

I am pleased to share the results and progress related to *ABC Imagem Cardiovascular* in 2018. In 2018, 48 manuscripts were published in the four editions, a record number since the journal was published in 2002. The journal had the valuable collaboration of specialists from all over Brazil, who submitted an extraordinary range of high-quality material to the official journal of the Department of Cardiovascular Imaging of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (DIC/SBC), and raising the quality of science produced in our country. We would like to thank all those who submitted their studies to our journal and encourage them to keep on sending the results of their work. We are also grateful for the time spent and the attention given by the reviewers to the careful appreciation of the material sent to *ABC Imagem*.

This hard, ongoing effort is required for the journal to pave its way towards the indexation in databases with greater impact and visibility. These figures demonstrate the great involvement of the cardiovascular imaging specialists in the country with research and progressive growth of science related to the Brazilian cardiovascular imaging. Also, I am thankful to the DIC directors and all the associate editors who worked hard to ensure that the contents of each edition of the journal was completed with high-quality material.

In 2018, there was a handover of the management of submissions of manuscripts. Starting in 2019, the *ABC Imagem*

Cardiovascular will be managed by Atha Editora, which also manages the journal of the Society of Cardiology of the State of São Paulo (SOCESP) and other major medical journals. The purpose of this change is to add speed to the submission and review of manuscripts, to pursue the strategic planning for indexing the journal in the medium term, and for a significant decrease in our costs. Detailed negotiations and a careful analysis of feasibility led to considerable reduction of costs with the journal, which will allow greater incentives to publish, such as awarding the best original manuscripts published in each year, free membership in the subsequent year for the first author of each manuscript submitted, and other benefits to the authors and supporters of *ABC Imagem*. In this handover, the help of Dr. Marcelo Vieira, Flávia Pires, Dr. Marcos Valério Rezende, Margareth Ladcane, Dr. José Carlos dos Santos and our secretary Karen Silva was fundamental.

Other than that, I would like to thank everyone who gives prestige to the journal, making it mandatory literature for updating, recycling and practicing medicine with excellence. I wish you all lots of health, happiness, work, harmony and success in 2019! I am looking forward to having everyone's support.

Sincerely,

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