

Growing up in modernity

Crecer en la modernidad

We are immersed in a new, vertiginous and globalized world in which changes occur very quickly and some traditional concepts are diluted even before the new ones appear on the scene. In addition to these new forms of social behavior, some black swans have emerged, such as the pandemic, which surprised us and forced us into unexpected behaviors that might have been considered insane in another context. At this moment, we are dismayed by the outbreak of a new war that confronts the world with a reality that we would never want to see. It seems that the lack of reasonableness will never die out.

We are inevitably part of this world and we are challenged to grow within its “liquidity” (to paraphrase the philosopher Zygmunt Bauman) by adapting to new habits and trying to meet the demands of our colleagues, our members, our students and teachers. We must be empathetic with all of them who every day suffer from poor pay and low recognition of their work and still strive to do their best.

This is even more admirable in a society where “liquidity” favors individualism. The tendency is to create “swarms” in which connections between individuals are only circumstantial, have no common identity and do not contribute to the general interest.

Among physicians in general and in the SAC in particular, a group consciousness drives us to improve every day. This group and social consciousness must be nurtured for the common welfare.

Aware of this problem, the SAC is in a process of continuous growth to provide all colleagues with the best academic offer, expanding and diversifying the contents. In this way, we respond to the needs of our peers and fulfill the fundamental educational mission of the SAC.

Globalization demands us, but gives us tools to be closer, more connected. This is how we reach out to our members of *SAC País*, recognizing their needs. On April 22 we opened the *Santa Fe* district with headquarters in the city of Esperanza, a long-awaited

project that aroused great enthusiasm in the region. The event, which was held in a hybrid format, included a webinar on heart failure and diabetes in which the main speaker was Dr. Thierer, with the participation of colleagues from the new District and SAC authorities in person.

In the same month, on April 20, the *Conurbano Norte y Oeste* Districts organized a webinar on pulmonary hypertension. The following months several events will be held by the different regions of SAC País with a variety of topics and formats.

At the regional level, we have invited the presidents of the Latin American sister societies and other leaders to participate in our congress scheduled for October, and they have responded with great enthusiasm to the proposal I made in my previous letter to be present at the congress.

At the international level, we participated in the 71st ACC meeting that took place from April 2 to 4, where bilateral meetings were held with authorities of the ACC, the AHA, the World Heart Federation, the European Society of Cardiology, the SIAC, the South American Society of Cardiology and the Brazilian Society of Cardiology, among others. In these meetings, joint actions were agreed as well as the participation of several guests in our congress and the participation of the authorities of the SAC in the congress of the corresponding society.

Locally, we collaborate in actions carried out by governmental agencies and we are making alliances with other societies to strengthen our actions. Joining together allows us to go further and better.

The world, the society, and the current affairs impose conditions and challenges on us.

The SAC, aware of its mission, assumes them and grows.

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