

## Time of change – Editorial

### *Tempo de mudança – Editorial*

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Dear readers and collaborators, it is time for change in the editorial team of *Scientia Medica*. After almost 12 years working as the editor of this journal I am pleased to transfer my position to Professor Manoel Antônio da Silva Ribeiro.

I counted on the valuable collaboration of authors, referees, counselors, associate editors, secretaries, librarians, and technical support fellows, and throughout these years we have achieved good results in terms of scientific quality, presentation, indexing, geographical coverage and repercussion of the published content. At the beginning of the decade, *Scientia Medica* was indexed in *Lilacs* and *Latindex*, and it was gradually accepted in databases such as *Directory of Open Access Journals* (2007) [1], *Scopus* and *EMBASE* (2011) [2,3], *Web of Science* (2015) [4] and *Dialnet* (2016) [5]. Its impact factor *Scimago Journal & Country Rank (SJR)*, by *Scopus*, is already reported [6].

The growth of a scientific journal takes place step by step. In *Web of Science* (former *ISI*, currently owned

by *Clarivate Analytics*), *Scientia Medica* is indexed in the *Emerging Sources Citation Index* database, and in 2018 obtained a significant increase in citations: 28 in 44 articles (mean of 0.63 per article, vs. 0.12 in 2017) [7]. It will be necessary that the journal maintain a similar performance for two more years, for it to integrate the main database, *Science Citation Index Expanded*, and its *Journal Citation Reports (JCR)* impact factor be published [8]. In *Google Scholar*, which includes many Brazilian journals, the number of citations is already much higher [9].

I am grateful to all of those who contributed during this period to the success of this journal. The new editor will certainly continue to count on the same indispensable support and will have plenty of competence to maintain the constant growth of this important communication vehicle, an example of quality, ethics, and integrity in scientific publishing.

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