

Our Acknowledgment to DIC's Members and Partners

The experience as president of the Department of Cardiovascular Imaging of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (DIC/SBC) for the 2022/23 administration was enriching. I am immensely thankful and have no complaints.

I had the opportunity to meet amazing people, visit spectacular places, participate in brilliant discussions, and so much more...

Our initial goal in this administration was to create expansiveness and breathe life into our Department. And I believe we've achieved that. Today, DIC is made up of brilliant, experienced people, as well as many young adults filled with energy and vigor. And they're spread all across the country.

These are young men and women who made significant contributions in these past two years, setting DIC towards a promising future.

There are plenty of people to thank. We're talking about professionals like Dr. Andrea Vilela, who brilliantly coordinated our Qualification Commission, which I believe is the most important at DIC. She had plenty of support from incredibly talented young men and women, as well as other experienced colleagues who did an amazing job.

And we can't forget about Dr. Daniela Rassi, another rising star who, together with her excellent co-editors, is helping our magazine grow in leaps and bounds towards a new level within the world's medical literature.

We built an executive commission made up of myself and three colleagues: VP of adult echocardiography Dr. Alex Felix, CFO Dr. Mohamed Saleh, and administrative officer Dr. Sílvia Barberato. Together with our incredible colleague Margareth Lima, secretary/manager at DIC, we met every Wednesday over these past two years, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., in addition to other meetings outside our regular schedule. Although we operate under a presidential regime, in which the president's orders are final, we managed to create a coalition parliament to help us find the best pathways for DIC through joint decision-making. Dr. Alex Felix is a brilliant professional whose work skills and altruism are second to none. Dr. Mohamed Saleh's financial management skills are a sight to behold, not to mention he's a reliable friend who's always ready to help. Dr. Sílvia Barberato's enviable sense of balance was a huge help, and he's ready to be an excellent president of our Department throughout his 2024/25 tenure.

We wouldn't be able to achieve so much without the outstanding support from other brilliant doctors, like our colleagues Marcelo Vieira, Fábio Villaça, Marcelo Tavares, Edgar Lira, Simone Brandão, Adriana Mello, José Aldo Teodoro, Ana Camarozano, José Roberto Souza (a.k.a. Beto), Wagner Pires, Marcelo Miglioranza, Márcio Bittencourt, Otávio Rizzi Filho, Marcos Lofrano, and so many more... Not to mention those I consider my advisors: our friends Samira Saady Morhy, José Luiz Barros Pena, Fábio Villaça, and Marcelo Vieira, to whom I reached out for help in the most difficult times of this administration.

We held two unforgettable congresses: in 2022, in São Paulo, under the presidency of the vibrant Marly Uellendahl, with Márcio Lima as president of the scientific commission, and the DIC/2023 congress in Brasília, with the help of our dear friend Adenvalva Beck and Dr. Marias Estefânia Otto, president of the scientific commission. Thank you for these incredible, unforgettable events.

DIC has produced plenty of projects in these past two years. This includes countless webinars, symposiums, podcasts, miscellaneous projects (most notably the *Memórias do DIC* project), investments in quality to improve safety in the creation and application of the qualification exam, maintaining the Clinical Key (which has a high financial cost for DIC, but still provides great benefits for our members), DIC's new physical headquarters (to be inaugurated on Dec. 9th, 2023), a number of publications (articles, books, documents...), but, above all, we produced a genuine union between the people who contributed to this process.

It's worth noting the highly positive contributions of our legal department under the coordination of Dr. Breno Garcia, a competent lawyer who provided us with legal security during our most tense and delicate moments.

I believe that thanks to this fantastic group of people, we left DIC/SBC in an even better position than we found it. Could we have done more? That's certainly possible. But believe me, we did the best we could do, thinking primarily of DIC's growth and the well-being of our members.

There is still plenty to do... One of the most important projects in DIC's near future will be the greater participation of our members inside SBC's board of directors. This will be possible by electing a significant number of our representatives to be delegated associates at SBC in the upcoming elections. Another major strategy will be improving DIC's engagement in correlated associations, such as AMB and CFM.

I have no doubt that our next president, Dr. Sílvia Barberato, together with his directors, will continue to forge a path to maintain DIC as one of the best, if not the best, and most productive departments of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology.

I thank God and all our partners and members at DIC, who were always with us throughout this journey and helped us create a project that benefitted everyone involved.

Merry Christmas, and may God bless us with health and peace in 2024.

Kind regards,

André Almeida

President of DIC (2022/23 administration)