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Dear Colleagues

As Chairman of the Cardiovascular Imaging Department Conference, I am pleased to invite you to our annual scientific event in Foz do Iguaçu, at the Bourbon Hotel, on April 10th to 12th. This year, we will present some new offerings and special events. To start with, Professor Luigi Badano, former president of the European Society for Cardiovascular Imaging, will deliver an unmissable Keynote Address. We will also have the honor of welcoming the distinguished professor Jae Oh, from Mayo Clinic and other eminent figures of world Echocardiography/Imaging, such as Meryl Cohen (USA), Yan Topilsky (Israel), Stephen Underwood (England), Jorge Lowenstein (Argentina), Vera Rigolin (USA), Natalie Marks (USA), Ricardo Ronderos (Argentina), Rodrigo Hernandez (Chile), Harvey Hecht (USA),

Alfredo Prego (Uruguay) and Carlos Trias (Uruguay). The scientific program includes traditional approaches to professional development, while offering new education opportunities and interaction with the faculty of the Conference. For example, we will have an amazing anatomical-echo-surgical session with Dr. Vera Aiello (INCOR), not only in the module of Congenital Diseases, but also in Adults. New echocardiography workshops with the seal of the Cardiovascular Imaging Department will focus on practical aspects. Intensive discussion of clinical cases and their approach to Imaging methods will be part of the program. Speakers will have access to new stands, featuring the transesophageal echocardiography simulator and the sale of items with the Cardiovascular Imaging Department logo. The new Board is proud to announce the return of "Echo is the Limit!", a contest where learning and fun merge.

A full range of leisure options is available to the speakers and their family. The host city is world renowned for its friendly people and its natural beauties, such as the Iguaçu Falls and the Birds Park, as well as many shopping options in the Triple Border, trails, the Itaipu Power Plant and other attractions.

Leverage your professional development and enjoy all that Foz do Iguaçu has to offer.

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