

BJR indexation

I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself.

Isna Ia-wica

(late 19th century)Teton Sioux

Since its foundation in 1947, during the administration of Waldemar Bianchi and Hilton Seda as general secretary with the help of Ayrthon Ferreira da Costa, the working proposal of BJR was to disseminate the scientific production of Brazilian rheumatologists. Always considering the quality of its publications, BJR went through periods of major and minor difficulties, advancing towards renewal and strengthening its position as the Brazilian Science in Rheumatology representative with the extraordinary work of Professor Edgar Atra in 1974.

At this time, both Brazilian Society of Rheumatology (SBR from portuguese) and scientific publications in the field of Rheumatology were conquering their first steps. While the growth of SBR and Brazilian science quality in Rheumatology were clear to all, an effective search for indexation in MEDLINE was initiated only in 1996 with the BJR scientific editor Luis Eduardo Coelho Andrade and pursued by subsequent editors, Natalino Yoshinari (1998-2000) and Ieda Laurindo (2000-2002), creating the post of coeditors: Professor Eloisa Bonfa, Joao Carlos Brenol and Hilton Seda), Ieda Laurindo (2002-2004, indexation in SciELO), Lais Lage and Roger Levy (2004-2006, consolidation in SciELO indexing and a new submission to the MEDLINE), Francisco Airton and Ricardo Xavier (2006-2008). Finally, receiving from Newbarth administration, an SBR structured on its way

to professionalization, it was possible for the SBR board and scientific editors, Mittermayer Santiago and Ricardo Fuller, to develop a strategy to achieve the much desired indexation. This proposal was presented to the entire board of BSR, receiving full support. The BSR board, considering the the maturity of the Brazilian rheumatology, as reflected by the BSR scientific production quality, considered that a new submission would be appropriate. Every member of the board were aware that this new attempt would be made with the support and guidance of an international publisher (Elsevier), resulting in a tremendous effort both in economic terms (estimated cost increase over 60%) and working hours, involving countless details that included the translation of all items, which are now published in English and Portuguese; review and approval of manuscripts within a limited period of time; rigorous observance of publication deadlines, and total commitment of all BJR scientific editors and editorial board members with whom this achievement must be shared. It is impossible not to thank all these colleagues for their trust, support and work. However, the involvement of a board and / or scientific editors, with expressed support of fellow Board and editorial board would never be enough. The scientific community needed to be engaged in this project. It was essential that universities and researchers would trust BJR and this endeavor sending their papers, and manuscripts, despite the consequences related with loss in the assessment of post-graduate work and exposure to the international scientific community. Today, these services, these 464 researchers, should be aware of our gratitude, our recognition and with us share and celebrate this victory.

This victory must also be shared with all BSR associated members, our thanks to everyone that, with a casual comment about BJR quality and improvement, gave to all colleagues

involved in this long and exhaustive process the strength to overcome one more little/big detail.

The BJR indexation is another example that *in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself*. No enterprise can succeed depending on a person or a small group regardless of how dedicated and purposeful they are! BJR indexation is the result of a process that has been developed over decades, the effort of each and every one of us.

This is an editorial of “holiday season” and therefore involves a moment of reflection and also of celebration. Another year, another goal achieved! Gratitude and commemo-

moration! It is also a time for promises, for setting goals, and consolidating achievements!

We close this editorial going back to the sequence of BJR scientific editors with certainty of their achievements: Mittermayer Santiago and Ricardo Fuller (2008-2010 – indexation in MEDLINE); Max Victor, and Paulo Louzada Junior (2010-2012 – consolidation of Medline and search for impact index), and the next editors (2012-2014 – impact index of 1.5 or 2.8, or 4.2) We will continue working to a crescendo of celebrations!

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