

## Closing Speech of the 2022 SAC Academic Ceremony

### *Discurso de cierre del Acto Académico 2022*

Authorities of the National Academy of Medicine, international societies, Argentine Society of Cardiology, Argentine Foundation of Cardiology, and Argentine Journal of Cardiology.

Colleagues, ladies and gentlemen:

When a new season starts, you are filled with dreams, promises and expectations. But now, at the end of the administration, the time has come to review what has been done and to show how much of what we planned has been achieved. Therefore, what follows is a brief summary of our administration.

We have taken great strides in the educational project for the creation of a university institute with three branches: the academic branch, with the development of the eight master's degree program; the research branch; and the university extension branch, with the support of the Argentine Cardiology Foundation.

With the SAC-País regional districts, we have organized 10 regional conferences and have created the Santa Fe district, which was a demand of some cardiologists from the area. We have created three new Committees: The Digital Health Committee, the Cardiology in the Elderly Committee, and the Genetic Cardiology Committee.

The research area has carried out 12 national, regional, and international registries.

We have advanced in the signing of cooperation agreements with related societies and associations and with national and private universities.

We have participated in several regional and international congresses, with many participants from the SAC.

We have advanced in numerous joint actions with the American College of Cardiology (ACC) (Resident Scholarship, Jeopardy Competition and Seminar in Research), the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) (Daily Highlights and MOU Renewal for 4 years), the American Heart Association (AHA) (Global Roundtable, Heart and Women Campaign, WikiCardio and Foundation), the World Heart Federation (WHF) (final roadmap cholesterol document, Projects Celebrating World Heart Day Award, and the incorporation of WikiCardio to the WHF).

In the Argentine Journal of Cardiology, we have

improved the management of material submission and anonymous assignment to arbitrators, and have created an independent page to upload content both in HTML and PDF formats.

We have improved SAC computerization by creating the Statistics and Metrics section. It is a tool to learn about our membership and the distribution by sex, age and residence, attendees to courses, virtual activities and congresses, and to compare it with previous years in order to improve our educational offer. For example, we are proud to have completed the theoretical training of 2262 new cardiologists since the course was created. The number of students has increased from 39 at the beginning to almost 300 at present.

Finally, I would like to mention the Virtual Congress of Cardiovascular Imaging, with more than 1000 accredited attendees, and the in-person Argentine Congress of Cardiology, with more than 12000 attendees; we supported the Argentine Cardiology Foundation (FCA) in its first months until it achieved its self-sustainability, which had been lost as a result of the pandemic; we settled most of the debts with international societies and we have got to the end of the administration with a surplus that allows us to smoothly plan the beginning of 2023.

I wish to point out that everything that has been achieved is the result of a great team work. I would like to thank the Board of Directors who joined me, particularly to Dr. Majul and Dr. Mauro for their wise advice. The staff, for all their efforts to ensure that the SAC continues to feature strongly in the scientific community. The industry, for its support in this transition to face-to-face attendance. My wife, for her wholehearted support. And I would like to conclude with a thought that I repeated in every place I visited: as the SAC President, I am proud of the effort all members make—even in the current difficult conditions of the health system—to improve day by day and give their best to their patients.

Thank you.

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