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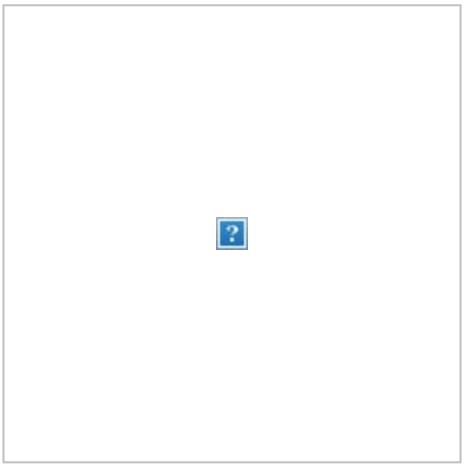


Iowa-ACC Year In Review Newsletter

President's Message

Mahi L Ashwath MD, MBA, FACC, FASE, FSCMR

Dear Iowa-ACC Members,

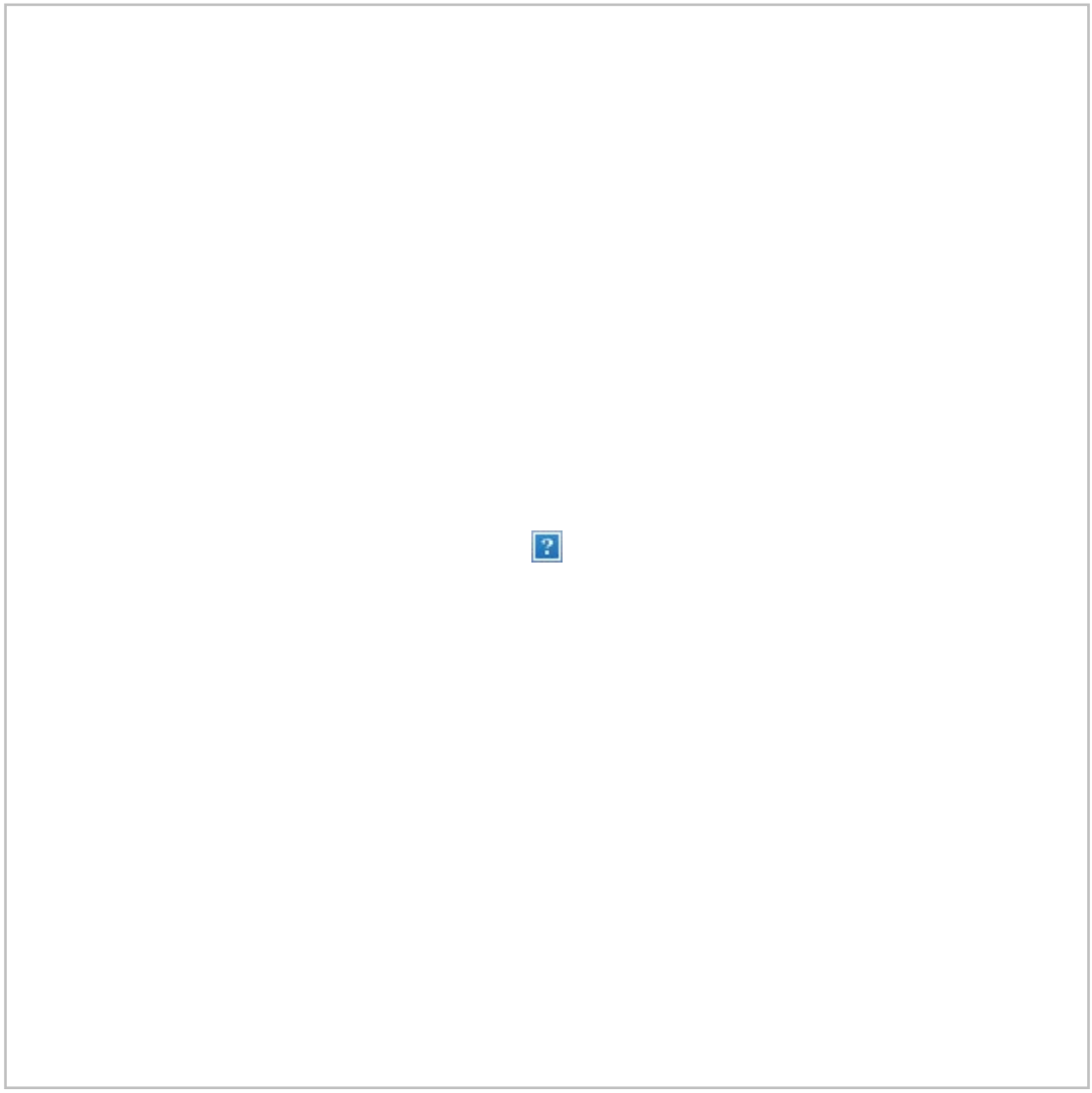
Thank you for helping make the Iowa Chapter of the American College of Cardiology have such a successful 2021!

Even through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Iowa ACC membership has been strong and helped the Iowa ACC implement strong educational activities for the membership.

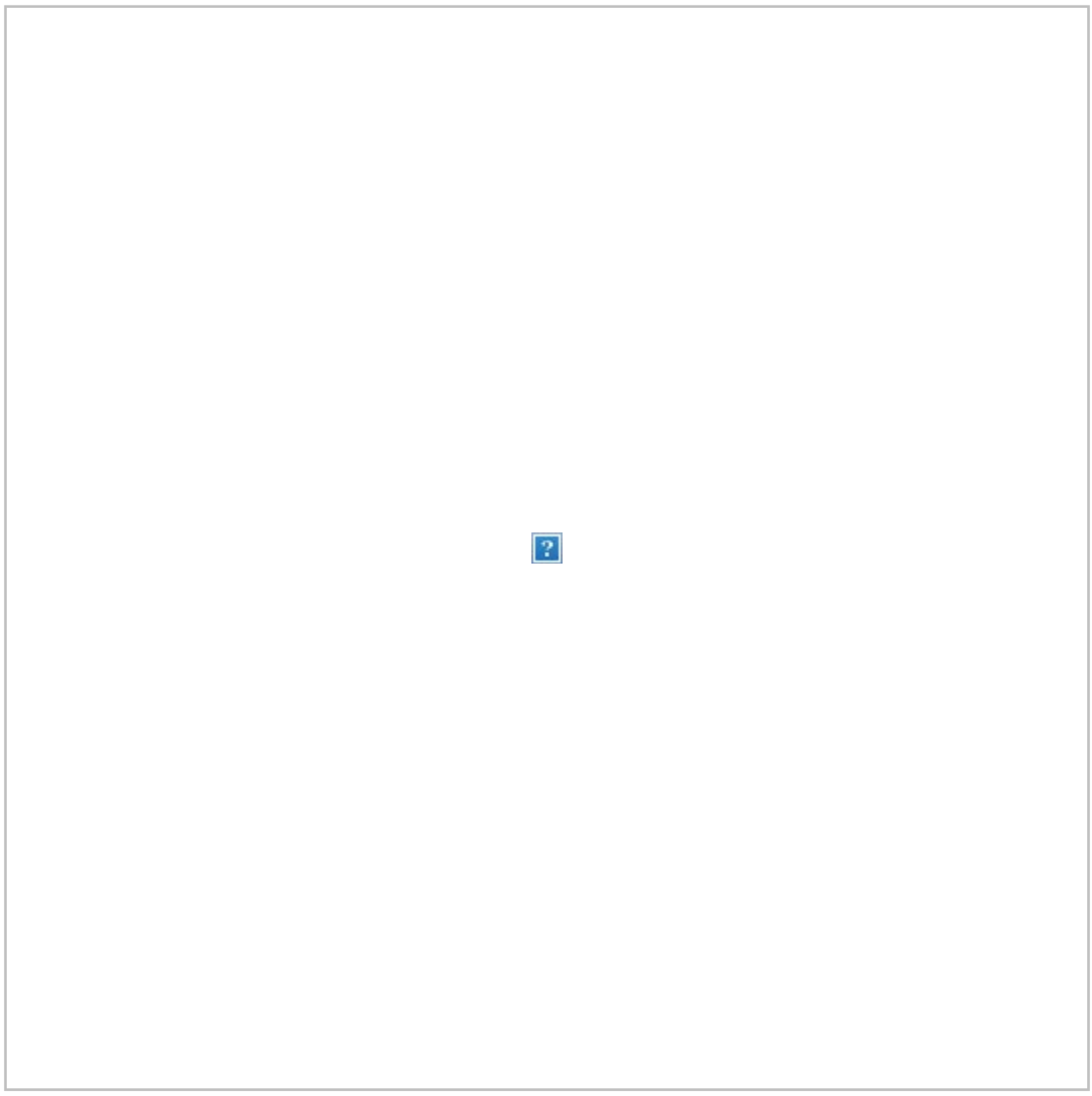
Below is a review of what your chapter was able to accomplish in the past year.

In order to encourage **high school girls,** Women in Cardiology Iowa ACC Chapter organized an event entirely dedicated for these young, bright students. This event, which was held in the evening of **February 15th 2021**, brought together inquisitive girls from Iowa-area high-schools and

female cardiology fellows, nurse practitioners and physicians. It was a valuable and interactive hour spent talking about the pathways that led us to medicine, the joys of being a WIC, how to find role models, work-life balance, etc.



On a bigger scale, Women in Cardiology around the Midwest have united to provide visible role models, mentorship and to promote women with "**SheLooksLikeACardiologist**". This event took place on **February 27th** from 10:30AM -1PM (EST). The Iowa Chapter WIC and FITs have contributed extensively to this program and discussed the life style of Cardiac Imagers and Heart Failure Cardiologists lifestyles.



As part of our efforts in engaging the Early Career members and providing value for your membership, we held the first **Early Career Virtual Conference - March 6th** from 9 AM to 1 PM. We focused on topics most relevant to the Early Career Members. During the isolation of the pandemic, we provided a networking and interactive experience to all.

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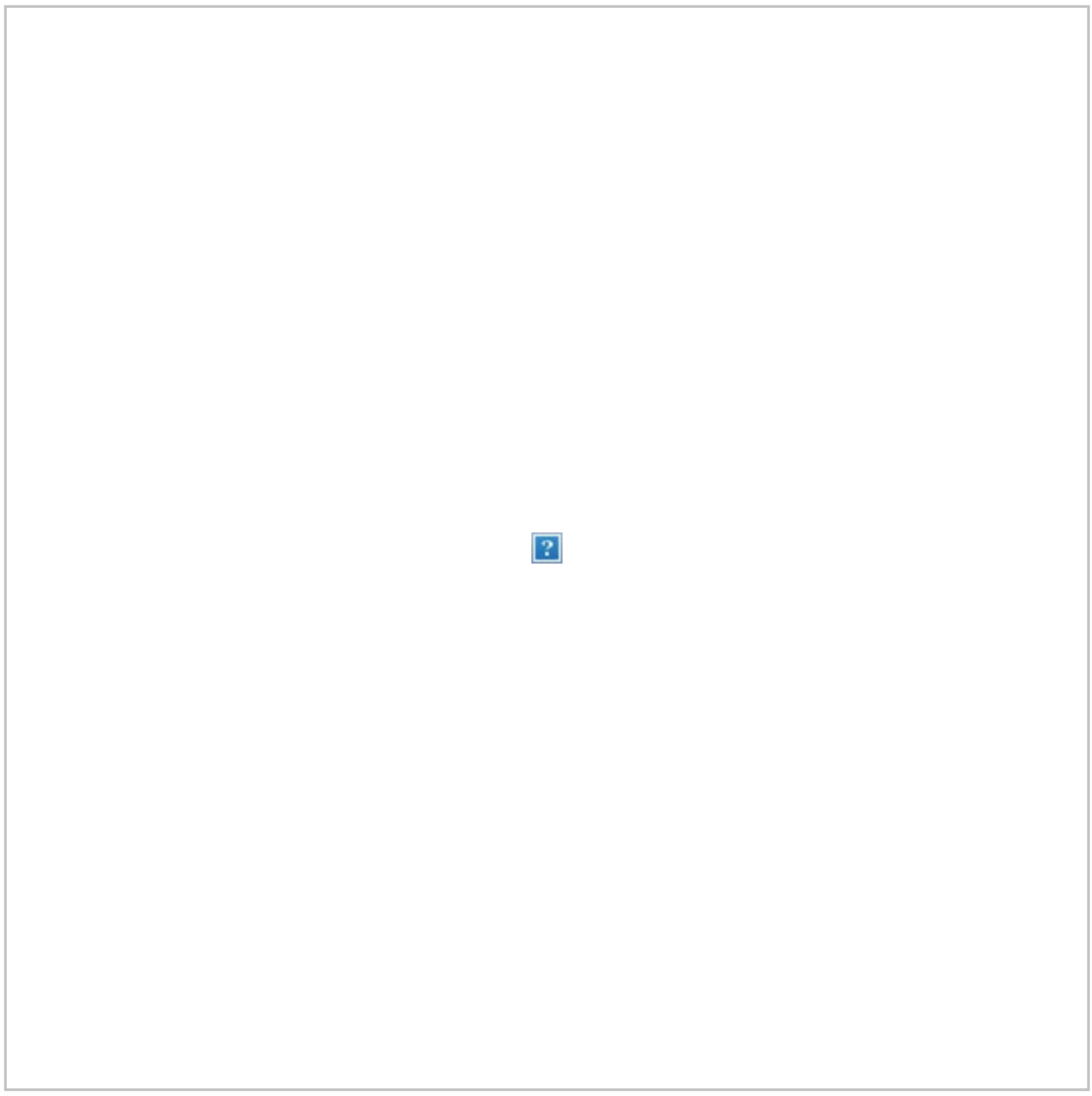

In an effort to promote fellow education during the pandemic, Iowa ACC and the Iowa ACC FIT Council held **Echo Board Prep Lectures** every Saturday and Sunday between April 10th and May 2nd from 9 AM to 1 PM Central time.

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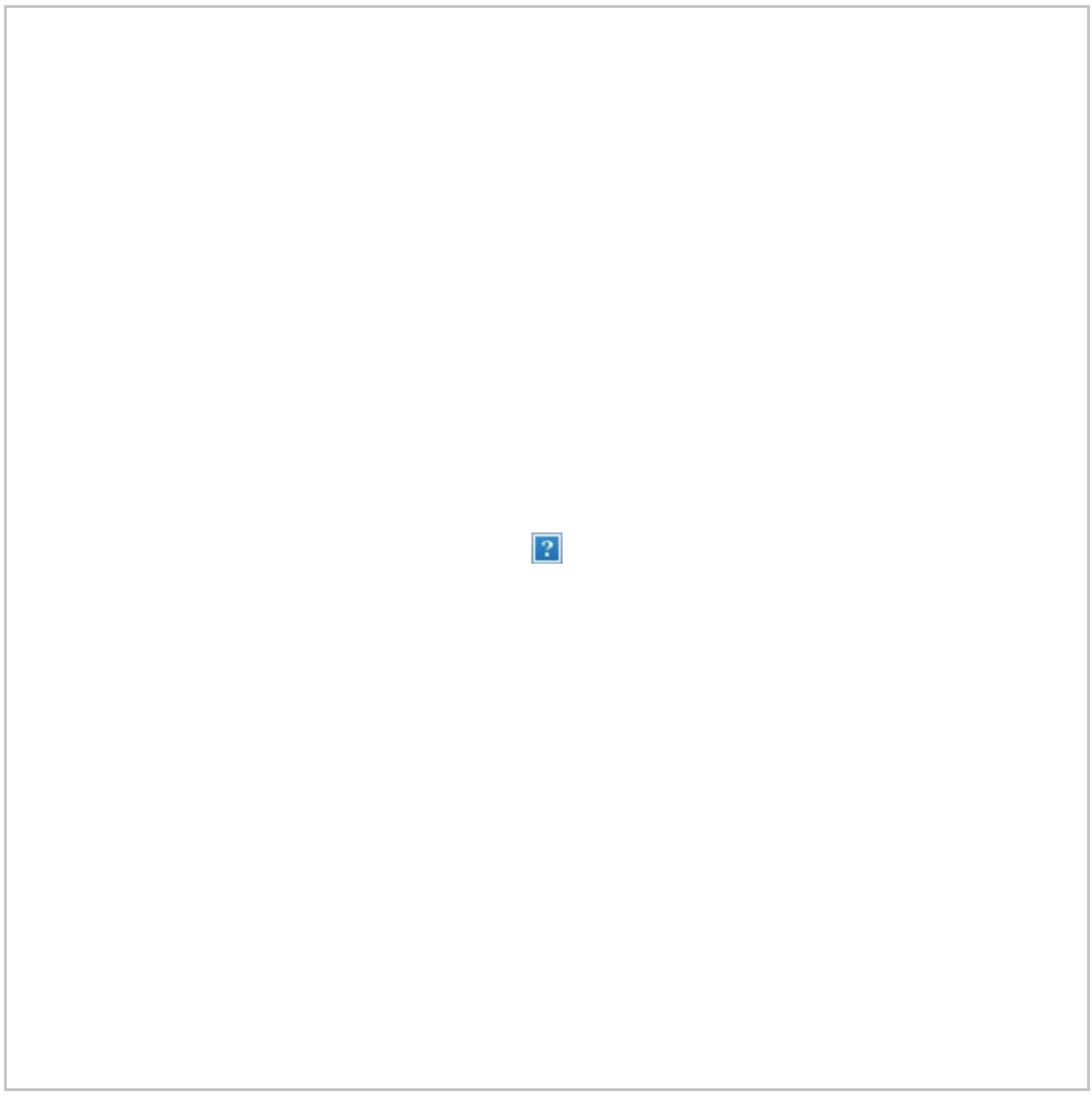

The Iowa ACC was proud to host the **4th Annual Midwest Women in Cardiology (WIC) Virtual Symposium** for the first time. It was a regional virtual symposium with excellent talks from multiple women leaders locally and nationally speaking on a variety of topics from science to leadership.

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The IA ACC revived the **annual chapter meeting** with Dr. Dipti Itchhaporia as the keynote speaker. We had amazing talks by excellent local and National speakers for this virtual meeting in addition to FIT Jeopardy and poster sessions.

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Happy Holidays from the Iowa ACC Chapter!

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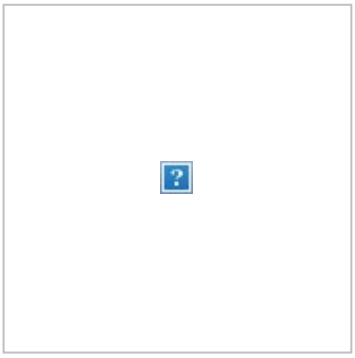

Thank you,

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