

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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SPCCTV 4DVisions 2021 – Together for the patients

Dear Members,

It is an honour to present our annual congress SP-CCTV 4DVisions 2021, taking place from 26th to 28th November in Hotel Grande Real Santa Eulália, Albufeira.

In this year's edition, the fourth vision will be that of the Associação Portuguesa de Medicina Geral e Familiar (APMGF), one of the most representative national medical associations, incorporating the specialists that constitute the foundations of our national healthcare system.

The importance of this partnership goes way beyond the prestige and relevance of APMGF, given the difficulties the medical community is currently facing. The SARS-Cov-2 pandemic has enlightened the frailties of a healthcare system, already struggling to accomplish its mission, enhancing the need to optimize available resources, in behalf of our patients.

We strongly believe that building bridges between those who are the first line in patient's diagnosis/ treatment and Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular surgery, will contribute to improve healthcare for all of those that had their medical assistance postponed for more than 18 months- Together for the patients!

This event will gather a faculty of national and international specialists, rewarding participants with the most recent scientific innovations and surgical techniques. As usual, hands-on practice will be one of the highlights, by means of a series of pre-congress workshops. These include echocardiography and thoracic ultrasound courses, diabetic foot sessions designed specifically for Family Medicine and, for the first time in the history of SPCCTV, live cases on pelvic embolization.

Our plenary session will have a strong focus on healthcare organization, bringing to discussion the establishment of preferential or direct referral pathways for

surgical patients, the role of Family Medicine in the follow up of complex surgical patients and multidisciplinary approach in key areas of our specialities as lung cancer and diabetic foot. We are sure that this debate will be meaningful, not only for the audience, but also for the future of our healthcare system.

Another highlight of this event will be the official ceremony establishing the Alliance of Latin Societies of Cardiovascular Surgery and the agreement with the Spanish Society for Thoracic Surgery. These alliances are the corollary of the board's efforts to create educational opportunities for trainees and specialists, opening this society to training exchange programs and to the establishment of consensus with societies that share not only scientific interests, but also cultural ideals and geographic proximity.

We are confident that this will be a striking event, marked by the return to social networking, which is also an important mission of scientific societies.

The success of any event depends, not only on the commitment of its organization, but also on the enthusiasm of its participants, and, therefore, I kindly invite all the Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular community to join us, so that SPCCTV 4DVisions 2021 becomes, once again, the celebration of multidisciplinary.

Hope to see you soon in the Algarve, because together we are stronger!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gonçalo Cabral".

Gonçalo Cabral | President of SPCCTV