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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellows, Associate Fellows, Affiliate Members, Members and Student Members:

I would like to thank the ICA Directors, Vice Presidents, Officers, Fellows, Associate Fellows and Members for their academic and financial support over the past year.

Recruitment of fellows and members remains an important function in maintaining our present status and widening the scope of our organization. In order to increase the scope of our activities and strengthen our society and its significance in the international academic and scientific podium, we are requesting our support by recruiting just 1 new member. Please recommend 1 new candidate whom you personally will endorse for fellowship/membership. The College's website, http://www.intlcollegeofangiology.org is fully functional with downloadable forms such as membership applications, meeting announcements and registration forms, as well as information pertaining to our official journal, *International Journal of Angiology*.

We have begun our annual membership dues billing for 2017 and take this opportunity to inform you of some of the changes made by the Board of Directors of the ICA at the meeting in Prague.

Following the conclusion of our 58th Annual World Congress in Prague, the following changes in the Board of Directors were approved and became effective:

First Vice Chairman: Randall W. Franz, MD, RVT **Second Vice Chairman:** John A. Elefteriades, MD

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Dr. Iwan Dakota of Jakarta, Indonesia was appointed to serve as Secretary-General beginning with the conclusion of our 59th Annual World Congress in Vienna (2017). At the same time, Dr. Ernesto P. Molmenti will begin his 2-year term as President and Dr. Josef Veselka will be the College's President-Elect.

International Journal of Angiology

All dues paying Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Members of the ICA currently receive a print subscription to the journal as part of the annual membership benefits. Beginning with 2017, the ICA will offer "full fellows" either a print or e-subscription to the Journal. All those dues paying "full fellows" from developing countries, along with associate fellows, members, and emeritus will receive an e-subscription to the Journal. It is important that you provide our Executive Office with your most current email address when remitting your annual dues for 2017 in order to assure there are no delays in the receipt of your subscription to International Journal of Angiology. Upon receipt of your payment, we will provide you with instructions to access the Thieme website for your subscription to International Journal of Angiology.

ICA Annual World Congress

The 59th Annual World Congress will be held in Vienna, Austria, September 7-9, 2017 at the Marriott Hotel Vienna, under the leadership of Prof. Otmar M. Pachinger and PD Jürgen Falkensammer *in cooperation with Vascular International and Austrian Interventional Cardiology*. The theme of our 59th Annual World Congress will be "New Horizons in Cardiovascular Medicine." For 2017, the ICA Board of Directors have eliminated the non-fellow abstract processing fee.

The 60th Annual World Congress (2018) of the ICA will be held in Tokyo, Japan under the leadership of Prof. Takao Ohki.

We ask each of our members to show their support for the International College of Angiology by attending the upcoming congress and encouraging their colleagues and trainees to also attend.

ICA Angiology Workshop Dinner Meetings

Continuing the tradition initiated by Prof. John B. Chang, the **38**th **Angiology Multi-Disciplinary Dinner Meeting followed by a Hands-On Suture Workshop** has been organized by Prof. K.V. Krishnasastry, *Program Chairman* for Thursday, September 22, 2016 at Blackwell's Steakhouse in Huntington, New York beginning at 6.30 PM. Complex and unusual cases will highlight the presentations for this event. Participation is by **advance reservation only.** If you are interested in attending, please refer to the ICA website for detailed program information and reservations.

The board members and officers of the ICA will be highly appreciative of your support and involvement in the ICA. Your support and effort will help in taking this society to new height.

Sincerely,

Kailash Prasad, MBBS (Hons), MD, PhD, DSc, FRCPC, FACC, FIACS, FICA Chairman, Board of Directors International College of Angiology