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## A Great Task

It was a pleasure to receive Dr. Antonio Carlos Chagas' invitation to be the Editor-in-Chief of the Brazilian Archives of Cardiology for the biannual period of 2008-2009. A hard task, albeit very rewarding, as I take up the job of managing a very important Journal

in the cardiology scenario, with a professional structure, which is a very important patrimony of our Brazilian Society of Cardiology, the product of the work of the Editors that preceded me, who gradually constructed the successful outcome we behold today.

Since February 2006, I have been working in the editorial process of the Journal, collaborating with Dr. Fabio Villas-Boas, a period during which I was able to witness important changes that made our Journal a more dynamic one, culminating with the long-sought objective of its indexation at the ISI/Thomson Scientific database.

From 2008 on, we can be evaluated in order to have the Journal impact factor increased, as well as, naturally, receive the classification of the Coordination of the Development of Higher Education Level Personnel (Capes) as a Qualis B International Journal. This fact automatically places the Brazilian Archives of Cardiology as one of the main journals in Latin America, which means that, in a short period of time, it can become the great forum for publications in cardiology research of the continent. This achievement is not important only for the researchers, but also for all the cardiologists who have grown accustomed to reading the journal, as they will receive an ever-improving material, which can be compared to the main international scientific journals.

The goals we intend to implement for the next two years, together with the Associated Editors who will take up this important job together with me, are: a policy that will favor original contributions from Post-Graduate Courses, which will consequently generate citations of the journal and increasing its impact factor; provide the reviewers with an easier model of reviewing, easily accessible through an online system; expedite the manuscript submission process up to its publication, in order to increasingly attract national and international researchers willing to publish articles at the journal; improve the electronic webpage, making it a faster source of information to authors and reviewers and increasing the number of articles submitted during the 2008-2009 biannual period, giving priority to national and international articles, decreasing the time spent between submission and publication, which is currently around 6 months.

In order to reach such goals, it is vital for our cardiology community to keep on supporting our journal, sending in original contributions which, once published, will be evaluated in the respective areas in order to receive, at the end of the year, the Scientific Publication Award of the Brazilian Archives of Cardiology, which has become an important event to acknowledge the best studies published during the year. In 2008, together with the study awards, we will be commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Journal's foundation, a truly remarkable achievement.

I am entirely available for suggestions and critics, which can be forwarded to my personal address. I invite all of you to participate in the journal.

Sincerely,

Fernando Bacal  
Editor-in-Chief