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And the last year of the first decade of the new century is launched! Time not only flies: it flies faster than it used to! Distances are shorter, much shorter than before. We live in an e-village, e-mailing. Altogether, these changes raise discomfort, anxiety, apprehension. But, at the same time, they cradle evolution (a small tribute to Darwin with this mention) and hope. The agenda is no longer the same: issues related to the environment (sustainability, global warming) and to food quality (taste, flavor, nutraceutic properties), safety (traceability, innocuity), and diversity (forgotten and neglected crops) are as relevant as yield when it comes to food security, taken here as the food production in conditions such as to guarantee people's health. Amongst all of these, we go on publishing our (of all of us!) Horticultura Brasileira with renewed proud.

Our cover in this first issue brings the motto of the 49th Brazilian Conference of Vegetable Sciences (49 CBO). Our intention is to give the spot to a core concern of this new age: water in agriculture. Do not miss the article in the coverback! Do not miss either the 49 CBO, from August 03 to 07, in Águas de Lindóia, SP.

In the last issue of last volume, Horticultura Brasileira 26(4), we listed some of our achievements in 2008. We included there the full international indexing, which would allow us to ascend in the Qualis system. This will take place. Nevertheless, it will not be in the 2009 Qualis classification due to one single reason: the basis for this classification was the previous year, when our Impact Factor was not published yet. Therefore, Horticultura Brasileira will have in 2009 the same ranking as before, i.e., A-National, or, in the new classification system, Qualis B2. We will be Qualis B1 (previous A-International) in the first classification released after we have our Impact Factor released. We will become Qualis A (where currently there are no journals published in Brazil in the field of Agrarian Sciences) when our Impact Factor becomes higher. To reach this, we need to significantly increase the citation scores of the articles published in Horticultura Brasileira. How to do it? Elegant research, with high quality standard for both results and text, informative abstracts, and articles, several articles, published in English, aiming at broadening our audience. It is a long way indeed! Yet, our 27-year history feed us with enough enthusiasm to complete the journey!

A last minute information: the electronic submission is on its way!

See you in the next issue,

The Editorial Board