

In order to innovate, knowledge of history is important

Para inovar é preciso conhecer a história

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Innovation is often associated with thinking “outside the box”, but looking at what has been done can inspire us and give us extra courage to face challenges. The change in the bylaws of the *Sociedade Brasileira para o Estudo da Dor* (Brazilian Society for the Study of Pain - SBED) allowed me to take office earlier at the invitation of Presidents José Oswaldo de Oliveira Junior (2022/2023) and Carlos Marcelo de Barros (2024/2025), to carry out the transition process with editor-in-chief Dr. Josimari Mello DeSantana (2022/2023), determining in August 2023 the start of my activities as editor-in-chief of the Brazilian Journal of Pain.

Taking over as editor-in-chief of a journal structured in the processes of submission - evaluation - revisions - approval was a foreseeable challenge. Researchers and physicians who publish scientific articles recognize and identify the challenges of the editorial process. However, the great difference about this period of transition was that it made it possible to adapt various BrJP procedures to the demands of Open Science, IDEA principles, and further adjustments to maintain and submit indexation of articles.

SBED's scientific journal, *Revista DOR - Pesquisa, Clínica e Terapêutica* (PAIN Journal - Research, Clinic and Therapeutics), began under the management of President Sérgio Henrique Ferreira (1999/2000), with Dr. Márcia Pavan de Andrade as editor-in-chief. This was a major milestone for SBED as a scientific society, creating a journal with original articles that were peer-reviewed before publication. The first editor-in-chief was in charge of the *Revista Dor* between 1999 and 2002, and was succeeded by Dr. José Luciano Braun (2003/2004) and Dr. Fátima Aparecida Emm Faleiros Souza (2005/2008).

In 2009, Dr. Irimar de Paula Posso took over as editor-in-chief (2009/2012). Determined to place the *Revista Dor* in the national and international scientific spotlight, he made several editorial changes, professionalized the journal by adding Editorial Coordinator Evanilde Bronholi de Andrade, and made the journal bilingual, achieving indexing on the LILACS platform in 2010 (Vol.11, n.1, 2010)¹ and on SciELO in 2011 (Vol.12, n.1, 2011)².

The issues from 1999 to 2010 were closed access, with scientific articles restricted to SBED members. Other researchers and clinicians could request the journal or a specific article on demand at an additional cost. In the “One Step Further!”³ editorial, published in January 2011, Dr. Irimar announces that the journal has been indexed by SciELO² and, as of that year, it became available in open access and in bilingual digital format (English and Portuguese), with the printed version in Portuguese sent free of charge to members.

The editors in charge Dr. João Batista Santos Garcia (2013/2015) and Dr. Durval Campos Kraychete (2016/2019), persisted in careful and rigorous publishing, achieving 2016 more visibility and quality indicators for open access journals: DOAJ⁴ and DIADORIM⁵. In the Qualis Periodicals, (Sucupira Platform/CAPES) for the last quadrennium (2017/2020), *Revista DOR* is classified in category A3⁶, a satisfaction for everyone and a credit to the work of many, especially those mentioned here.

Aiming for international coverage, *Revista Dor* changed its name to Brazilian Journal of Pain (BrJP)⁷ in 2018. Dr. Irimar de Paula Posso returns as editor-in-chief for another 2 years (2020-2021) of work for SBED's scientific journal. Between 2018 and 2021, the LILACS/BIREME⁸, SciELO⁹, and DIADORIM⁵ indexations were updated, recognizing the change of name of *Revista DOR*, indicating the migration of the journal to its new name BrJP. In 2022, Dr. Josimari Melo de Santana took over as editor-in-chief for the 2022-2023 biennium. In August 2023, I began my activities sharing the editorship of BrJP with Dr. Josimari, thus facilitating the transition of this highly responsible position.

The opportunity to start as editor-in-chief in August allowed me to take part in the event celebrating SciELO's 25th anniversary in September and to get up to speed on the editorial processes of Open Science and Citizen Science. In a previous editorial¹⁰, I addressed the importance of Open Science for the study and treatment of pain. In November, I took part in the Meeting of the *Associação Brasileira de Editores Científicos* (Brazilian Association of Scientific Editors - ABEC), sharing with other editors the merits and challenges of being an editor of a scientific journal in Brazil.

I would like to highlight for future editors the importance of getting to know the people who run the institutions SciELO and ABEC, because their mission is to help researchers, clinicians, and professors who take on the role and leadership of journals, and they have certainly made and will make all the difference in this journey as editor-in-chief. Participating in these two events as editor-in-chief is another of SBED's investments in BrJP.



In 2024, BrJP will start on a new level, in accordance with the Open Science guidelines requested by SciELO, with the new DOAJ registration for BrJP, with our data repository for publishing raw data, continuous publishing, accepting Preprints and with associate editors participating in the process and with their names identified next to the final published article.

Since 2009, Mrs. Evanilde has been the editorial coordinator of Revista Dor and BrJP. Her experience, rigor and commitment directly reflect the success of this journal.

There's a lot ahead of us, quality scientific dissemination, which involves social networks, videos, podcasts, interviews, infographics, as well as other resources that bring science closer to the population.

BrJP articles are also accessible through the open access publishing portals OASISBR¹¹ and LaReferencia¹². In January 2024, BrJP will be in the process of being evaluated for indexation in Redalyc/Amelica, Scopus/Elsevier and Milingus/IBICT.

For the classification of the four-year period (2017/2020), Qualis Periódicos (Sucupira/CAPES) did not consider our history of Revista DOR, classifying BrJP (2018/2020) in the B1⁶ category. Despite the know-how from the history of Revista DOR, BrJP is considered a new journal by some institutions. When the rules are clear, the path is only arduous, moving forward together, in favor of the scientific strengthening of BrJP. As SBED's President for the 2023-2024 biennium, Dr. Carlos Marcelo de Barros, points out: BrJP is our most important scientific asset.

This editorial marks the beginning of another new stage for BrJP, starting continuous publishing. I conclude by paraphrasing Herodotus, the Greek geographer and historian: "think about the past in order to understand the present and envision the future."

In my eyes, I appreciate the past, I study it in order to understand the present and envision the future.

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