

Sixth Message from the President of the Cuban Society of Cardiology: Brief account of the year

VI Mensaje del Presidente de la Sociedad Cubana de Cardiología: Breve recuento del año que termina

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The year 2014 is ending and the Message from the President is already becoming a common method for briefly summarizing the main activities conducted by our Society over the year.

Unquestionably, the event that received most attention and effort by the Cuban Society of Cardiology (CSC) was the 8th Cuban Congress of our specialty, including cardiovascular surgery, which took place from June 3 to 6, 2014, at the Palace of Conventions in Havana. This event also included the Global Forum on Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation in Clinical Practice, the 21st International Symposium and the 9th National Workshop on Interventional Cardiology. Our Congress had 640 participants, 423 of them were Cubans representing all provinces of the country, and 217 foreigners from all continents. More than

twenty national and international medical commercial firms, with representation in Cuba, attended the trade fair held during the event. The high standard and up-to-dateness shown by the scientific program, and all its speakers, determined the high quality of the Congress and its outcomes were rated as highly satisfactory. It was also rated as one of the leading national scientific events of the year in the medical field.

Other cardiac meetings, in the capital and other provinces, were also sponsored by the CSC and included the participation of representatives of the Governing Board and other members of the Society.

Among the most important activities carried out in 2014 by the CSC is the making and distribution, to a high percentage of members, of the membership card; which guarantees belonging to the Society, with a permanent identification number, and will be very valuable in the immediate future. The Commemorative Medal for the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the Cuban Society of Cardiology was awarded to prominent Cuban and foreign professionals; and the membership list of the Society was updated, with

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more than 600 members in the different categories. The ordering of the complex financial work and the revision of the Statutes and Regulations of the Scientific Council and the CSC also began. This task has demanded the tenacity and effort of the colleagues of the Governing Board who have been involved.

The website of the CSC was launched in October 2014. This, together with the previously existing websites of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery, will keep our members informed with regard to the work of the Society, and updated about the contemporary scientific development.

This year, a regular publication of several issues of the corresponding volume of the Cuban Journal of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery, the official organ of the CSC, was accomplished; although it is still essential to achieve its systematic publication and quality. Similarly, the journal CorSalud, published in Villa Clara and linked to the CSC, has continued its work and periodical publication; both journals guarantee an efficient means of disseminating the results of the work of our members and their working groups.

Internationally, it is noteworthy that our Society, after completing the formalities, was accepted as an Affiliated Member of the European Society of Cardiology, the largest organization of our specialty worldwide. The corresponding benefits for our members are shown in the website of the organization: www.escardio.org. Other contacts with cardiology so-

cieties in our continent are being made in order to increase our scientific collaboration links with them.

It is confirmed that our Society was chosen to host in Cuba the 30th Central American and Caribbean Congress of Cardiology, which will be held in 2018, in conjunction with our 9th National Congress.

Without a doubt, 2014 was a good year for our Society; therefore, we hope that the New Year will also be successful, and even better than the last. Through this message, we want to congratulate all our members, and wish them a 2015 full of health, well-being and success, in addition to the recent victories of the Cuban people in the international arena.

Congratulations!



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