

On the Road: New Changes in the Journal

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In accordance with the strategic plan and respective actions launched in the beginning of 2008, the *Revista Odonto Ciência (Journal of Dental Science)* is now moving to the next step towards the globalization of scientific information on oral health and international networking. The present issue is the first to be published entirely in English language, but we will keep the title, abstract, and key words in both Portuguese and English. This move was implemented to broaden the international audience of the journal and allow the indexing of the full text and metadata in several databases. The publication in English will facilitate the communication and integration of scientific information to be more effectively retrieved, accessed, and used. Many of these topics were covered by the lecture speakers of the VI Meeting of Editors and Authors of Dental Journals in Porto Alegre, RS, this year (the full content of the Proceedings, in Portuguese, is available at: <http://www.pucrs.br/edipucrs/odonto/anais.htm>).

In the present issue we also have the pleasure to have a guest editorial written by Dr. Zbys Fedorowicz, from the Board of Directors and the Steering Group of The Cochrane Collaboration. Dr. Fedorowicz has authored many systematic reviews on oral and medical health in collaboration with researchers of all over the world. His editorial focuses on the role of systematic reviews for the presentation of the best scientific evidences that are urgently needed to help health care providers, clinical faculty, and researchers in the decision-making process in Dentistry.

At this point it might be opportune to highlight our mission statement: The *Revista Odonto Ciência (Journal of Dental Science)* is an international scientific journal dedicated to provide a forum for academics, researchers, and practitioners to communicate relevant basic, clinical, education, and epidemiological studies in Dentistry and related fields. One priority is to publish scientific studies on different populations from Latin America and other developing regions as part of the global initiative to record multi-ethnic diversity in oral health and foster health equity worldwide. The Journal also seeks to publish articles on new conceptual models, innovative technology, alternative procedures or treatment to reduce disease burden in the general population or specific groups, thus contributing to translating science into practice and social development.

These specific aims are aligned with Dr. Fedorowicz's editorial and the discussions among researchers, academics, editors, and policy makers during the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Division of the International Association for Dental Research (SBPqO) held in Águas de Lindóia, SP. Therefore, on behalf of the Journal editorial team, I would like to affirm our commitment to work for the dissemination of scientific, social, and clinically relevant information and to do our best to make a difference.