

The 30th Anniversary of the Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery

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Thirty years ago, a group of visionary Brazilian cardiovascular surgeons understood the concept that medical journals should be a rallying point for the local and international exchange of ideas^[1].

So, in August 1986, this insight motivated the creation of the Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery (BJCVS) as the official publication of the Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery.

The BJCVS has grown steadily in quality and input under the direction of the three outstanding cardiovascular surgeons who have served as editors. The first editor was Prof. Dr. Adib D. Jatene (*in memoriam*), whose tenure lasted 10 years (1986-1996), succeeded by Prof. Dr. Fabio B. Jatene (1996-2002). In the last 13 years, from 2002 to present, the BJCVS has been under the editorship of Prof. Dr. Domingo M. Braile.

The success of this endeavour is owed to the devotion and commitment of these three gentlemen and their respective editorial boards and editorial offices whose efforts allowed the BJCVS to become attractive and competitive in the scientific community.

A decisive step towards this scientific acknowledgment was the indexing of the BJCVS in major databases such as Thomson Scientific (ISI), SCImago Journal & Country Rank, PMC PubMed Central, Scopus, MEDLINE/PubMed, SCIRUSS, SciELO and LILACS^[2].

Despite of all these modernizations, the BJCVS has never lost its main focus which is to publish relevant studies related to cardiovascular surgery, including original manuscripts, brief communications, updates, continuing medical education (CME), case reports, as well as studies presented at the annual Congresses of the Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery.

According to the Sources & Interactions Study (2013), colleagues and print journals continue to be the most important information sources to doctors, followed closely by CME; attendance at Meetings and by two new digital information sources: online patient medical records and online prescribing software^[3].

In this regard, the BJCVS is a proficuous source of robust information for surgeons, residents, allied health professionals and students searching for new insights, treatments, surgeries, devices, technology and CME.

Since the beginning, the BJCVS has been grounded as a democratic forum for cardiovascular surgeons from different

parts of Brazil and the world to communicate the best of their surgical practice and/or scientific initiatives. Among them are included colleagues from the North and Northeast Regions of Brazil who have contributed enormously for the excellence of our journal.

Over those 30 years, the successful path of the BJCVS reflects the growth of the scientific maturity of Brazilian cardiovascular surgeons, especially those in the North and Northeast regions facing shortage of human and material resources to perform their research. However, since the publication of the first volume, our Regional Society has been represented by increasingly relevant and elegant publications. To name a few among hundreds, we highlight the contribution of Eloy et al.^[4] on valve surgery in children published in 1986, in volume 1 of the BJCVS. Ten years later, Lobo Filho et al.^[5] published a multicenter study on coronary artery bypass grafting surgery. Upon completion of 20 years of the BJCVS, Lima et al.^[6] published a clinical trial with the preliminary results of demineralization of the aortic valve. And in 2015, near the 30th anniversary of the BJCVS, Pinto Jr et al.^[7] bring an important contribution on the epidemiology of congenital heart disease in Brazil.

Thus, it is my distinct honor and privilege to write this paper as president of the North-Northeast Society of Cardiovascular Surgery mainly to emphasize how important the BJCVS is for our Regional Society since, by the leadership of its editors, valuable scientific opportunities have been granted to our members in a different ways such as authors, reviewers and associated editors.

It is notorious how our journal is coping well to be in perfect tune with other important journals on the field of cardiovascular surgery^[8,9]. Although, there are still many challenges to overcome, we have no doubts that the Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery will continue to be one of the most solid pillars of our specialty for another 30 years to come!

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