

EDITORIAL

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Milestones of 2022

In 2022, the Portuguese Journal of Cardiac Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, former *Revista Portuguesa de Cirurgia Cardiorácica e Vascular*, celebrated three decades of existence. During this year, the Journal reached the milestone of one thousand entries in PubMed, where it has been indexed since 2003.

These landmarks demand proper recognition of all the editors that paved the way to where we are now, starting with Prof. Alexandre Moreira (1992-1995), followed by Dr. J.A. Pereira Albino (1996-2000). Then Prof. Dinis da Gama (2000-2012) took the lead along with Dr. J.A. Pereira Albino (2001-2004), Professor J. Fragata (2005-2006), Dr. J. Carlos Mota (2006-2010) and Dr. Fernando Martelo and Dr. J. Casanova (2010-2011). Dr. José Fernando Teixeira succeeded him in 2011. In 2015, he passed the testimonial to Prof. Miguel Guerra (2016-2020), with the collaboration of Dr. João Monteiro e Castro from 2019 to 2020. In 2021,

the present editorial team received and continued the legacy. All these editors borrowed the best of themselves at the service of the complex and demanding task of maintaining and improving the Journal.

This was also the first year in which the submissions to The Portuguese Journal of Cardiac Thoracic and Vascular Surgery were entirely performed on our online platform. At pjctvs.com, all articles from each issue are available for consultation and download. Since then, about 5000 users accessed the Journal's website. On average, each person accessed more than once (1.69 times), with a mean duration of 2 minutes. Most of the users were from Portugal (38%), followed by the United States (12%), China (6.2%), India (4.4%), Brazil (3.8%), Spain (2.2%), France (2.0%), United Kingdom (2.0%), The Netherlands (1.9%) and Canada (1.7%). The adoption of the English language, despite being an extra effort for Portuguese authors, makes it possible to

reach a broader community.

Along with the Editorial work, it is of paramount importance to remember that a peer-reviewed journal would only survive with the generous time and insightful comments of the reviewers, whose efforts often need to be recognized.

We are grateful to all the reviewers who took the time and effort to review the manuscripts published in our Journal. We genuinely value all the deeper technical knowledge, scientific insights, and understanding of the clinical consequences that reviewers bring to our

submissions. All the above help improving the quality of the research published in our Journal. For these reasons, the Portuguese Journal of Cardiac Thoracic and Vascular Surgery editors would like to acknowledge our 2022 peer reviewers publicly.

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