

Dear Readers

I would like to invite you to reflect about the trajectory and perspectives of Revista da ABENO. Since its creation 19 years ago, the journal has fulfilled the important goal to diffuse the research related to dental teaching in Brazil. It overcame several difficulties, with the aid of editors, reviewers and authors who dedicated their best efforts to qualify it.

Several changes have been implemented in the last years. The number of papers and periodicity increased, leading to the achievement of score B3 in Qualis Capes classification. All papers are currently published in English or two versions (Portuguese/English; Spanish/English) to meet the policy of scientific journals evaluation for admission and permanence in the SciELO Brasil database, a fundamental step for the journal.

Thus, it may be questioned: what makes a journal successful? Herbert Fred, associate editor of the *Texas Heart Institute Journal*, published an editorial<sup>1</sup> addressing the five fundamental steps for the success of a scientific journal: financial safety, competent and experienced editorial team, support of reliable reviewers, quality of submissions and responsive readers. What could be enhanced in these aspects? The journal is self-afforded and currently has a wide and diverse editorial team concerning the area of expertise of its members. One of the problems faced is the timely and qualified response of reviewers. The quality of submissions was an indicator with significant increase, yet it can still be improved. Our readers respond very positively, increasingly citing papers published in the journal.

Qualifying the Revista da ABENO should be a common goal to all people involved in this process. Only then, success may be achieved. In this perspective of collaborative effort for the growth, I am satisfied to present you this issue.

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1. Fred, HL. What makes a medical journal successful? Five crucial components. *Tex Heart Inst J.* 2017; 44(2): 91-3.