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DIC President for the years 2020–2021

Dear DIC colleagues and associates,

I would like to wish everyone, on behalf of the Department of Cardiovascular Imaging (DIC) of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (SBC), a great start to the year 2020. The Department's new board, for the years 2020–2021, starts its administration focusing on its educational and scientific mission.

Works for the DIC Conference, to be held from April 2nd to 4th in Brasília (Federal District), are in full swing. It will be the largest conference solely dedicated to cardiovascular imaging in Latin America. In a concerted effort with the conference president Dr. Marcos Valério Coimbra Resende and the president of the scientific committee Dr. Adenvalva Lima de Souza Beck, and Dr. Guilherme Uripia Monte in the cardiovascular imaging program, and supported by our former president Dr. Marcelo Vieira, we are preparing a conference of the highest scientific level with 16 international guest speakers, 7 of whom are in the field of cardiovascular imaging and the leading specialists in echocardiography and cardiovascular imaging from our country. For the first time, we are holding the conference together with the SBC-DF Conference, which will further enrich both events, at one venue and with even broader themes in Cardiology and Cardiovascular Imaging. It will be a fantastic and unforgettable conference!

We intend to provide our associates increasingly better and to get closer to those we represent. The Department's smartphone app is being prepared so we can all be united by our inseparable mobile phones. This will allow a more direct relationship with the associates, who will then be able

to communicate, receive notifications from the department and make financial transactions in our digital store.

The new DIC committees that cover the department's main lines of activity now have their new coordinators, with their e-mails informed to all DIC associates (published simultaneously with this letter from the president on our website and soon on the app). Here, it is worth highlighting the committees' new approach. All associates who have paid their annual fees may ask the coordinator to participate in the committees and give their opinion on matters that are important to their local reality and their daily lives. We want to encourage everyone to participate as member of committees that they think they can help. The participation of all is very important. The Department belongs to all associates and we want to democratize it as much as possible.

The successful activities that were started by the previous administration, with Dr. Marcelo Vieira as president, will continue to be carried out, such as the Regional Symposia.

Many activities are planned and we will promote them throughout our administration for the purposes of improving our Department and getting closer to our associates, providing actual opportunities for learning, updating and professional and scientific growth.

I would like to thank the trust placed in this board. We will work hard with the support of everyone. We will always be available to listen to our associates and raise the Department to ever higher levels.

Thank you all very much. You will all hear from us soon in the future.