



## President's Message

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President of SBC

Dear colleagues,

I am very pleased to open this new issue of the Brazilian Archives of Cardiology (ABC). We intend, from now on, to start a new phase of our journal, as this is the first issue of the ABC after our professional editor-in-chief was hired. Dr. Luiz Felipe Moreira was hired after undergoing the difficult test that chose our first professional editor.

His qualifications empower him to perform the difficult task of directing our journal, our important interface with the national and international community. This professionalization step brings an important change to the independent relationship that is stimulated in a scientific journal.

Archives will continue to be ruled by BAC Advisory Board (ConDArq), a committee that consists, statutorily, of the five last editors of the journal and by three coordinators from the best post-graduation programs in cardiology of the country, according to the Brazilian Ministry of Education classification.

Our statute says that the presidency of this committee is exercised by the director of Communication. That comes from the time when the Communication Board was in charge only of the scientific communication of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (SBC). Its scope of responsibilities is now much broader. In order to manage the academic-scientific features of our journal, it is necessary to become part of the Scientific Board of SBC. In this sense, we are sending a statutory alteration, so that ConDArq is now presided by the Scientific Director of SBC, and as a consequence, all of the space in the Archives will be devoted to scientific discussion.

Therefore, this is the last Message from the President column. We understand that this space belongs to the editor and the invited editors. The president of SBC will be in touch with SBC members through the journal and our instruments of communication. But he will always be available to the scientific community, reinforcing the importance of our journal and giving it all the support that is needed, making all the necessary contributions so that Archives can resume its top-of-mind position among the Brazilian medical journals.