

## Challenges and Commitment

Each new year, expectations and challenges are renewed. And the year 2012 is very special due to the Argentine Society of Cardiology is 75 years of life.

Thinking about all that happened during this period of time is very natural. In the world in general and in our country in particular, and in changes that have taken place in all sciences and especially in medicine.

In the dawns of our Society, Cardiology was not still consolidated as a specialization and there are no doubts that the existence and the work of the SAC have given, in a fundamental way, identity to the specialization in our country. Although “water under the bridge has flowed”, the SAC has maintained intact the principle over it was founded: to promote the development of Cardiology. It is an act of strict justice to express our pride to be a member of the SAC.

I would like to reflect on the structure of the SAC.

The SAC is a society of members and, as a society, our obligation is to provide all its members the possibility of development in the professional range, for instance, with improvement instruments for their medical practice, stimulating the critical analysis of the information, giving basic principles for the research and organizing the medical act into a hierarchy.

There should not be limitations for the progress of its members beyond the limitations imposed by their capacity and dedication. The existence of a membership, which is gained according to scientific worth, forces specialists to belong to more important levels in memberships. This is the essence of any serious scientific society.

Another fundamental concept is that the SAC is a national society. It develops its activity throughout the country. We should not talk about districts of the SAC, but the SAC as its districts.

As it is a society of members with national extension, it is our duty to stimulate the academic activity so that every member and all cardiologists of our country may reach it.

For this diamond anniversary, we want to communicate all cardiologists that they are backing by a society with 75 years of history. This is our challenge and our commitment.

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