

We Need the Support of Everyone!

It is with great honor and satisfaction that I take the lead as Editor-in-Chief of the official scientific journal of SOBRACIL - Brazilian Journal of Videoendoscopic Surgery in 2010.

It is important to emphasize the changes implemented to the journal during the former president Mirandolino Batista Mariano administration, which had as a competent Editor-in-Chief Dr. José Roberto Colombo Jr..

It was considered that the indexation in LILACS (Literatura Latino-Americana e do Caribe em Ciências da Saúde) would be an indispensable natural path. There were necessary substantial changes to adapt the journal to the technical norms, including the change for the English language, which is greatly considered in the evaluation. Some final criteria are still going to be adjusted during the first months of the year and a formal request to the indexation of the journal is planned to be accomplished in the second semester of 2010. The intention of the previous administration was to request the indexation at the beginning of this year; however, due to the increased number of demands for the indexation of manuscripts, there are still some obstacles to be overcome in order to request of evaluation of our journal.

Actually we are not wasting time. The scientific importance of each manuscript for the researchers (mainly involved in *strictu sensu* post-graduation) is given by the evaluation of CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior). The manuscripts are classified in 8 levels: A1 and A2 (international with impact factor above 3 and 1,8 respectively); B1 and B2 (impact factor greater and lower than 0,8, respectively); B3 (indexed in Medline; however, without a determined impact factor); B4 (indexed in SciELO); B5 (indexed in LILACS) and C (without indexation). That qualification is reviewed every three years. The last evaluation of CAPES was performed at the end of 2009. The next evaluation is programmed for the end of 2012. We have to be prepared and I am sure that we have enough time and condition to accomplish it!

The greatest problem is still the insufficient number of manuscripts submitted for a possible publication which is beneath the necessary for indexation. In spite of this number of manuscripts it is necessary that the source of the manuscripts depicted the national character of the Journal, which we still did not achieve (more than a half of

the manuscripts of 2008 were submitted by authors from RJ, followed by some authors from SP, PR, PE and RS and later MG and DF).

The final aim to attain is the publication of 60 manuscripts a year, i.e., 15 manuscripts per volume, considering our quarterly periodicity. At least 50% of these manuscripts should be original (with casuistic) and the remaining comprised by literature review, case report, reports of new surgical techniques and instruments, among others.

The aim for 2010 is to reach 40 manuscripts and finally in 2011 to achieve our final goal of 60 manuscripts annually. For that it is fundamental the collaboration of all, especially SOBRACIL members.

Some innovations are being implemented to turn the Journal more attractive:

- It will be available for the Journal in the on line version the possibility to publish videos up to 7 minutes regarding the topic of the manuscript.

- We will stimulate the "Editorial comments" - a comment of a guest about a manuscript published in the Journal.

- We will create an international editorial council (3 to 4 members in each subspecialty), that may help in the peer review, write literature review manuscripts and participate in the editorial comments.

- We will also start to publish in the site the manuscripts in Portuguese.

- The on line publication will be apart from SOBRACIL bulletin with an English section option to make easier foreign readers access.

- We will stimulate *Letter to the Reader* submission. Readers' participation giving opinion and asking questions will be an additional support for the Journal evaluation.

Sobracil is a peculiar society because it is not comprised by a unique specialty but by several surgical specialties which employ videosurgery and their respective procedures as well.

This peculiarity allows an interesting interchange of interdisciplinary information which can be extremely useful.

Giving importance to the Journal means to make our Society stronger.

We need the support of everyone! Give opinions. Criticize. Finally participate.

Let's get down to work!

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