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The Scientific Electronic Library Online – SciELO – is a model for cooperative electronic publishing of scientific journals on the Internet. Its target region is Latin America and Caribbean countries. The Journal *Materia*, as part of SciELO, has noted a long standing practice of its authors that deserve a critical analysis. I refer myself to the fact that most articles published in *Materia*, as well as in other journals presented by SciELO, mainly make use in their texts of bibliographic references from the Northern Hemisphere. This is certainly because the scientific journals from Europe, from parts of Asia and from North America have been pioneers and accumulate very many years of experience in this activity, having reached in several cases a high level of quality, gathering much reputation. It is also true that many researchers from Latin America and Caribbean countries have had, directly or indirectly, their scientific studies connected to important institutions and researchers from those regions and also that advantageous scientific cooperation links were kept, reaching generations of researchers from our continent. As a function of that, it is expected that the research works from the Northern Hemisphere will follow on as important references for the science published in the SciELO journals. However, it is also very much important for our scientific community to criticize, evaluate and cite the results from our own production. This will serve to help to increase the level of the science that we produce and also to direct the young researchers from our region to our own scientific works, eventually even facilitating future cooperative works, exempt of any excluding view and keeping, of course, the advantageous cooperation with other regions from the world.

As a function of what was expressed above, I'd like to invite the authors of future articles to be published in the Journal *Materia* to research more deeply the content already published in this and in other SciELO journals and to also use them, as freely as it has been done with articles published in the Northern Hemisphere, as bibliographic references in their texts.

Cordially,

Rio de Janeiro, December 2008.



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