

Adrian Baranchuk Editor in-chief of the Journal of Electrocardiology

Dear colleagues from all the world,

The appointment of our exceptional colleague Adrian Baranchuk to lead the most important world journal on electrocardiology –Journal of Electrocardiology-, the “red” journal, is a remarkable fact, extremely significant and a reason for pride for Latin American cardiologists. Never before a “Hispanic” colleague reached such acknowledgement and influence so quickly. And never a Hispanic colleague had such great responsibility. But knowing the mettle of Adrian, I am absolutely certain that he will greatly honor our origins. This entails the exceptional leading conditions, creativity, tenacity, persistence, obsession, refined critical power displayed by our admired colleague. Concomitantly, this shows the absence of prejudice by the great Northern countries, the US and Canada. We have to appreciate this achievement, unconditionally supporting Adrian.

We, Latin American people, had some golden ages with great scientific weight on electrocardiology. First, in the decades of the 60s and 70s with the magnificent Mexican school represented by the Instituto Ignacio Chávez (founded on April 18, 1944) and its legendary team of investigators of the method such as Demétrio Sodi Pallares, Medrano, De Micheli, Enrique Cabrera, Bisteni, Cisneros, Ariza, Ponce de León, Ignacio Chávez-Rivera, Friedland, Testelli, and so many others that greatly influenced the advancement of knowledge on the method, thus creating the so-called “Deductive and Polyparametric Electrocardiology and Vectorcardiography” that spread throughout the world, originating brilliant disciples from Europe and America, directly and indirectly, such as Joao Tranchesi, Dante Peñaloza (Peru), Fulvio Pileggi, Osvaldo Spiritus, Bocanegra-Arroyo (Brazil-Peru), Germiniani, Rady Macruz, Norberto Santamarina (Córdoba, Argentina), Pablo Jorge Moffa, etc.

The institute has trained 2500 cardiologists from approximately 60 countries in Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania.

Some time later, in the 70s and 80s, Latin American Electrocardiology reached a huge world position, thanks to the figure of Dr. Mauricio Rosenbaum (August 20, 1921 – May 4, 2003) who modified the concepts of intraventricular blocks and so many other topics, with great researchers that continue to influence and innovate, such as the scholar Marcelo Elizari, Lazzari, the late Dr. Pablo Ambrosio Chiale, Nau, Levi, Halpern, Rafael Acunzo, and so many others.

In Europe, we should also highlight between the great Hispanic figures, our admired Catalanian Professor, Antoni Bayés de Luna, a tireless warrior and an example for all.

With Adrian in the lead, I foresee a new scientific boom, a third wave of advancement in the Latin-American world in terms of electrocardiology. It has been proven that the century-old method is never exhausted and it always shows something new.

With Adrian I am certain that the impact factor of the red journal will go through the roof. I say this because I deeply know the personality of this, my fellow, who has enriched me so much in terms of science and humanity through his friendship.

Adrian, I wish you a lot of success with all my heart. I want you to know that you can count on my help, as I am a tireless soldier who, from his modest trench, is willing to support you with ideas and concrete actions to constantly improve the red journal that you will be leading now. I don't know who appointed you, but whoever did it has a great logical sense to choose.

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Dear friend Andres

Your kind words mean lots to me.

As you know, my only talent is to listen: A. to my teachers: Antoni Bayes de Luna, Pablo Chiale, Marcelo Elizari, Andres Ricardo Perez-Riera, Wojtek Zareba, Jeronimo Farre. B. To my colleagues: Chris Simpson, Steve Archer, Edgardo Schapachnik, Martin Ibarrola, Manlio Marquez, Raimundo Barbosa-Barros, Diego Delgado, Sami Viskin, Manuel Martinez-Selles, Tony Bayes-Genis, so many more talented individuals... and C. To my students, residents, fellows: Bill McIntyre, Byron Gottschalk, Dan Anselm, Zardasht Oqab, Jane Caldwell, Fariha Sadiq Ali, Bryce Alexander, so many other creative and super talented young individuals...

The list of people that I hear, that I listen, that I try to emulate would be so extensive...maybe boring too.

Almost at the corner of my 50s, I only learn than listening is more important (and beneficial) than talking.

I take the role of Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Electrocardiology with the utmost responsibility. In order to dedicate extra time to this task, I have resigned yesterday to my position as Head of the Heart Rhythm Service at Queen's, a place that gave me the opportunity to develop my academic career and now is

supporting this new endeavor. I leave this position in the hands of a brilliant younger colleague, Dr Ben Glover.

As Bayes de Luna always remind me, it is my obligation to secure the path to success to energetic, dedicated and talented young individuals. Nothing brings me more satisfaction than the success of the people I have mentored.

Dear friend, our collaborations have now crystalized into concepts that the scientific community has accepted, just to name some few: Brugada Phenocopy (a concept from your brilliant mind!), Left Septal Fascicular Block (with a book printed by Springer!) and now, the Bayes' Syndrome (the book will be released this week!).

I hope in my role as EIC of the Journal of Electrocardiology, I can help our Latin community as well as other groups with less visibility in the scientific arena, to produce high-quality research in the field of ECG.

My principles will be: transparency, scientific rigor, democratic management, inclusive perspectives, and gender equity.

I hope to help JE to reach its next level, and I hope to count with all of you on this ambitious task.

Happy 2017!

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