

Dear esteemed Dr Nestor Raimondi and FEPIMCTI intensive care colleagues,

In February 2020, the FEPIMCTI Annual Conference as well as the SCCM Conference lie ahead of us. We have learned that this year The Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) has partnered with the Federación Panamericana e Ibérica de Sociedades de Medicina Crítica y Terapia Intensiva (FEPIMCTI) and many other organizations involved in providing critical care to patients to celebrate Critical Care



Week at Critical Care Congress. Critical Care Week has established itself as a platform which provides critical care experts from all over the world with an opportunity to exchange their knowledge and it will definitely have a significant impact on the global development of the critical care discipline. On behalf of the Chinese Society of Critical Care Medicine, I wish for all Critical Care Week activities to bring great success.

I personally and even all members of the CSCCM were looking forward to participating in this event, however, the beginning of the year 2020 has been anything but ordinary for China. With the outbreak of the new coronavirus epidemic, a battle without gunpowder has begun among our Chinese medical staff.

The professional mission of critical care medicine determines that we shall become a driving force in the life-saving treatment of critically ill patients amid the new coronavirus epidemic. Currently, the epidemic has been brought under initial control, but our fight still continues. This is the reason why we, the CSCCM, will not be able to participate in the event. We are offering our sincerest apologies to esteemed Dr Nestor Raimondi and FEPIMCTI critical care colleagues and are hoping to gain your understanding.

I look forward to a time in the future, when we can make up for today, get together and have a good time.

Respectfully yours,

Dr Guan Xiangdong
Chairman of the CSCCM,