

## Closing Speech of the 2024 SAC Academic Ceremony

### *Discurso de cierre del acto académico 2024*

Dear members of the SAC,

It has been a year since the new Board of Directors and Executive Committee took over the management of our Society. This very challenging year, which began with considerable political and economic uncertainty, has gone by very quickly. But with hard work and dedication, our Society has done very well. We had a great academic and a good financial year, which is very important to maintain the logistics and structure of the Argentine Society of Cardiology, the SAC. I am going to break with the tradition or habit of reading the accomplishments. I am convinced that it is not necessary, given the enormous work done by the Instructional Resources Area (ARI) and the Press and Communication Area of the SAC, which weekly informs all members of the Society of all our activities through digital, audiovisual and graphic media.

I thought about showing a slide with the most important 10 or 15 accomplishments of the year. I was not convinced with this idea. It seemed to me that it would be like not recognizing the work that each member of the SAC does every day. Writing an abstract, a case conference, a book page, a webinar, a podcast, or attending or participating in a course. This vocation is the true essence and spirit of our Society.

That is why I would just like to take these few minutes to publicly express my gratitude and acknowledge the true lead actors of this management.

1. Firstly, to each member of the SAC for their invaluable contributions and sense of belonging.
2. To the Board of Directors, particularly Pablo Stutzbach and Sergio Baratta. We agreed on ideas and actions, which allowed us to enhance the management.
3. I would like to thank my two closest collaborators. Our academic secretary, Silvia Makhoul, and our treasurer, Diego Pérez de Arenaza. I would not have been able to carry out my work without Silvia's global knowledge of the SAC and without Diego's expertise in economic matters.
4. To the members of the Advisory Board, whose political and personal support, suggestions and recommendations facilitated our work.

5. To Jorge Thierer, who in collaboration with the editorial team of the Argentine Journal of Cardiology, are undertaking an exceptional job to achieve the long-awaited goal of being indexed in Pubmed.
6. To Ana Salvati, a relentless worker who has expanded the boundaries of our Society to the community, overcoming significant challenges.
7. I should also like to recall Hernán Doval and Eduardo Mele, who will forever remain in our memories as mentors of a life of commitment, self-improvement and love for cardiology and for people.
8. To Sebastián Galdeano, our second Vice-President, presidents and members of SAC PAÍS, who disseminated the message of cardiovascular healthcare through conferences targeting cardiologists, physicians in general and the community, to every corner of our country.
9. To each of the directors of the councils and areas, nurses, and technicians, who are the true generators of scientific content and its dissemination and who, following an idea of Mario Fitz Maurice, collaborated with him in the development the SAC Manual of Cardiology, a seminal work for our Society.
10. To Hector Deschle for his profound teaching vocation along with the establishment of the Institute of Continuing Education. This will serve as the nexus for all teaching activities within the SAC and reaffirms the path of the primary objective, the University Institute.
11. To all the staff of the SAC, always willing to work with consistent availability and dedication to self-improvement. I want to highlight Marina, our great secretary, who is always present for any concern and solves any situation. And Dr. Analia Llanos, our administrator. Her organization and efficiency have allowed us to work in a planned and professional manner, fundamental qualities for the success of each of our activities.

Personally, it has been a great honor to have presided over our society. I will always remain at your disposal.

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