In 2000s I had the pleasure and honor to be invited as a Faculty member at the Pediatric and Adult Interventional Cardiology Symposium (PICS-AICS) organized annually in the USA, as well as the Latin Congress of Pediatric Cardiologists held every two years. There I presented among others a project of training of pediatric interventional cardiologists at the Silesian Center for Heart Diseases in Zabrze, Poland (SCCS) supported by the Friends of Children with Heart Diseases Foundation in Zabrze. In total, 21 cardiologists specializing in interventional treatment of congenital heart defects (CHD) participated in scholarship at our Center in the years 2007-2019. They came from 14 countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico (3 persons), Argentina, Guatemala (Latin America), China, Uzbekistan (Asia), Ukraine (4 persons), Belarus, Russia, Georgia (2 persons), Bulgaria (2 persons), Italy (Europe), and Ruanda (Africa). Their fellowship ranged from 1 to 12 months. With many of the trainees we have prepared several scientific papers [1-12]. Some of this doctors have already been promoted, and have the position of the head of the catheterization laboratory at their hospitals.

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