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BJA: a bit of history



RBA: um pouco de história

Dear Editor:

“I note with satisfaction that in January 2016 the thirty-ninth year of uninterrupted activity as a member of the Editorial Board of the Brazilian Journal of Anesthesiology (BJA) is starting.” Invited by the former Chief Editor Mario Villamil Bento Gonçalves, I joined the Board in January 1978 with the task of implementing the “Bibliographical Review” section, with abstracts of papers published in international journals of the specialty. In January 1980, with the late Masami Katayama, there were significant changes to the Journal layout and presentation. The “Educational Numbers”, which I had the privilege of coordinating, invited by Masami, have provided ammunition to the Education and Training Centers of the SBA with educational material about the scientific basis of the specialty, filling though partially a need in this area. Masami held the position with enviable proficiency until 1988, establishing guidelines for the future of the Journal.

Antonio Leite Silva Filho (1989–1994), Luiz Marciano Cangiari (1995–2003), Judymara Lauzi Gozzani (2004–2009), Mário José da Conceição (2010–2015) and, currently, Maria Angela Tardelli followed his footsteps.

All honor me with the invitation to remain part of the Editorial Board, and so I was able to witness the effort and competence of everyone in the safe conduction of the main scientific dissemination organ of the SBA.

In 1990, as Chairman of the Board of the SBA, I had another privilege: to forward the BJA international exposure process in which was edited an annual number in English with articles selected by the Editorial Board that year. It

was the “Brazilian Journal of Anesthesiology – International Issue”, Volume 1, 1990. Unfortunately in 1990 management, the “Collor Plan” caused problems for the financial situation of the SBA, not allowing the publication of the Brazilian Journal first issue that year, which happened however early in the next administration, under the chairmanship of my friend Carlos Alberto Souza Martins.

During all these years, I followed the long and painful process of the BJA indexation and modernization. It has never been a lack of bravery and dedication in any of the Editors for the Journal to reach the situation of excellence and international recognition that boasts today. And I cannot but express my feeling of great satisfaction to be able to have contributed over this period with one hundred ninety-seven publications in the BJA, comprising clinical and experimental research papers, review articles, editorials, and others. Because as Plato said: “spoken words fly, but writing remains”. And when the writing remains in a matrix of the BJA caliber, the achievement is much more rewarding.

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The author declares no conflicts of interest.

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