



DCB ACADEMY

**Happy
Holidays**

Wishes of love and hope from DCB ACADEMY

President: Bernardo Cortese, MD, FESC, FSCAI



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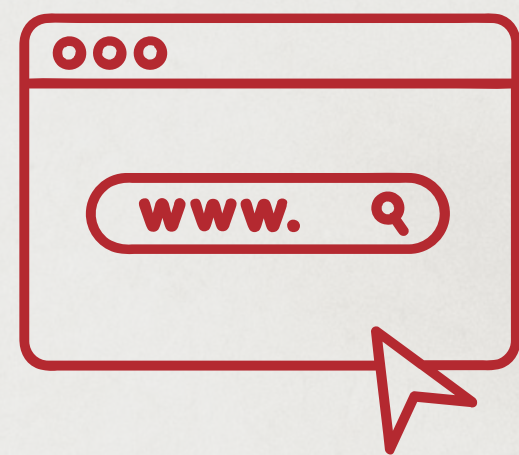
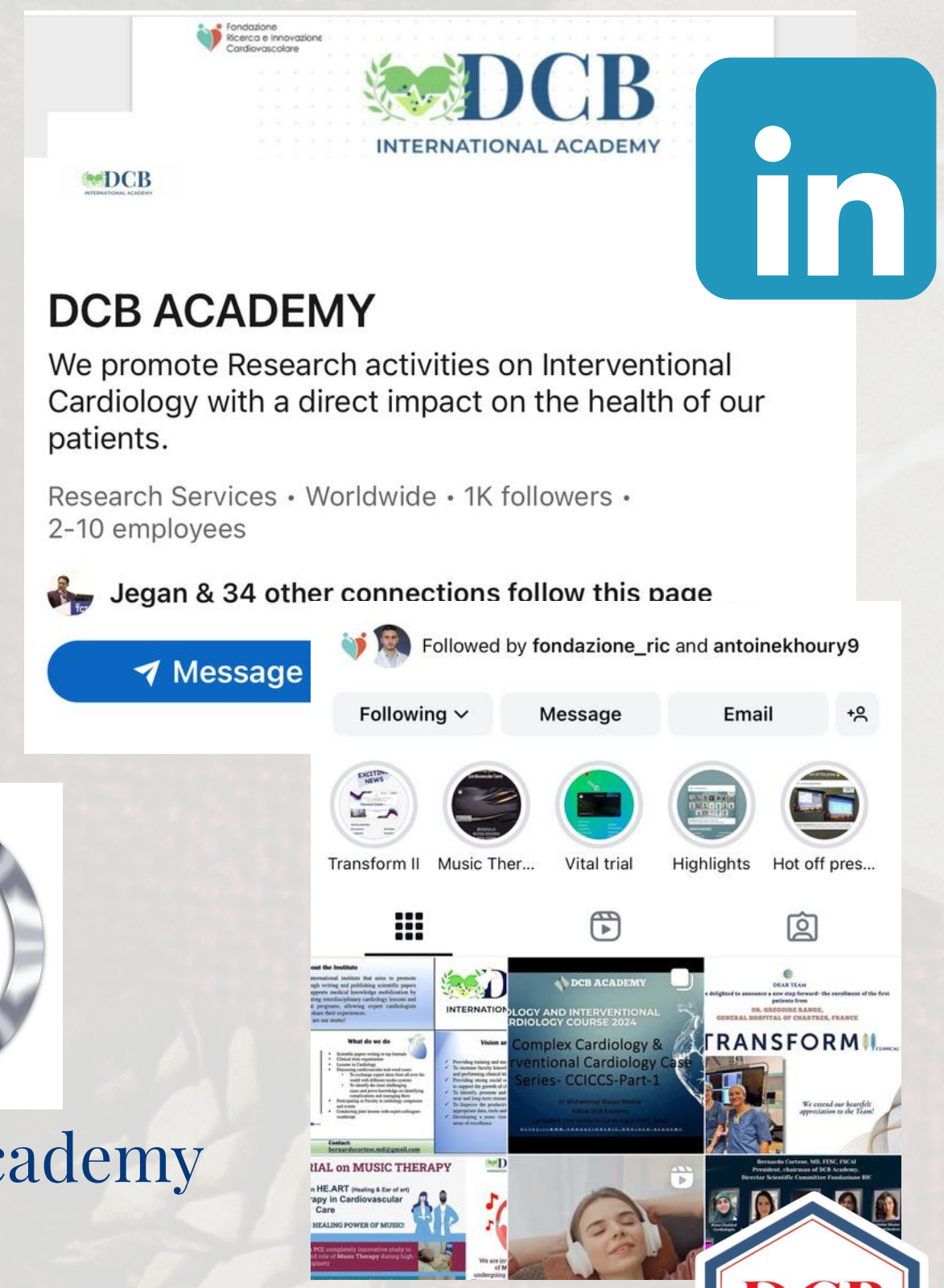
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"Together, we rise higher in 2025—where every challenge is an opportunity, and every step is a leap towards greatness."

2024 Key Achievements

Digital Growth:

- **Launched DCB Academy Instagram & Website:** Increased our online presence, making our educational resources more accessible.
- **LinkedIn Milestone:** Reached 1,000 followers, expanding our global network and connecting.



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Team Expansion:

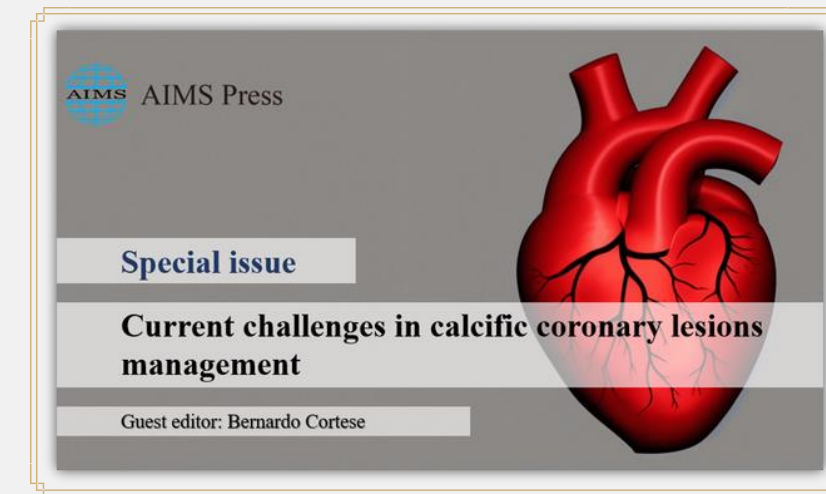
Welcomed experts into the team:

Dr. Giovanni, Dr. Sindhu, Dr. Jasim, Dr. Bharat, Dr. Filippo, Dr. Irfan, bringing their expertise and passion for advancing cardiovascular medicine.

Fellowship Program Growth: High interest in joining the Academy, with more fellows in 2025.



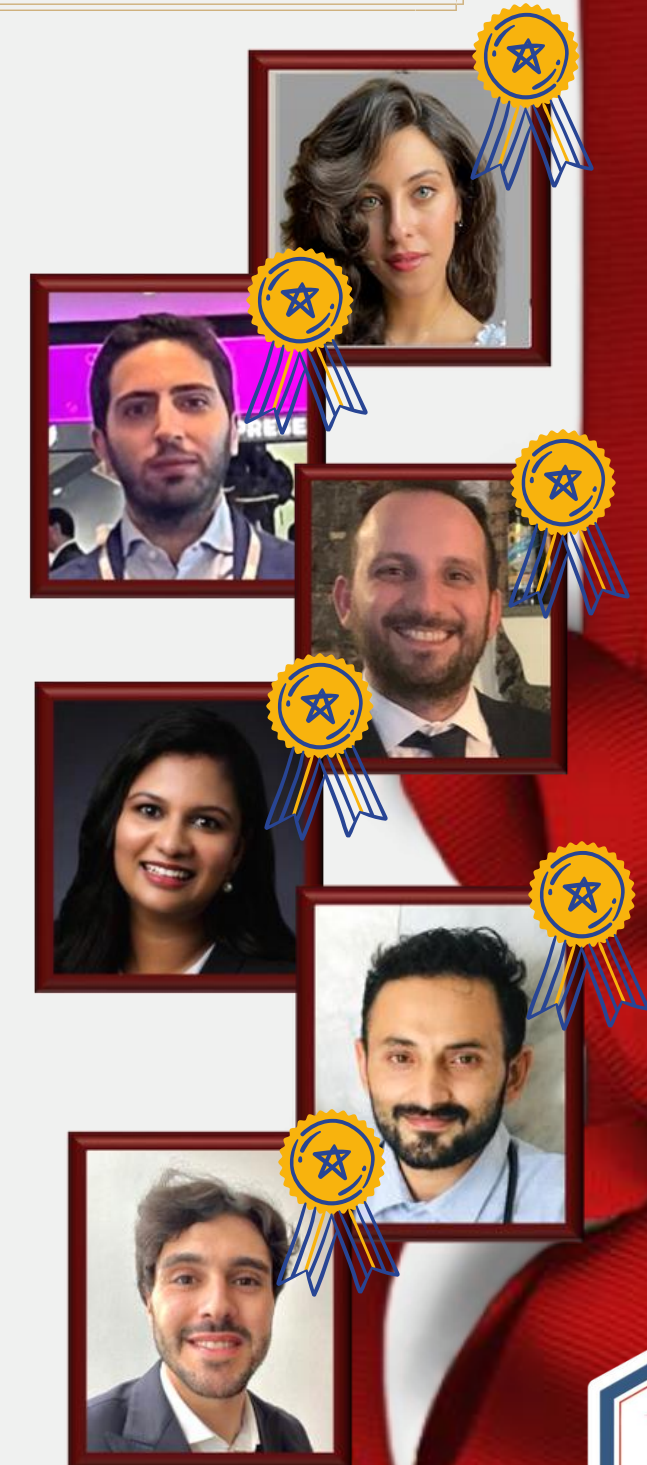
In 2024, DCB Academy has grown stronger together



Publications & Research Contributions:

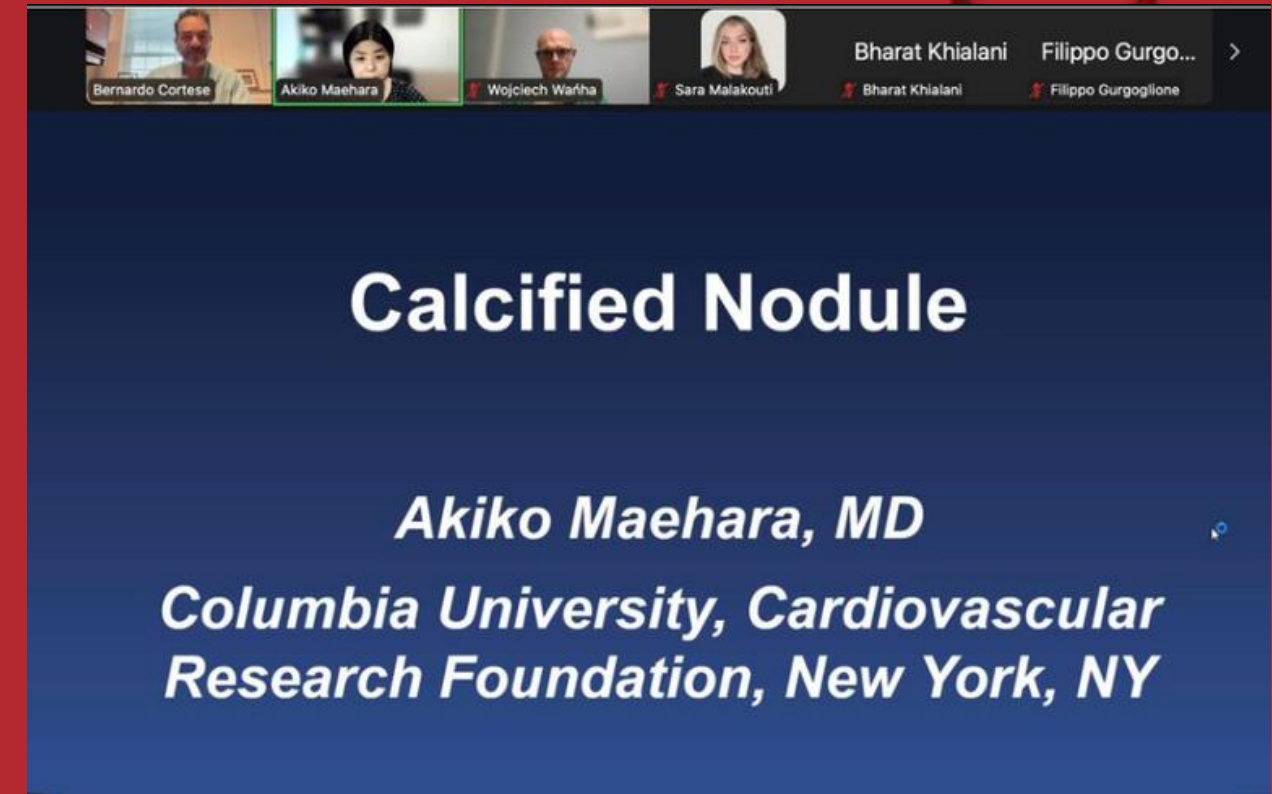


- **AIMS Project:** This special issue collection of Professor Cortese centers on the topic of severely calcified lesions. A series of articles have been published through AIMS Press, with additional publications expected in 2025
- Lessons by our youngest member, dear Jacinthe: Engaging lessons covering various topics, with interesting lessons and paper ideas
- Dr. Filippo has been actively involved in writing review papers, conducting sub-analyses, performing meta-analyses, suggesting good paper topics, with more upcoming publications in 2025
- DCB Academy Proctorships: Successful sessions in Parma with Dr. Filippo
- Ongoing collaborations with U.S. fellows, including Dr. Marco, have facilitated productive joint efforts in research and paper writing.
- Dr. Sindhu has been greatly contributing to paper writing, and assisting with advertising campaigns to promote research initiatives.
- Dr. Irfan's meta-analysis papers presented at the CRT 2024 conference were a resounding success. He will also present us with a meta-analysis lesson in 2025.
- Dr. Giovani presented a meta-analysis at CRT 2024 and he is also actively contributing to discussions, lessons and conducting meta-analyses

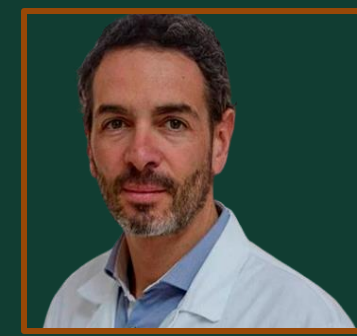


Learning & Education:

- Over 50 lessons delivered in 2024
- Key guest speakers: Prof. Akiko Maehara (New York) sharing invaluable insights as well as Dr. Verdoia, Dr. Gragnano



Zoom meeting interface showing a slide titled "Calcified Nodule" by Akiko Maehara, MD. The slide content includes: "Calcified Nodule", "Akiko Maehara, MD", and "Columbia University, Cardiovascular Research Foundation, New York, NY". The Zoom toolbar at the top shows participants: Bernardo Cortese, Akiko Maehara, Wojciech Wafha, Sara Malakouti, Bharat Khialani, and Filippo Gurgoglione.



Clinical trial contributions



- **Dr. Wojciech and Dr. Bharat** : Contributing as investigators for the **Piccoletto V** trial.
- Novel **Music Therapy Trial**: **Dr. Rima** PI of the trial, with 28 patients enrolled, we are exploring the healing power of Music!!
- **Transform II Trial**: Groundbreaking study with **Dr. Wojciech and Dr. Sylvania** driving innovation in the field.
- *The contributions of **Dr. Filippo and Dr. Jasim** to clinical trials in 2025*

*A unique and daring
campaign*

DCB Academy Scrub and Video

Global Outreach

- Sending DCB Academy Scrubs Worldwide
 - In 2024, DCB Academy reached new heights by distributing academy scrubs to our global community of fellows.
- Creating the DCB Academy Video, releasing in 2025
- Fellows Video & Participation
 - We produced an inspiring DCB Academy Video, showcasing the personal stories, experiences, and achievements of our dedicated fellows.
 - Through the video, we celebrated the diverse backgrounds, talents, and aspirations of our community members.
 - Fellows participated actively by sharing their journeys, creating a powerful narrative that highlights the value of education, collaboration, and empowerment at DCB Academy





2025 Outlook & Upcoming Achievements:

- **Team & Fellowship Expansion:**
More Fellows joining the Academy as we continue to grow and mentor future leaders in cardiovascular medicine.
- **Research & Trials:**
 - Continued collaboration on the Transform II Trial, and Music Therapy Trial with Dr. Rima
 - Piccoelto V Trial: Ongoing contributions from Dr. Bharat and Dr. Wojciech.
- More than 5 Ongoing Meta-Analyses and over 10 publications, including book chapters, to be released in 2025.
- **Symposia & Conferences:**
 - **DCB Academy Symposium in Rome (2025):** A key event gathering global thought leaders to discuss the future of Drug-Coated Balloons (DCB).
- **Special Guest Speakers:** Continuing to bring world-class experts to deliver impactful lessons.
- More focus on social media and online engagement

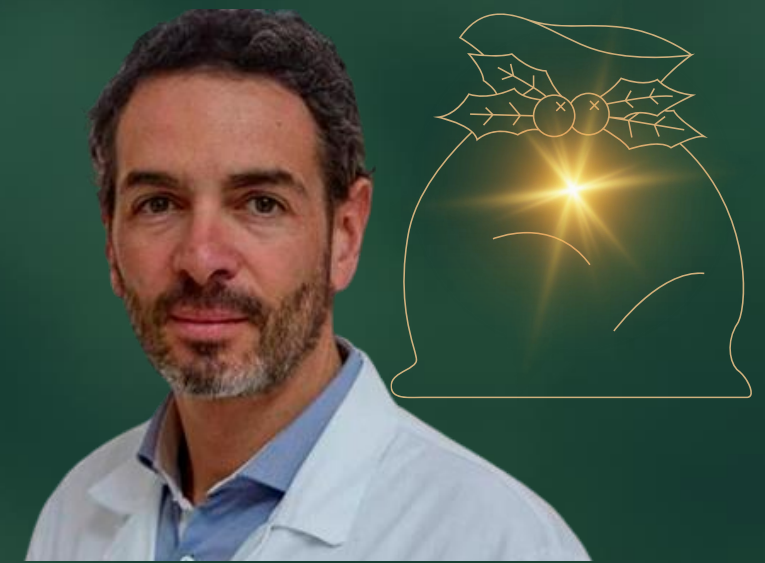
Exciting Surprises Ahead: Stay tuned for some exciting surprise plans that will be revealed throughout 2025

We wish you all the best
that life has to offer

Not only this Christmas
for all the days to come.



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Have a Merry Christmas!

The future belongs to those who dare to innovate, lead with purpose,
and embrace the power of continuous learning

Thanks



Presented by: Sara Malakouti

