack of time. I have received numerous comments on these articles included for the first two years in *The Medicine of the New Century*, a book I hope will be republished with the most recent ones.

Over the past four years, we have carried out significant changes in the Journal:

1. We have implemented thematic issues, which work as stimuli for different subspecialties in the creation and publication of scientific material, enabling the contribution of associated editors, and, in practice, having the material to be published available months in advance.
2. The Journal has been fully translated, which enables international readers have access to Argentine production while allowing the inclusion of this new bilingual presentation in the Index.
3. Diverse electronic formats have been implemented: All the material both in English and Spanish is available on the web, supports e-books formats, has a web platform hosted at Caycit, which allows for the online management of essays and arbitrations, and has its own blog and Facebook profile. The blog has motivated the publication of various interesting articles by the community of cardiologists, and we hope it will grow much more in the future.
4. A gradual professionalization of the tasks has been planned, beginning 2013.
5. The Journal has been included in national and international ranking indexes.
6. We completed an international top-level editorial group, so that all the original articles are currently oriented to receive editorials from world-renowned specialists.

The relationship between the Journal and the Argentine Society of Cardiology is at its best, and I truly believe that we are ready to take the major step towards indexing, which will contribute to boost the improvement of Argentine scientific production and its spreading abroad. These achievements are to the credit of a very active and enthusiastic teamwork, and of our meetings, which are conducive for debate and correction of errors.

I look forward to collaborating with the Journal from the executive area so that it achieves the expected goals and maintains its growing role as the best scientific production in cardiology.

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