EDITORIAL

A Revista da Sociedade Portuguesa de Medicina Física e de Reabilitação: Cinco Anos Depois

The Portuguese Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine: Five Years Later

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The Portuguese Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine continues to develop strategies to achieve the best way to diffuse scientific knowledge in the Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine field.

The pathway to its affirmation as a reliable and available scientific instrument is now 25 years long. Since the first edition in 1993 several highlights have changed the vision and future of the journal, specially the reset process of submission and publication politics in 2010, recognized as a crucial turning point. The indexation to SciELO in 2012 and the first steps to the PubMed indexation process were major marks as well.

In 2013, by the time the current editorial team begin to work, multiple factors were identified as important to the journals future development. Some of them still are important targets for our interest and investment.

The improvement of the reviewing process is an important issue. The uniformity of the review follow the published guidelines of the International Commitee of Medical Journal Editors and the recommendations of the Editorial Politics from the Council of Science Editors. Online submissions and online review are quality promotors, and the online platform upgrade is a real objective for this year. The review process will remain as 'single-blind'. About the scientific content of the journal, regarding the past editions, we believe it is crucial to increase the amount of original articles, specially clinical studies of different configurations, and introduce new types of articles. Looking for the interest of researchers to publish, in 2018 we will increase the frequency of editions from two to four per year. And it's important to continue developing the strategy of promoting investigation and support research with the help of scientific scholarships.

The journal should maintain its content in an open access model (e-Pub and free full text), available on the http://spmfrjournal.org website. This edition is the first one without the printed format and so it will have only a digital format.

The internationalization of the journal is a major goal for this editorial team. Indexation to SciELO is completed since March 2012. In 2019 the journal will have conditions to be submitted to PubMed.

As a final note we decided to begin this transformation with a new layout, symbolizing the dynamic process of development of the journal, looking for the future as a global way to share results of research and scientific knowledge.

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