

President-Elect, European Society of Cardiology, Professor Fausto J. Pinto, MD, PhD, FESC, FACC, FSCAI, FASE.

Prof. Fausto Pinto: - We have here a very interesting session on education and how the European society of cardiology together with the Russian society of cardiology can improve medical education, and can actually improve and expand the way that Russian cardiologists can be involved in the activities of the European society, meaning, to be more involved at the European level.

We had one talk by our present professor Vardas, who gave us a perspective on the different activities of the society as a whole and how people can get involved. We had a session done by professor Lüscher who is the editor-in-chief of the European heart journal, on how to publish a paper, what is the relevance of publishing, how to get access the European journals and basically about publishing.

And I, Fausto Pinto, am the president-elect of the European society of cardiology, more related with the congresses. We have the major congress, which is the largest congress in the world in cardio-vascular medicine, we have other sub-specialty journals, and what I wanted to bring here is how we can increase the participation of Russian cardiologists in our society, in our congress, in our meetings, how you can submit more abstracts, how you can basically present more of your science, because we know there's a lot of data being developed in this country in different institutions.

And we feel that there is a short representation of Russian cardiology compared with the size of the science produced, the size of the country and the size of cardiology. So our main goal here, and we're going to have a second part now will be to have as much as possible, a contribution, an important contribution, by the Russian cardiologists to the common good, which, in our case, is the European cardiology community.

The Russian cardiology is one of the main components of the European society of cardiology, and we want, as the leadership of the ECS, to have more and more involvement in our activities, because basically we have the same goals, our goal is to reduce the burden of cardio-vascular disease, which, cardio-vascular disease is the same here, in the UK, in Germany, in Portugal, Greece, whatever, we just have to make sure that we use the tools that we have at our disposal the best we can. And to do that we need to have exchange of ideas, we need to discuss, we need to be exposed, we need to have, basically, a very international activity in terms of providing the best for the cardiology community, which, at the end, is the best for the population.

D-r Sergei Drapkin: -We understood that this session is devoted for young cardiologists of the first instance. Why do you think that young cardiologists are very important to involve and to be more in process of education and continued education?

Prof. Fausto Pinto: -Well, because it all starts with the young cardiologists, and we actually started this program a few, a couple years ago, I was actually the motor for that program during the last part, because we felt that for it to be important, the young generation will start to get involved with the society at earlier stages on the one hand, on the second had this was also to provide to the young generation some of the activities, some of the tools, some of the benefits that the society can provide.

For instance, we've been providing free registration for a certain number of young cardiologists, we have a whole program now dedicated to the young cardiologists, which is organized by this group that we created, with the track, with the awards, with the

clinical case presentations, with different activities that we feel are very important for the education, for the formation of the cardiologists, so we should start from the beginnings, like nurturing a youngster, because we want it to grow well.

And also we think that it's important that the young cardiologists start to know the society a little bit earlier, not only when you are an established cardiologist, and you have already your practice and so on, but you should start to be involved earlier on, so you know what the society can give you, but also you can contribute to the society, you can shape the way can evolve and also improve the way that the society can deliver information and products to the cardiology community. So the younger, the better.

D-r Sergei Drapkin: - Are you first time in Russia? And if no, what is your impression about Moscow capital and about the rainy weather.

Prof. Fausto Pinto:-No, I've been several times in Russia, actually, not only in Moscow, but other places. It's a wonderful country, not only the fact that it is a huge country, but it's a historical country, it's part of Europe, and I feel very proud and very honored, actually, to be here. The weather, my friend, you never know, even in my country, I come from the south, sometimes you think it's going to be a very sunny day and it's raining. The weather can change. But the country, the people, I always felt here very welcome, and the reception has always been extraordinary. Thank you.

D-r Sergei Drapkin: - Thank you so much and wish you a success here.