



International Cardio-Oncology Society 2020 Recap

What a year...

I ran into a friend yesterday whom I have not seen for some time. When I asked how he was, he simply said exasperated, “what a year.” Indeed, what a year.

For the International Cardio-Oncology Society, however, we are saying “what a year” with a different inflection. We are saying “what a year!” with exuberance. For us, 2020 has been a year of remarkable progress. Despite the challenges we have all confronted, our community has pulled together and matured in striking ways.



Our fundamental mission remains unchanged but like all of you, our execution has quickly adapted (the photo above says it all!).

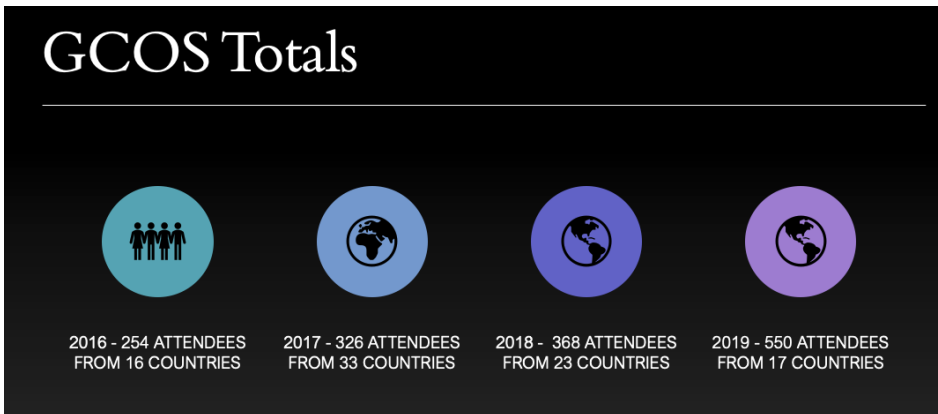


We have established an impressive Board of Directors who are overseeing the work of outstanding committees focused on international outreach (Executive Advisory Committee), our Annual Global Summit (GCOS Advisory Committee), Research, Education and Advocacy (see the full list here: <http://ic-os.org/leadership/>).

Through our growing collaborative community, we are broadening our reach by means of training, education and research projects that extend across the world. Every project in which we engage includes international representatives.

How did we advance our mission in 2020?

Annual Global Summit:



Since its beginning in 2009 we have seen steady growth in attendance and participation in our Global Cardio-Oncology Summit (GCOS).

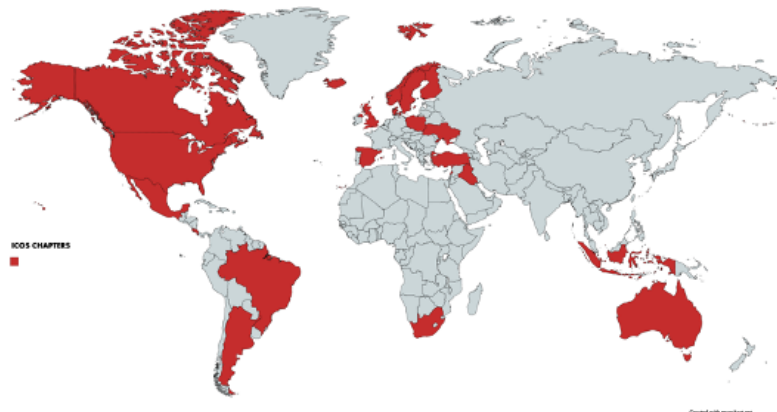
Like so many other organizations, we had to pivot at the last minute in 2020 to host our first VIRTUAL Cardio-Oncology Summit (VCOS 2020). Our friends in Spain led us through an outstanding meeting with over 550 participants from around the world.



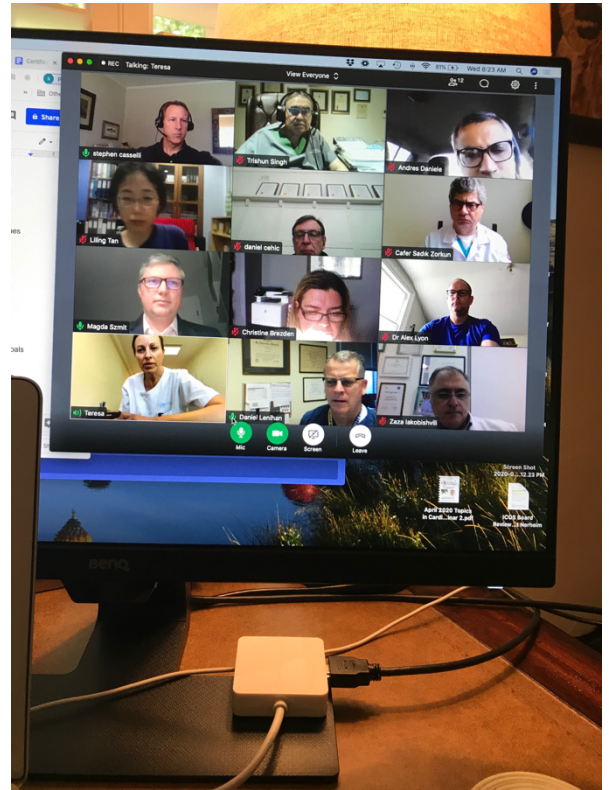
Growing our Community through Membership: Our membership has increased tenfold in the last year.

Establishing International Partnerships:

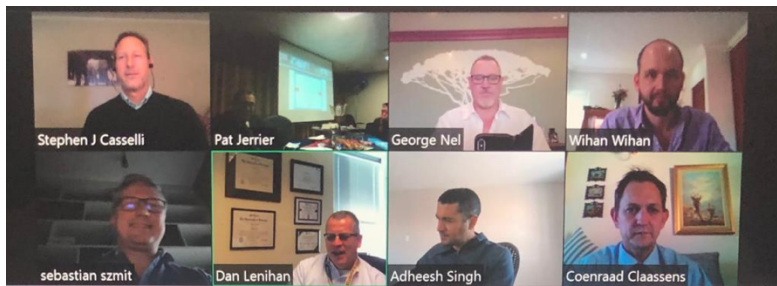
16 Global Chapters have been established including, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, Poland, Spain, S. Africa, Turkey, Singapore, Costa Rica, Nordic Countries, Ukraine, Mexico, Iraq.



We hosted our first International Executive Advisory Board meeting with representatives from chapters across the globe to strategize for the year ahead.



Certifying Expertise:



In 2020 we also certified 80 members from 22 different countries through our IC-OS Board Certification Exam. This is the only Certification available in cardio-oncology. Over the past couple of years an international team of experts created a rigorous comprehensive exam.



IC-OS President Dr. Dan Lenihan, had the pleasure of presenting (virtually, of course!) his certificate to the President of IC-OS S. Africa, Dr. Trishun Singh along with IC-OS Poland President Dr. Sebastian Szmit.

Publishing Educational Resources:

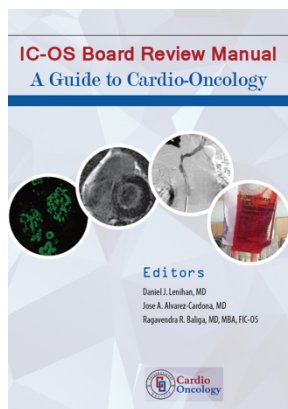
Our leaders are shaping the field through publishing important articles in major journals including:

Cardio-Oncology Care in the Era of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic: An International Cardio-Oncology Society (ICOS) Statement. CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians, September 10, 2020.

Baseline cardiovascular risk assessment in cancer patients scheduled to receive cardiotoxic cancer therapies: a position statement and new risk assessment tools from the Cardio-Oncology Study Group of the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology in collaboration with the International Cardio-Oncology Society. European Journal of Heart Failure, May 2020.

Clinical Practice and Research in Cardio-Oncology: Finding the "Rosetta Stone" for Establishing Program Excellence in Cardio-oncology. Journal of Cardiovascular Translational Research, June 2020.

Management of cardiac disease in cancer patients throughout oncological treatment: ESMO consensus recommendations. Annals of Oncology, Feb 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annonc.2019.10.023>

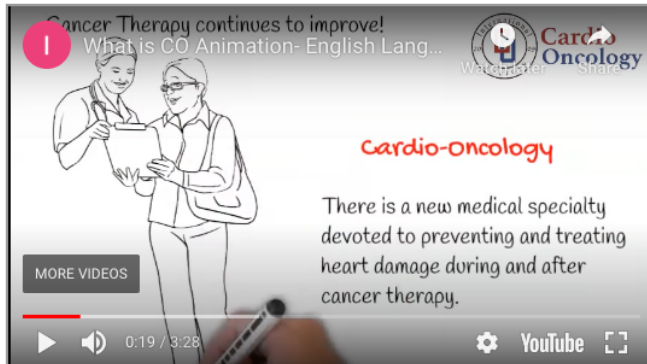


Our international Research & Scientific and Education Committees collaborated to publish a unique cardio-oncology resource. The *IC-OS Board Review Manual* is a comprehensive survey of the latest research, delivered in a question/answer format designed to test and grow your knowledge.

Providing Training & Education:

- Weekly Webinars attract increasing numbers of practitioners, researchers and support staff advancing their knowledge and their clinical skills
- Created Certification Exam & Exam Review Book

- “All Things Cardio-Oncology” Podcast now available wherever you listen
- Activated Specialized Working groups
 - Young Investigators- representatives from fourteen countries working on a research project together (they are pictured on the call above)
 - Nurses Working Group
 - Pediatric Cardio-Oncology working group
 - Amyloidosis Working Group
 - Cardiac Imaging working group



One of our multitalented members from Mexico, Dr. Rafael Rascon produced a creative patient education animation for us. You can view the entire piece in both English and Spanish on the homepage of our website (ic-os.org).

The opportunity for you in 2021

In partnering with us, you will have the opportunity to connect with hundreds of others serving in all aspects of cardio-oncology care. If you are not yet a member, please join us! We need your experience and expertise to strengthen our community.

The International Cardio-Oncology Society (IC-OS) is a collaborative community made up of all those who devote their time, energy and expertise to improving the heart health of cancer patients.

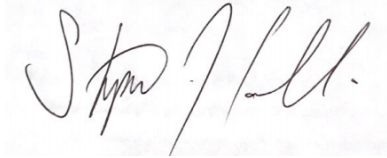


More information on all aspect of our work can be found on our website ic-os.org.

The best way to get engaged with and support the development of our community is to join as a member.

https://members.ic-os.org/general/register_member_type.asp?

With sincere appreciation for your engagement with us,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Casselli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Stephen J. Casselli
Executive Director

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