



In fulfillment of the commitment made, we have succeeded in publishing the third number of the Argentine Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery for 2016, maintaining its quality and excellence. Also, we managed to realize a dream, many times delayed, by having the digital version fully translated into English. This third issue includes the paper that won the Bicentennial Award of the Argentine Congress of Cardiovascular Surgery on ***“Symptomatic Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms: The Experience of Three Centers in the Last Eight Years”*** whose authors, Dr. Elvio Demicheli, Dr. Marcelo Pataro, Dr. Mariano Ferreyra and Dr. Ricardo Lamura, showed the significance of this topic but particularly the importance of collecting information from various centers, a basic objective that the Argentine College of Cardiovascular Surgeons intends to promote for coming years.

Dr. Miguel Ángel Lucas contributed the biographical sketch of Pedro Bianchi Donayre, CACCV founding member, and Miguel Rubio submitted the biographical sketch of Denton Cooley, another great cardiovascular surgeon who also died this 2016.

For 2017, we need to continue this line of work, pursuing the publication of papers by College members from the whole country and the rest of Latin America, maintaining the scientific rigor conditions to achieve access to Index Medicus.

We have reached the end of a special year, with high expectations of constant improvement, looking for our own funding sources with the strong belief of the Committee Board that the RAACV continues to be the CACCV official publication that goes beyond the limits of our country, keeping the flame of our specialization alive.

Merry Christmas and a happy 2017!

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