Ornamental Horticulture celebrates 25 years

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Dear reader,

In this year that Ornamental Horticulture completes 25 years of uninterrupted publications, this issue brings on the cover a retrospective of all vol. 1 of each of those years. It was years of great achievements. In 1995, when the first volume came out, many people said it was a daring project. The first Editor-in-Chief was Dr. Thais Tostes Graziano (1995-2003), followed by Dr. Antonio Fernando Caetano Tombolato (2004-2009), and since 2010 I, Gláucia Moraes Dias, have been in charge to edit this journal. And it is with great joy that I move this function in 2019 to the Dr. Markilla Beckmann-Cavalcante. During the last twenty five years, a great success story and competence were observed, which has been based mainly by the excellence of the articles published.

This Journal was created by the Brazilian Society of Ornamental Horticulture, and its first name was Revista Brasileira de Horticultura Ornamental. In the beginning, it was published in printed form. In 2005, as an innovative action of Dr. Fernando Tombolato, it was implemented the online submission and processing of the issues, starting the publishing form on CDs, a great technology advance for that time. With the advancement of research and new technologies, a phase of adaptation to the internationalization parameters began in 2015. From the volume 21-1, the journal title was changed to Ornamental Horticultural (Ornam. Hortic.), and received new ISSNonline: 2359-3237. All articles published received the respective DOI. At that time the journal publication went from semiannual to quarterly and the articles were published in both Portuguese and English. It was at that moment that the process of migration to the English language started. In a second phase, the articles could be submitted in English or Portuguese, but the final version was published in English. Currently, the journal only receives submissions in English and all is process occurred online. These changes occurred due to the need of adapting to technical and scientific requirements of publications of this genre and so that our research could be shared with the national and international scientific community.

The improvement of our journal did not stop there. Presently, 60 articles are published per year and the process of publication is continuous (in process system). When the article is finished, it is published on the site, before the issue is fully finished. This allows online access, with its respective DOI, and it can be cited in the bibliographic references; the average time since the submission until the publication, nowadays is around five months. With all these advances, in 2017 our journal was accepted in the index bases SCOPUS and SCIELO, among others. All this conquest was possible due to the existence of a competent team of editors and ad docs, which have been contributing to the high quality of this journal. Currently, Ornamental Horticulture, is the only one in Latin America in this specific area.

We express our gratitude to all authors, reviewers, collaborators, readers and, especially Brazilian Society of Ornamental Horticulture, which maintains this journal. Awaiting for important contributions and indications to academics, students and colleagues, I renew the votes of a good reading and excellent reflections.

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