

SCAI National Ambassador Qualifications & Responsibilities

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OBJECTIVE

To further develop and foster SCAI's close, productive, and respectful partnerships with interventional cardiologists, interventional organizations and working groups worldwide on issues of global interest in interventional cardiology, including, but not limited to, professional education, guidelines, workshops and educational courses, leadership and quality care.

This document sets forth the principles under which SCAI and National Ambassadors and Ambassadors-elect will collaborate to promote participation in SCAI amongst key stakeholders in their countries.

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Working directly with the International Committee and appropriate staff -- and in conjunction with an ambassador-elect -- the SCAI National Ambassador will focus on the following key areas:

ADVISORY ROLE TO PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP AND SCAI STAFF

- Regularly inform / update SCAI on relevant regional and national issues in the field of interventional cardiology/cardiology.
- *While SCAI physician leadership (Board of Trustees and International Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs) and staff will have all final say on SCAI operations in the local country, the SCAI ambassador will play a key advisory role. Physician leadership and SCAI staff will keep the Ambassador informed on all SCAI activities within the country.*
- Help identify needs of the local interventional cardiology community that SCAI might be able to meet.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION

- Encourage SCAI membership within a country (and help screen the applications).
- Help in building the SCAI active community in their region/country.
- Help identify and build a local volunteer list based upon clinical and research interests.

PROMOTING SCAI PRESENCE WITHIN COUNTRY

- Encourage and support the local dissemination of information and news on SCAI products, initiatives and publications (via outreach to local hospitals and institutions / during identified meetings and conferences in the field / through national-level societies / publications).
- Identify and pursue long-term opportunities for spreading SCAI education presence (fellows' programs, partnerships with national societies and meetings, joint sessions, standalone opportunities, etc.).
- Encourage utilization of quality & outcome tools and appropriateness of care criteria within the country; includes adaptation to local needs and requirements.
- Initiate presence of SCAI leadership as partners to various national/ regional/international cardiology / interventional cardiology meetings.

INDUSTRY RELATIONS

- Serve as a direct liaison with local device and pharmaceutical industry to help develop and secure educational grants and sponsorships to aid SCAI education and quality initiatives as well as travel to SCAI's Annual Scientific Sessions.

SCAI SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

- Promote and encourage abstract submission to SCAI Scientific Sessions.
- Encourage attendance to SCAI Annual Scientific Sessions. Includes examining challenges to attendance and seeking/creating solutions.

PROMOTING PARTICIPATION WITHIN SCAI

- Promote and encourage submission to SCAI's official journal, *Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions*.

GOAL SETTING AND REPORTING

- The National Ambassador will be asked to set 3 measurable goals aligned with SCAI's Strategic Plan for their three-year term. They will also be asked to provide an annual report on progress towards these goals to SCAI's Board of Trustees and International Committee.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Ambassadors cannot promote other cardiology, medical or non-medical organizations using the SCAI name unless approved by SCAI International Committee.
- Ambassadors are expected to promote diversity and inclusion of all interventional cardiology viewpoints from within their country.

- Ambassadors are expected to exhibit high ethical and moral standards. SCAI Bylaws provide a mechanism for addressing matters related to the ethical conduct of all members of the organization.

APPOINTMENT

Ambassador will be nominated and appointed at the discretion of SCAI International Committee with approval from SCAI Board of Trustees.

During SCAI's annual call for volunteers, SCAI will call for nominations for country-specific ambassadors. The International Committee will review nominees and make appointments with approval from the SCAI Board of Trustees.

SCAI will phase in ambassadors on an annual basis, introducing 6 country-specific ambassador positions in year 1 (2019) based upon strategic importance, followed by 6 in year two (2020). Midyear in year two (2020), this policy will be revisited by SCAI's Board of Trustees and International Committee for future appointments.

LENGTH OF APPOINTMENT

Ambassador will serve a three-year term at the discretion of the SCAI International Committee and SCAI Board of Trustees. The term may be extended at the discretion of the SCAI International Committee and SCAI Board of Trustees for a second term. In most cases single terms will be strongly encouraged to promote diversity and inclusivity.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SCAI AMBASSADOR

- Ambassador must be aligned with SCAI organizational goals and objectives.
- Ambassador will have demonstrated leadership in the field of cardiology/interventional cardiology in that country/region.
- Ambassador is a current Fellow of SCAI (FSCAI).

ROLE/QUALIFICATIONS OF SCAI AMBASSADOR-ELECT

- To promote mentoring and continuity, an ambassador-elect will be appointed to support and assist the current SCAI Ambassador in each country.
- Ambassador-elect will have demonstrated leadership in the field of Cardiology/interventional cardiology in that country/region.
- Ambassador-elect is a current Fellow of SCAI (FSCAI).
- Ambassador-elect will be nominated and appointed at the discretion of SCAI International Committee with approval from SCAI Board of Trustees following the same process outlined for the ambassador position.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE LIAISON FOR NATIONAL AMBASSADOR

- In an effort to provide support to the national ambassador the SCAI International Committee will also identify and appoint a US-based committee member to assist the national ambassador as committee liaison.
- The committee liaison shall advise the national ambassador in the performance of his/her duties and perform and serve as a liaison to the SCAI International Committee.
- Ideally the committee liaison will have a solid understanding of the interventional community in the country/region they are charged with.

NATIONAL VS. REGIONAL ADVISORS

While in most cases national ambassadors will be appointed, in some instances it may be appropriate for the SCAI International Committee and SCAI Board of Trustees to appoint a regional ambassador because of population or local community considerations. For instance, a regional ambassador representing Kuwait, Oman, UAE and Bahrain may be more appropriate/efficient than national ambassadors for each.

OBLIGATIONS OF SCAI BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Share feedback to its ambassadors on SCAI membership surveys and keep them abreast of critical SCAI initiatives as well all SCAI activities within their specific country.
- Invite international ambassadors (or representatives) to annual SCAI Scientific Sessions to discuss and exchange in a continuous way.
- Promote OUS-based national cardiology initiatives (when appropriate):
 - At SCAI Annual Scientific Sessions
 - In SCAI This Week e-newsletter and web site with dedicated International Committee sections (including description, testimonial)
 - By endorsing OUS regional and national interventional cardiology meetings in accordance with the SCAI OUS co-providership policy
 - By participating as invited faculty in national meetings (invitation must be presented to SCAI BOT via the International Committee at least 6 months in advance)
 - To provide (upon advanced request) quotes, testimonials from SCAI board members for insertion into promotional documents
- Build up continuous privileged relationship with ambassadors by offering them the opportunity to play a scientific role during SCAI Scientific Sessions such as poster moderator, abstract grader, session panelist, lecture presenter, etc.