



Archives and BSC Progressing Steadily Side by Side

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I am very proud to announce, in this number, the launching of the *Brazilian Archives of Cardiology* in the Spanish language. The journal is currently published in Portuguese and has an electronic version in English. As from next December, it will also have a Spanish electronic version.

This achievement is the result of a number of initiatives aiming to raise still further the level of quality of the journal. Besides answering to the requirements of South Latin? American professionals, by providing access to a highly qualified journal, the proposal also contributes to the policy of the Board of Directors of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (BSC) in terms of internationalization of the Society, which includes the Journal.

Already there is steady progress in this direction: the *Archives* has just been indexed in Elsevier's Scopus. The database comprises abstracts and bibliographical references, and also allows the measurement, evaluation and management of the scientific production of authors with indexed publications. It includes 16 thousand titles, from over four thousand publishers, with wide international coverage and daily updating.

In another important advance, the *Archives* was indexed, in the beginning of this year, by the most prestigious international database - the Thomson Scientific, formerly ISI – and is now the only Cardiology journal in Latin America to have this level of recognition. Besides Scopus and Thomson Scientific, the journal is also indexed in the Cumulated Index Medicus of the National Library of Medicine, and in the database of MEDLINE, EMBASE, LILACS and SciELO, with PubMed citations in English and Portuguese.

The classification of the journal, currently set as International Qualis C, is also to be upgraded by Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Ensino Superior (CAPES) – Medicine. That will make the journal even more attractive for the publication of studies performed in Brazilian Post-Graduate Programs. To stimulate this interaction, the *Archives* has established a Prestige agreement with coordinators of these Programs, to further increase the impact factor of the journal.

Our plan is to offer to the international scientific community and to researchers, particularly in Brazil, a journal with high impact factor and recognized by the funding agencies in processes leading to the awarding of scholarships and research grants. The journal must therefore represent a natural channel for the publication of original work.

In this highly successful environment, we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the *Brazilian Archives of Cardiology*. This year the journal promotes the IV BSC Scientific Productivity Award, an initiative aiming to stimulate the research in Cardiovascular Sciences in Brazil by selecting the best original studies published in ten different areas, during the period of one year.

The winners of this year's contest will be announced on December 6, in a ceremony in São Paulo. All studies published during 2008 are nominated for the award, which will contemplate the following areas: Atherosclerosis / Dyslipidemia; Cardiac Arrhythmia / Pacemaker; Basic / Experimental Research; General Cardiology; Pediatric Cardiology; Epidemiology; Arterial Hypertension; Heart Failure; Interventionist Cardiology and Surgery; Non-Invasive Diagnostic Methods.

We count on your participation in 2009! Send your original work for publication in the *Brazilian Archives of Cardiology* and help to divulge Brazilian research activities.