

## Submissions to the 2018 Portuguese Congress of Cardiology

The 2018 Portuguese Congress of Cardiology is the most important conference on cardiovascular medicine in Portugal. This is demonstrated by the number of original works submitted for presentation at the Congress, which yet again beat the record: 784 abstracts, 583 free communications and 201 case reports and images. The rejection rate was also one of the highest ever (around 30%), since this year there will be no place for unmoderated posters; all accepted submissions must be formally presented before moderators and/or a jury.

This is also the year in which the Congress becomes truly international, with dozens of submissions from outside Portugal, many of them from Brazil.

The works submitted are eligible for the various prizes that will be awarded during the closing session of the Congress, including Best Oral Communication, Best Electronic Poster, Best Case Report, Best Image, Young Investigator, and the Machado Macedo Prize. The authors of the best abstracts will also be encouraged to complete their studies or projects and submit them for publication in the Portuguese Journal of Cardiology, thereby bringing their work to a satisfactory conclusion.

On behalf of the Organizing and Scientific Committee of the 2018 Congress, I would like to thank all those who have sent submissions in the form of free communications, case reports and images, as well as the more than 200 reviewers whose excellent assessments have helped to maintain the high standards of the Portuguese Congress of Cardiology, a showcase for the quality of science in Portugal.

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