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Message from the President

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President's Message

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ACC and the World

Today I will be traveling to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates to participate in the **2019 ACC Middle East Conference**, being held in conjunction with the 10th Emirates Cardiac Society Congress. For the past several years, ACC has annually sponsored such educational and scientific meetings in the Middle East, **Asia**, and **Latin America**. I also planned and participated in a 2-day version of the **ACC Board Review Course** in Singapore in 2017. I was struck at that meeting how valued ACC's reputation is in providing high-quality education and scientific information through our conferences and courses, guideline and expert consensus statements, and registries. Partnering with international societies in this way makes good strategic sense for the College and advances its **goals** to "Increase relevance as the CV professional home" and to "Generate and deliver actionable knowledge."

Cardiovascular health is an issue that increasingly crosses borders, and cardiovascular disease accounts for a rising proportion of morbidity and mortality around the world. Increased international engagement and collaboration therefore helps to advance ACC's third strategic goal, to "Advance the quality, equity, and value of CV care." ACC has increasingly reached out to cardiovascular specialists across the world for membership and now has over 15,000 International members. The College has created an **International Center** to organize activities and communication. Since 2009, ACC has encouraged the formation of **International Chapters** in close collaboration with national and regional CV societies. The **Assembly of International Governors** was recently organized to facilitate more feedback and collaboration and to advise the College on its ongoing international efforts. Revenue from International members and conferences also helps ACC with its fourth strategic goal, to "Ensure organizational growth and sustainability."

ACC.20, the Annual Scientific Sessions of the ACC, will have an increased international flavor this year. It is being held in conjunction with the World Congress of Cardiology and in partnership with the **World Heart Federation**. ACC.20/WCC will be held in Chicago on March 28-30, 2020 and **registration** is now open. **Abstracts and Cases** can be submitted until October 29, 2019. Join your American and International colleagues and make your plans today.

MACCS, will be held at Heart House on Sunday November 24, 2019 and will have its own international outlook, drawing members of the **British Cardiovascular Society**, including its President, Professor Stuart Ray. You can **register here**.

As always, please send MDACC leadership and staff your comments, questions, and suggestions to president@marylandacc.org.

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MACCS

2019 MACCS CVTeam Case Competition

As part of the 2019 MACCS Meeting at Heart House the MDACC/VCACC is excited to announce a case competition exclusively for CVTeam members**. Do you have that tough or quirky case that would be fascinating to share with your colleagues? You will walk through the prognosis, talk about treatment options and then reveal the results at MACCS as one of the CME/CNE sessions.

If you are selected to present, create a PowerPoint presentation for 5-6 minutes. The top three presenters will win VISA gift cards. Plan to come to MACCS on Sunday, November 24th also for a day of education, networking and learning.

Cases are to be submitted via Oxford Abstracts. [Click here](#) to submit. The deadline is October 11, 2019.

Submitted cases will be reviewed by a panel of

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CVTeam Members.
Finalists will be invited to give an oral presentation at MACCS and will be notified on or after October 28th.

**Cardiovascular Team members from across the care spectrum include Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Physician Assistants, Clinical Pharmacists, Genetic Counselors, Cardiac Rehabilitation Specialists and Cardiovascular Technologists.