

Message from the President of the Congress



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great joy that we will host on Paraná soil the 4th Congress of the Department of Cardiovascular Imaging (DIC) of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (SBC) from 10 to 12 April 2014, on the premises of Hotel Bourbon, Foz do Iguaçu.

A large team has already been working hard to bring to DIC's members a truly special event! Several actions are being planned so that this coming Congress is outstanding in the history of our Department. We are counting on the unrestricted support of the current Board in designing and implementing of all the steps necessary to prepare an event of the highest scientific and associative quality.

The venue selected is a chapter in itself: the beautiful Foz do Iguaçu, with all its tourist attractions, and Hotel Bourbon, of excellent structure and international standards, give us the certainty of an unforgettable event. Currently, Foz do Iguaçu is the second most popular destination by foreign tourists in the country and the first in the Southern Region internationally known by the Iguazu Falls (one of the winners of the competition 7 Wonders of Nature) and by Itaipu Hydropower Plant (the world's second in size and first in electric energy generation).

In addition, a first-line scientific commission is working to innovate in order to provide an environment for learning, interaction and update in the broad spectrum of Echocardiography and Cardiovascular Imaging. The intention is to contemplate from the echocardiographer who is beginning to those who wish to be updated to the latest cardiovascular imaging techniques, not to mention the cardiologist interested in clinical and interventionist applications of these methods.

Obviously, the careful selection of international guests is a central concern. We want to bring the world authorities on image to add to the body of national guests, who usually enhance our annual meeting. We will, in addition to the traditional scientific activities, have novelties, such as a course in basic Ecocardiogram, workshops Echocardiography (learn Echo 3D speckle-tracking, resynchronization) and a session on surgical Anatomoeacardiography in Eco Adult, among other innovations.

Besides all this, but not least, we will have a social and recreational programming that encourages further unity and fellowship among us. The Congress party is already being planned and prepared!

Plan to come with more time, bring the family, because experiencing this new Congress and meeting (or seeing again) the natural beauty of Foz do Iguaçu will be worth it!

We wait for you!

Silvio Henrique Barberato
President of the 4th Congress SBC's DIC