

An Important Moment



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The Revista Odonto Ciência (also known as *Journal of Dental Science* since 2007) lives a historical and magic moment: it has been accepted for indexing in SciELO. This achievement occurred exactly this year, when the journal celebrates its 25th anniversary, and makes us all proud to have our journal included in a selected group of dental journals. Such indexing is a turning point for the life of an editor and a journal, because it represents overcoming many editorial limitations: few submissions, low visibility and encouragement, among others.

When the first issue of the Revista Odonto Ciência was launched in 1986, we did not anticipate the journey it would follow in its 25 years of uninterrupted scientific publications. I had the privilege of directing the journal in the first 21 years of this long period, overcoming many difficulties. The first of them was to win the first three numbers (challenge made by the University Rector at that time, Brother Prof. Norberto Rauch) when the journal was launched. After that, the

editorial team succeeded in many other tasks: increasing the number of submissions (allowing a more qualified selection) and issues per year, inviting international reviewers and board members, launching the twin online journal etc. The inclusion of our journal in important indexing services and databases was also achieved: BBO, LILACS and Latindex. One database was still missing: SciELO. To be accepted for inclusion in this database, the journal should fulfill strict criteria according to international standards of scientific publication. It took us several years and attempts to reach the requirements necessary for indexing. And in 2011 this important moment finally arrived.

I would like to congratulate the present editorial team and the editor-in-chief Dr. Rosemary Shinkai for their work. This achievement is relevant not only for the journal but also for the School of Dentistry and the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul. I wish my very best and all success to this new phase of the Revista Odonto Ciência.