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Dear DIC members,

When we started our activities in the field of imaging, decades ago, I never imagined the magnitude and importance that our methods would take, driven by innovation and technological progress, especially the dedication to research and the hard work of our professionals, whose excellence is the driving force of our progress. The fundamental interrelationship between echocardiography, magnetic resonance, tomography, nuclear medicine, vascular medicine, associated with clinical findings, has made it possible to deliver faster and more accurate diagnoses to the benefit of the patients, which is our main goal.

The increased use of imaging methods, both in the follow-up of surgical and interventional procedures and to support other specialties such as oncology, neurology, anesthesiology and intensive care medicine, associated with new techniques such as analysis of myocardial deformation, echocardiography, magnetic resonance imaging and three-dimensional tomography and the use of modern and more efficient contrasts, has added respect to the professionals in the medical community, which is reflected in the constant participation in international

conferences, organization of events, publication of papers and invitations to participate in the preparation of consensus and recommendations.

The journal *ABC - Imagem Cardiovascular* is the official entity of our association and it is where the papers written by DIC members and non-members must be published to both our peers and to the international medical community. Papers of major scientific importance are immediately accepted by major international publications with high impact and power of penetration, but just like our journal, these publications have also undergone a process of maturation and consolidation to reach the prominence they have today. These papers have reached this level with the collaboration of the members of their respective communities.

Our journal began in the 1980s as a printed issue in half-page format and has evolved over these years to become an online journal covering all methods of cardiovascular imaging. Always with hard work, dedication and creativity of our editors and members. Why would we not accept the challenge of making it even more important? Why would we not seek the possibility of indexation in Scielo and Medline? We already have simultaneous editions in Portuguese, English and Spanish, which breaks through the language barrier. We have the experience and the editorial support of *Arquivos Brasileiros de Cardiologia*, the leading word in medical journals. To make this challenge possible, the only thing we need is the greater participation of colleagues dedicated to imaging and those from other specialties where cardiovascular imaging is used.

I wish a great 2016 to all DIC members!