



Dear colleague

I am Elia De Maria, Chairperson of YOUNG ACCA committee

I am writing to you on behalf of ACCA

As you know, **ACCA (Acute Cardiovascular Care Association)** is a registered branch of ESC (European Society of Cardiology).

*“Our goal is to become a worldwide reference for education in the field for all professionals involved in the process to disseminate knowledge & skills of Acute Cardiovascular Care”*

*“To improve the quality of care and outcomes of patients with acute cardiovascular diseases”*

**YOUNG ACCA GROUP** was founded in 2013 by Maria Rubini Gimenez, Janine Poess, Ana Tejedor, Konstantin Krychtiuk and Roberto Diletti. *Now YOUNG ACCA GROUP is officially one of the 7 committees of ACCA with its own chairperson and 4 committee members.*

**Our aim is to:**

- Spread the ACCA's mission to the young generations
- Ensure collaboration with existing young groups
- Promote young excellence
- Disseminate knowledge & skills

In order to do so, it is important to first build an ***international community***

**What is a community?**

- A social unit (also “virtual”) *of any size* that shares common values, important to their social identity and practice.
- From the latin *COMMUNITAS* or *COMMUNIS*, “things held in common”

ACCA board has recently approved the foundation of such a young community, **YAC<sup>3</sup> (Young Acute Cardiovascular Care Community)**

YAC3 is open to young doctors (cardiologists, intensivists, anesthesiologists etc.), nurses, technicians ..... all professionals involved in the care of patients with acute cardiovascular diseases. Our aims will be to share knowledge and skills among young generations, to spread our mission, to build an international network of people interested in acute cardiovascular care.

In order to achieve this ambitious project, WE NEED YOUR HELP

In particular, we also want to create a network of persons representing YOUNG ACCA and YAC<sup>3</sup> in their own countries, called **Young National Ambassadors (YNAs)**

**YNAs will be a link between young ACCA committee, its community (YAC<sup>3</sup>), and national/local groups**

**Each YNA will:**

- Represent **YOUNG ACCA COMMITTEE** and **YAC<sup>3</sup>** in each country by being the main point of contact between national young community and the ACCA committee:
  - ✓ Local needs & wants
  - ✓ Create a national group
  - ✓ What issues are you facing?
  - ✓ What initiative do you wish to launch?
- Be a contact between the ACCA committee, National Societies and Working Groups
- Encourage participation of his/her peers in the ACCA and YAC<sup>3</sup> initiatives, congress, ACCA school and teaching courses
- Encourage call for application of candidates in the future ACCA grant programme offering financial support for their training or research (Exchange Programme)
- Promote the network of young doctors interested in ACC their active involvement in ACCA educational projects through close collaboration with National Societies
- Support, give feedback and make proposals regarding initiatives and actions of the YOUNG ACCA committee and the YAC<sup>3</sup> including web pages and congresses sessions (e.g. presenters, topics, courses etc)

### **Expanding the YAC<sup>3</sup> Community**

- Promote the network of young doctors interested in ACC their active involvement in ACCA educational projects through close collaboration with National Societies
- Encourage your peers to become ACCA members, provide more visibility to young researchers and increase their interaction with experts
- Help us to create and expand a dedicated website for YAC<sup>3</sup> (and a dedicated web page for ambassadors) and LinkedIn/Twitter accounts for our young community.
- Google group YAC<sup>3</sup> Ambassadors Platform for contacts between all ambassadors and Young ACCA Committee

### **Promoting the YAC<sup>3</sup> community**

- During National congresses, meetings and teaching courses (Promotional materials will be provided by the ACCA)
- By requesting for the YAC<sup>3</sup> logo to be added on your National Societies/Working Group web pages
- Through your personal network of young fellows, researchers and cardiologists in all Imaging modalities

I look forward to hearing from you soon and I hope to have the possibility to have you in our community

Best regards  
Elia

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