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PRESENTATION

The rapid progress of the Industrial Revolution during the middle of the last century, resulted in great technological advances in every field. This led to the worldwide development of scientific research centers. Medicine also accompanied this advancement. Surgery was especially benefitted by the progress in Pharmacology, specifically with the appearance of analgesic, anesthetic and antibiotic drugs.

Progress in Metallurgy provided another boost, for the construction of medical and hospital equipment, particularly surgical instruments was a direct result. The industrialization of suture material, of needles and synthetic sutures with good resistance and few biological reactions, as well as the introduction of staples, have facilitated the work of the surgeon and improved clinical results. The technology of alimentation has increased the surgeon's ability to support his seriously ill patients for long periods with parenteral metabolic and caloric solutions.

The use of sophisticated equipment for intra and postoperative monitoring of gravely-ill patients has been made possible by the modern technology of electronics. For these reasons, all fields of surgery have progressed, including elective surgery, complex operations which were formerly impossible, the preoperative preparation of debilitated patients previously considered inoperable, and immediate postoperative care provided by Intensive

Care Units. The I.C.U.'s enable us to control these patients submitted to extensive surgery.

This surgical advancement led to greater scientific output, and the edition of publications such as books and specialized journals. But, even though, the largest number of surgical patients fall into the field of Gastrointestinal Surgery, it still has few specialized sources for spreading up to date information. For some time, we have been considering the publication of a journal devoted to this specialty, with articles by Brazilian and foreign authors, to be distributed overseas as well as in Brazil. Since English is more commonly used in the scientific and medical professions, it would be published in both languages.

Thanks to the collaboration of our colleagues on the editorial board, and the backing of specialized industries, to whom we express our gratitude, we are happy to be able to release the first edition of this journal. We hope that it will provide useful information both to the research and practicing surgeon, so that the practice of Gastrointestinal Surgery will continue to improve.

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25 YEARS OF ABCD: WHAT HAS CHANGED?

The ABCD Brazilian Archives of Digestive Surgery, as can be seen by the "Presentation" above was designed by Professor Henrique Walter Pinotti, Professor of Digestive Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, University of São Paulo, Brazil and had its first number issued during the end month of 1986. So, this year of 2011 marks 25 years without interruption, published four times a year. Since the beginning, its aim was to publish advances in gastrointestinal surgery in the country, as well as their related areas such as nutrition, endoscopy, experimental surgery, surgical techniques, general surgery and other aspects of gastroenterology in general.

In the early years was edited by Professor Pinotti, aided by a group of assistants and teachers connected with it, including Ivan Ceconello and Bruno Zilberstein. By the late 90s Professor Pinotti moved the journal to be edited by the Brazilian College of Digestive Surgery (CBCD). And since then, it has been edited by the efforts of Profs. Bruno Zilberstein and Osvaldo Malafaia.

During all these years, ABCD has had its layout changed and modernized, making it more attractive and similar to the best international journals. In 2010, after efforts of several employees and the Board of CBCD it was approved and included in the SciELO collection, going to have more visibility,

more value and present online for international and national consultation through the Internet.

In addition, 2010 also in agreement with other specialty societies, it also became the official organ of the Association of Gastric Cancer, the Brazilian Chapter of the International Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Association, Study Group of Pancreatic Disease and the Brazilian Society Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery.

In 2011, ABCD won all the requirements to be included in Medline, the library of the National Health Institute of the United States, and currently is under review by the evaluation committee. Also in

2011 started the process to its inclusion in the ISI - Web of Knowledge

The journal welcomes papers of general and digestive surgeons across the country, being sent to 2,500 members of CBCD and other subsidiaries.

The goal is the publication of scientific articles that allow the reader to catch up in what is latest in digestive surgery both at home and abroad. To do so, has the support of the sitting members of the CBCD and its publishers, developers and evaluators.

We wish long life to the ABCD.