

Dear all,

We continue dedicating our covers to the challenges of growing vegetables, medicinal and condimental herbs, and ornamental plants. In this issue, Dr. Debora Cruz, from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply, draws a picture of the challenges related to the registration of pesticides for crops whose growing areas do not reach hundreds of thousands of hectares.

In the Editorial board, we also face our challenges. A major one is getting peer-reviewers' comments meeting two basic requirements: (1) articles well evaluated; and (2) evaluation sent back within the deadline indicated by the Editorial Board (30 days). Unfortunately, for many articles it is difficult to get two good revisions in time. In these situations, authors get frustrated, and so does the Editorial Board.

For this reason, we ask our peer-reviewers: grant time and expertise to the papers you accept for reviewing. The continuous and sustainable existence of *Horticultura Brasileira*, often a vehicle for your own papers, depends on the excellence of the articles we publish. This, in turn, depends on how dedicated you are as a peer-reviewer!

But, in addition to challenges, we also would like to share our victories: in this issue, we publish the first four articles processed entirely through our electronic submission system. Furthermore, we achieved 46% of articles published in English, an absolute record. Our thanks to all who helped *Horticultura Brasileira* on these achievements.

Finally, recalling our previous letter, do not forget to add us on Facebook (Revista HB). Enjoy and comment!

See you in the next issue,

Paulo Melo

Editor in chief