



EDITORIAL

Times they are a-changing

Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who
That it's namin'.
For the loser now
Will be later to win
For the times they are a-changin'.

BOB DYLAN, 1964

The history of scientific publications of Portuguese Pulmonology started in 1969 with "Pneumologia-Revista Portuguesa de Patologia Respiratória" edited and owned by the Clinic of Pulmonary Diseases of the Lisbon Medical School, 5 years before the legalization of the Portuguese Society of Respiratory Pathology. It was a quarterly journal, bilingual (Portuguese-English) whose Director was Prof Thomé George Villar. In 1978 it was substituted for "Medicina Torácica", also quarterly and with the same Director. In those times its Board assumed as objective, in spite of the technical and financial constraints, to do "work that did not make us stand well behind foreign scientific production".¹

In the 21st century we can say that we now write a new chapter in the publications related with Pulmonology in Portugal. With adhesion to Elsevier, named the most influential editorial in the last 100 years in Biomedicine and Life Sciences by the *Special Library Association*, we are side by side such important journals as the *Lancet*, *Cell* or the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*! So we think that we have all the conditions to become one of the best medical journals in Portugal. To achieve that, the visibility attained in the Elsevier Platform is important but is also essential that all of us get used to cite our articles published in the PJP! It is well known that Portuguese authors, when publish in international journals have a low citation of their work previously published in national journals² as well as the auto-citation level of the PJP is one of the lowest of the Portuguese Medical Journals.^{3,4} So we ask all the authors not

to forget to cite the quality papers published within the PJP along these years. It is easy to enter the PJP site and search for authors or for topics and quickly find the related articles and cite them! We would also like to acknowledge the essential work of reviewers that are sometimes forgotten but are really the core of the Journal! We agree with others that reviewing should be formally recognized as an important activity by academic institutions. We editors, will publicly acknowledge their essential contributions!

In this number of the PJP you can watch the changes that have been carried out in the last number and new features. The first is the cover! We hope you enjoy this "guest card" of the PJP.

For the first time we publish a special article entitled 2009 Year in Review.⁵ The topic pandemic influenza A/H1N1 is unavoidable! In this number associated with an original article on the situation of Swine flu in the Centre⁶ and North of Portugal,⁷ our Infectious Disease thematic reviewers write a brilliant Editorial on the status of the Infection in Portugal.⁸ Apart from this papers we publish a review about the safety of Non-Invasive Ventilation in a pandemic context⁹ and 2 Italian authors describe a innovative use of the VEST[®] associated with the Cough Assist[®] as coughing assistance to patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and Pandemic Influenza A/H1N1.¹⁰ Moreover, for the first time we include an expert opinion about two original case reports using new bronchoscopic techniques.¹¹⁻¹³

Closing our journal we create a new space dedicated to photography. We are much honored to publish a photo by Dr Paes Cardoso entitled "Alveolar Nets". It is a new challenge for us to give space to the artistic expression of our colleagues (namely photography). We would like that all members of PSP felt this appeal and send us their photography in which the pulmonology topic may be underneath...

To finish with, we would like to cast a question: what do we want for the journal in 2011? Do we all still want to receive the paper version of the journal or "turn green" and prefer the online edition? Next year we will make an electronic poll to know your preferences...

In the meantime we hope that you appreciate this new change in the PJP because as Bob Dylan said in his song, "the times they are a-changin'..."

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