

Changes for Indexing

Dear Sobracil Members

On behalf of the Brazilian Journal of Videoendoscopic Surgery editorial team, I would like to address a few comments about the new journal format. We have changed the main language to English and we are publishing at least 4 original articles per issue in order to get initially the acceptance of the LILACS index system. LILACS is a triple language database edited by the Pan American Health Organization (regional office of World Health Organization) with interfaces in Spanish, Portuguese and English. This database includes more than 670 medical journals in Latin America and Caribbean. In the long run we are aiming for the Medline and Pubmed index but it may take at least 3-5 years to accomplish this objective. Compiled by the U.S. National Library of Medicine and published on the Web by Community of Science, MEDLINE® is a comprehensive source of life sciences and biomedical bibliographic information. It contains nearly eleven million records from over 7,300 different publications since 1965.

PubMed is also provided by the U.S. National Library of Medicine and includes over 18 million citations from MEDLINE and other life science journals for biomedical articles back to 1948.

Very few Brazilians journals in different specialties are granted with these two indexing systems and it will be a substantial quality improvement not only for the Brazilian Journal of Videoendoscopic Surgery but also for Sobracil and laparoscopic surgery in its context in South America. The 2008 issues are delayed because we have decided to keep accepting articles in Portuguese which require proper translation to English, as well as new artwork and format. We sincerely apologize for this and we will publish the 2 last 2008 issue in the January-March 2009 so we can keep with 4 numbers/year, which is one of the minimal criteria for achieving LILACS indexing. It is critical that we keep receiving original articles for publishing, so I would like to ask for your help and support.

Sincerely,

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