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### Editors' Note

## RBP Psychiatry: the crowning of an editorial policy

Starting this issue, the *Revista Brasileira de Psiquiatria* will be titled as *RBP Psychiatry*. This initiative is not a mere translation into the dominant language on world science production. It is an additional action that consolidates an editorial policy towards the Journal's full internationalization. This goal has been pursued and achieved by the Editorial Board in a continuous and consistent way through successive and connected goals, willing to insert the Brazilian psychiatry scientific production in the world scenario.

This vertiginous evolution of RBP Psychiatry has already become a case<sup>1</sup> in international scientific publications. Such peculiar process of evolution can only be understood within a context of (a) macro-political factors linked to an increased investment in Brazilian research,<sup>2,3</sup> (b) the growth of post-graduation programs in Psychiatry and Neurosciences, and (c) the increased number of MSc and PhD in Brazil.<sup>4</sup> All these factors created a favorable environment for a journal such as RBP Psychiatry to flourish. At the same time, micropolitical factors must be considered, such as the successive administration of the *Associação Brasileira de Psiquiatria* (Brazilian Psychiatric Association, BPA) that always considered RBP Psychiatry's scientific evolution as a priority. With that in mind, Editors who succeeded kept the constant pursuit for excellence with obstinacy.

Worth mentioning is the role of the present BPA Directors Board, who turned the publishing process into a faster and more professional task,<sup>5</sup> transferring the whole RBP Psychiatry publishing process to Elsevier®. More important is how sensitively the Directors Board immediately understood the importance of changing the Journal's title, in order to proceed with the Journal's growth. It clearly reflects the Journal's internationalization stage.

We would also like to register the withdrawal of one RBP Psychiatry Editor, Professor Rodrigo Bressan Affonseca, who participated actively in various development stages of the

Journal in the last years, first as Associate Editor and recently as Editor-in-chief. His dynamism, dedication and broad vision were crucial for us to get this far. Thanks, Rodrigo!

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