



Editorial

SCCT Presidents Page—Moving Forward in 2019



We are well into the 2018/2019 academic year, which so far has been a very productive year for SCCT.

The society has made significant advances on a number of fronts, including, but not limited to Education, Leadership & Professional Development, Guidelines, Patient Access, Growth, International collaboration, and others.

We have recently held our winter meeting in Dublin, Ireland which was attended by nearly 350 participants from 23 countries from across the globe. The conference featured top experts in our field from around the world. The program, which included nearly 200 oral presentations, was put together under the capable leadership of Dr. Edward Nicol, as well as Drs. Leslee Shaw, Ron Blankstein, and Jonathon Leipsic. The conference organization was aided by a local organizing committee consistent of Drs. Bull, Williams, O'Brien and McAdam. In addition to the main scientific sessions, a dedicated advanced CTA hands-on course and a hands-on Technologist course preceded the meeting. As with our annual scientific meeting, the winter meeting has reached a much greater audience than those who participated in person. Meeting related content resulted in over 295,000 social media impressions on more than 100,000 individual devices.

We are working on further advancing our reach by exploring partnerships with platforms that distribute content to a wider audience, reaching more and more providers that may potentially be or become users of cardiovascular CT testing, without directly performing and interpreting the studies.

Our president elect Dr. Ron Blankstein is currently leading a remarkable annual scientific meeting program committee, which is putting together what promises to be a spectacular conference that will feature several innovations in education. Dr. Ronen Rubinstein is leading the planning efforts for our next winter meeting in Tel Aviv in 2020, which promises to be another terrific meeting. Due to hard work of our CME committee lead by Dr. Eric Williamson, SCCT is ACCME accredited and we are able to provide our own CME credits for all of these educational offerings, a terrific achievement for an organization of our size.

The society has recently redefined our processes and increased transparency related to the creation of guidelines. The guideline committee is led by Dr. Brian Ghoshhajra and has been very productive, ushering several guidelines through the system, some of which have recently been published, and others are soon to follow.

One of the high honors SCCT can bestow upon members who are experts and leaders in our field is the designation of Fellow of the society (FSCCT), which is a recognition of individuals with advanced expertise and leadership within the field. We are revisiting with the process to make it easier for all deserving individuals to apply or be nominated, and ultimately to allow all eligible members to be appropriately recognized. Additionally, a designation of Master of the SCCT (MSCCT) is being created to identify and recognize those who have made significant contributions to science and education in cardiovascular CT and who have a sustained track record of leadership within the field and this society.

Through efforts of our membership committee and First committee and IRCs the society has grown its membership. We are streamlining our membership categories and are working towards further growth in membership while at the same time engaging a new generation of leaders through mentorship and transparent leadership opportunities. We are at the same time growing through widening of our national and international reach through collaboration and formal partnerships with cardiovascular imaging societies that share some of our mission and goals in Europe and Asia.

To further enhance transparency, equal opportunity and to maximize member input, the society will periodically request from members input on a number of issues and opportunities. These include, but are not limited to, request for volunteers and nominations for committee vacancies and nominations for Board of Director appointments. Please take advantage of these opportunities to participate and to be heard. I am looking forward to seeing you in Baltimore in July.

Figure 1.



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