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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN and ICA PRESIDENT



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

The 59th Annual World Congress of the International College of Angiology (ICA) held at the Marriott Hotel, Vienna, Austria, September 7-9, 2017 was an outstanding and very successful congress.

Approximately 200 participants from 17 countries attended the congress. Forty-six faculties from all over the world with various expertise gave scientific presentations which included memorial lectures, special lectures, oration lectures, symposia and other oral presentations on various current *hot topics* in angiology, all of which were of extremely high caliber. The highlights of the congress were the poignant Professor John B. Chang Memorial Lecture and the Dr. Lucy J. Chang Special Lecture.

The congress featured a series of “Hands-On Skills Training Workshops” to promote endovascular skills and procedural performance for vascular and cardiac interventions. This 2-day series of interventional workshops was aimed at trainees in angiology, radiology, cardiology and vascular surgery with an interest in interventional techniques.

The ICA has established numerous awards to honor its fellows and other colleagues who have made outstanding contributions in the field of angiology, have provided extremely high quality assistance and are indebted to the College. These awards were:

1. **Prof. John B. Chang Research Achievement Award** was presented to Professor Thomas F. Wayne, Jr., MD, PhD, FICA, Professor of Internal Medicine (Cardiology), Gill Heart Institute, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, USA.
2. **Young Investigator Awards** were presented to two (2) competitors. These were:

First Place Awardee:

- a. Christopher F. Tanga, DO, Ohio Health Doctors Hospital and Grant Medical Center and Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Columbus, Ohio, USA.

Second Place Awardee:

- b. Cyril Štěchovský, MD, Department of Cardiology, Motol University Hospital, 2nd Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.

The Local Organizing Committee of the 59th Annual World Congress under the leadership of Professor Otmar M. Pachinger and Dr. Jürgen Falkensammer selected an excellent venue with outstanding arrangements. The hospitality was exceptionally superb. Our local organizers left no stone unturned to keep participants safe, happy and comfortable. All those who attended the congress felt at home and take this opportunity to once again thank Professor Pachinger and Dr. Falkensammer for such extraordinary arrangements.

We are very thankful to Mrs. Carolyn Pachinger the Madame President of the ICA Auxiliary Committee for her tireless effort to assist in guiding congress tour participants in the various tours available during the congress while in Vienna. We are very grateful for her support and hope she will assist in tour arrangements at our 60th Anniversary Congress in Tokyo in 2018.

We sincerely thank you all, the participants and fellows of the ICA for your support of our Annual World Congress in Vienna. Your expertise and scientific contributions had an immense impact on the overall success of this congress, and it is highly appreciated. We hope and expect your participation and scientific contributions in future congresses.

We have begun our preparations for the **60th Anniversary Congress of the ICA** which will be held in Tokyo, Japan, August 21st and 22nd, 2018 under the leadership of Professor Takao Ohki, MD, PhD, FICA, Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee. As a fellow of the College, you can make a significant contribution to make this upcoming congress a successful event.

We must follow the path, the Late Professor John B. Chang, the past chairman of the board of directors of ICA has chosen to make this ICA a strong and unique organization. The board members and officers of the ICA will be highly appreciative of your support and involvement in ICA to take it to new heights.

Sincerely,

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