

Dear colleagues,

With a feeling of mission accomplished, I am now heading to the end of my mandate as the editor-in-chief of *Arquivos Brasileiros de Cardiologia Imagem Cardiovascular*. Over the past two years, we published a record number of manuscripts in 2018, since the journal was created in 2002 and, again, reached the maximum number of 54 publications in 2019. These figures are the result of the cooperative, continuous, committed and hard work of colleagues from all regions of Brazil, the directors of our Department and all past editors. Besides, they demonstrate the strength, progressive growth and quality of science produced in our country. The academic growth of our journal has made it very tangible and close to indexing in the most visible databases available, such as Scielo and Pubmed. It was possible to transition into a new management approach to add greater speed to the journal's processes, including new reviewers, adjusting the journal and strategic planning to meet indexing requirements in larger databases.

These developments would not have been possible without the cooperation of all authors and co-authors who have chosen the Department's official journal to disclose the findings of their studies, so I am deeply thankful to all of them. I would also like to highlight and show my appreciation to the work done by all reviewers, for their thorough quality work. Peer review enhances the quality

of published manuscripts by imparting dependability and impartiality in the manuscript review process.

The specialist editors named below have also done a brilliant job: Dr. Simone Cristina Soares Brandão (Nuclear Medicine), Dr. Marcio Sommer Bittencourt (Tomography), Dr. Marcio Silva Miguel Lima (Adult Echocardiography), Dr. Antonildes Nascimento Assunção Jr (Magnetic Resonance Imaging), Dr. Leina Zorzanelli (Pediatric Echocardiography) and Dr. Marcio Vinicius Lins Barros (Vascular Imaging). Reviewed by our specialist editors, the journal featured manuscripts covering a wide range of cardiovascular imaging methods, integrating different types of diagnostic imaging techniques, restating the image and usefulness of multimodality approaches in the evaluation of heart diseases.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for Dr. Marcelo Vieira for the trust and opportunity for learning over the past two years of work. From now on, the journal will be run professional and relentless worker Dr Sílvia Barberato, who will undoubtedly promote continuous growth and add invaluable inputs to ABC Imagem.

Sincerely,

Viviane Hotta
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