

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Honoring our legacy, safeguarding the future, overcoming expectations

Dear Members,

The Sociedade Portuguesa de Cirurgia Cardíaca Torácica e Vascular (SPCCTV) is a unique scientific society in numerous aspects, dating back to its creation in 1984.

Since its inception, it has been bold, innovative and visionary, bringing together different specialties in the same institution.

After 37 years, history would enshrine the multidisciplinary as the path to excellence in Medicine, valuing the ideals that countless charismatic figures from national Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery had outlined.

This synergy has been throughout SPCCTV's history, simultaneously, its greatest challenge and its great strength. Such strength has allowed us to overcome numerous difficulties, and, I am sure, with the commitment of all the elements of the board that is now starting, we will continue to transform SPCCTV into a society closer to its members, more modern and more relevant to the community of Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Surgeons.

It is with great pride and sense of mission that I take on this challenge, aware of the arduous effort it entails, compounded by the pandemic context in which we live.

The purposes of scientific societies cannot be obscured by the constraints caused by the current public health situation. On the contrary, it is at this moment that, more than ever, our members need support in their training, which they see postponed daily by the overwhelming pressure of the care for the COVID-19 patients.

The SPCCTV clearly demonstrated its ability to adapt to this reality with the undisputed success of its 4DVisions 2020 congress, the first in online format of this scientific society.

The more than 400 subscribers, the quality of the work presented by specialists and residents and the enthusiastic discussion between speakers and moderators are the

proof that we are prepared for the challenges of the present and the future.

This event was the test balloon for a new model of interaction among our members, which we will cultivate throughout the 2020-2022 biennium. It is our goal that this interaction does not end at the annual congress, promoting regular events in an online format.

As such, we created a program of podcasts and webinars, dealing with themes from the various specialties, which will be made available on our website and advertised on our social networks. The contents presented are, for the most part, the responsibility of our Clubs of Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery Trainees, a source of pride of this board.

This model of personalized training through the intervention of the main recipients - the residents in specific training - generates involvement, relevance and value.

Thus, we will continue to promote the Clubs of Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery Trainees, stimulating their autonomous functioning, in synergy with the direction of the Society, ensuring their financial and scientific support for the desired training actions and, especially, ensuring that they actively participate in SPCCTV decisions and destinations.

We continue to believe that promoting the interaction between the trainees and the Society is the best way to ensure the future and relevance to SPCCTV.

Another guarantee of the relevance of society is its digital presence. Over the past 2 years, the SPCCTV website has undergone extensive remodeling, making it more appealing and easier to access. However, we know that there is room for great improvement, and this is one of the areas where intervention is ambitioned by the current board. The creation of links to the online platforms of our similar societies is currently in the operational phase, as well as to guidelines, clinical norms and consensus documents

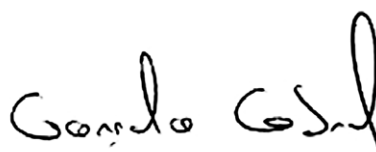
of the various specialties. We will incorporate on our page a space for information to the general population, thus fulfilling one of the purposes of scientific societies. This area of the citizen should include explanations about the main cardiac, vascular and thoracic pathologies and their forms of treatment.

With regard to the Revista da SPCCTV, the current board maintains the firm purpose of indexing the magazine in ISI Web of Science and obtaining an impact factor. The Revista da SPCCTV has, for this purpose, a privileged position in the panorama of the Thoracic, Cardiac and Vascular Surgery, thanks to the praiseworthy effort of all previous editors. It is our obligation to honor this legacy and raise the status of this intangible heritage of our society, making the journal an organ of scientific communication suitable for the publication and curricular enhancement of its authors. Such an objective implies making difficult decisions, which can be emotionally harsh for those who have laid the foundation for this magazine. These solid foundations will be useless if we do not finish a work that can last in time, as a relevant reference for generations of surgeons in training.

Finally, we will join efforts to finalize the National Registry of Cardiac Surgery and Thoracic Surgery, a project that began more than 6 years ago and which is essential to guarantee the quality of care and scientific publication in these areas.

Grateful for the legacy that has been transmitted to me, I will try to set a vision for the future of this society and with overcome all the challenges we face.

Because together, we are stronger!



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