



## Acknowledgement to Hernán C. Doval, M.D.

*Reconocimiento al Dr. Hernán C. Doval*

As from this year, Dr. Hernán Doval will no longer manage the Argentine Journal of Cardiology (RAC), a role he played as Managing Director for 13 years, from 2003 to 2008 and from 2013 to 2019. His historic task has given the Journal the intellectual impetus and scientific quality it enjoys today.

Those of us who worked with him during these years have learned about his honest effort to lead the most influential cardiology publication in Argentina, an effort that has now been crowned with the RAC ranking third among Latin American cardiology journals. Due to the improved quality of the original articles in the Journal, three of them were awarded the first and third prizes in corresponding editions of the 'Magda Heras' Award of the Ibero-American Cardiovascular Journal Editors' Network between 2015 and 2019.

Through the Journal, Dr. Doval has conveyed ideas to the community of cardiologists, helping as seeds of knowledge for the growth of all clinical cardiology. In all this time, he has channeled pioneering initiatives, proposed lines of research, and improved the scientific quality of the articles through his critical review. The thoughts arising from his editorial line have helped readers not only to understand medical science, but also to feel its art.

With his working perspective, he has achieved the

bilingual edition of the RAC, indexed in multiple international databases, with an online edition widely available on the web, and above all with a stimulating mystical working experience. With his leadership and vision, Dr. Doval has passed on to us the standards and guidelines to pursue even more challenging goals.

As official body of the Argentine Society of Cardiology, the RAC must cover the information needed by cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons and general practitioners. But it must also promote high-quality clinical and basic scientific research in all subspecialties. During these years, those goals have been successfully accomplished. The annual edition of the Rosenbaum Award has helped to promote and encourage the authors of the best articles in the Journal, while the use of publications in the Continuing Medical Education Program has allowed including the Journal within the reaccreditation process of cardiologist members of our Society.

In this period of a new management of the Journal, Dr. Doval will accompany us as Consulting Editor; therefore, we will retain not only his invaluable experience but also his scientific enthusiasm and human warmth.

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