

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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The biennium of the new SPCCTV Board, which has now begun, under the leadership of its President, Dr. Gonçalo Cabral, is taking place in an environment of enormous uncertainty, caused by the situation of public health crisis. In this context, it is difficult to plan, predict and expect to fulfill all the goals that are part of our objectives: improve the support for the education of residents and young specialists, analyze, independently, and disseminate to our partners the developments of recent knowledge, in the three areas covered by our Society, collaborate with guardianships measuring what we do, inform the public and serve the best interests of our patients. Despite the difficulties, we will do everything, throughout this biennium, to meet the aspirations of personal and professional development of the youngest, to become more open and attentive to the needs of the population, through a renewed website and collaboration with health administrations and authorities.

We propose to review the model of the annual Congress of the Society, taking advantage of the experience acquired during the pandemic: incorporation of face-to-face, if possible, and virtual elements, associating previously recorded presentations and online discussion. In all crises we must find opportunities. The pandemic prevented the annual interaction between everyone, but it had at least one positive side effect, which was to allow discovering new ways of interacting, and at the same time reducing costs, through virtual connections with which we are familiarized, amplifying the voices of those less prone to intervene.

One of the focal points of a Scientific Society is its financial health. We must acknowledge and thank the

previous Direction, for having left us a relieved financial situation, which will allow us to support training courses / scholarships, cross training among our three specialties and other educational initiatives through the Journal of this society.

The National Registry of Cardiac Surgery is in a critical turning point. Three mainland services are in a good position to send data from 2019 or 2020. The obstacles in the other three services, of informatic nature, are currently being the target of a concerted intervention.

This is one of the objectives of the previous Direction, from which we take full responsibility, since it is of vital importance for the specialty and its credibility. We ask everyone to participate, proactively, in the insertion of their patients' data, at each of the patients' stages, in an action that becomes part of the daily routine. SPCCTV will not let this structuring objective "die on the beach" and counts on the collaboration of Sociedade Portuguesa de Cardiologia to achieve it.

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