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This issue, number 48, brings the first change in the Editorial Board of *Materials Research* since its creation 13 years ago. Prof. Edgar D. Zanotto was the Editor-in-chief during these years and his competent and patient work from the very beginning of this journal resulted in impressive records. *Materials Research* has now achieved outstanding recognition both with Brazilian and foreign authors and certainly one of the most important milestone for such recognition was its indexation in the ISI database in 2008.

As the new Editor-in chief since October 2010, one of the main challenges ahead is to continue the international exposure of *Materials Research* to permit a steady increase in its impact factor in the next few years. The strategies to achieve such objective have already been suggested by Prof. Zanotto in his last Editorial, and these include the renovation of the editorial board, the raising of the threshold level for accepted articles and the reduction in the review time. I agree and I will be working in all these aspects (among others), keeping in mind the *Materials Research's* motto “judicious and educative”.

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