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## 2024 Portuguese Congress of Cardiology - *Towards evidence and innovation*

Dear Congress-goer,

On my own behalf and that of the entire Organizing Committee, I welcome you to the 2024 Portuguese Congress of Cardiology, at which we celebrate 50 years of these Congresses.

We hope this meeting will contribute to achieving the objective of its theme, “Towards evidence and innovation”, integrating this scientific goal into diagnosis and treatment, including elements of artificial intelligence and featuring various practical sessions to discuss case reports and images.

The Congress is the annual meeting-place for Portuguese cardiology, in which we set out to showcase the latest in cardiovascular medicine, encouraging informal interactions between congress-goers and speakers in different areas of cardiology from both Portugal and abroad, and taking a broad-based approach that facilitates cooperation between different specialities.

The sessions will include symposiums that bring together Portuguese participants and other European, Brazilian, and American colleagues, as well as a round table with cardiologists from other Portuguese-speaking countries to discuss recent developments in diseases that are especially prevalent in Africa, with a view to establishing links that can lead to collaboration and cooperation in the future.

Other areas to be discussed will include prevention, rehabilitation, health literacy, and protection of the environment and its relationship with cardiovascular health.

We hope that everyone will take an active part in this Congress, and that when it is over they will feel that they leave it richer in both scientific and human terms, and that it was worth coming to learn and to interact.

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