

EDITORIAL



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My last editorial

The last issue of *Rev Port Cir Cardiotorac Vasc* (RPCCTV) of 2020 was the final one for which I was responsible as editor. The new editorial board will be taking full responsibility for the journal from the present issue on. I wish them every success, and as much pleasure from the journal as I have had in my 4 years of editorship. It has been very satisfying to be able to support – and shape – the development of national cardiac, thoracic and vascular surgery over these years.

Editorial responsibility for a leading scientific journal means that you need to cover a broad area, that is, research work from ‘bench to bedside’. My first step was actually to identify weaknesses in my own knowledge and invite experts in these areas as associate editors or editorial board members to fill these gaps of knowledge. These colleagues have all been extremely important for the increasing success of RPCCTV during the recent years.

The editorial process is a team work and I am very grateful for the important contributions from many people. The associate editors and the editorial board members have been essential both as advisors, second opinion assessors and reviewers. Thank you for your vision, hard work and commitment.

Although my formal editorship has come to an end, I will continue to be involved with the journal as an advisor

and reviewer over the coming years. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to give more time to my own research and practice.

In a world largely governed by financial and assertive concerns, publishing high-quality journals is a tough “business”, one that is under constant pressure and requires continuous changes. These changes include the need of the different views of different Editors, which will require new ideas adapted to the new information-acquisition behavior of our peers and readers, and specially of our authors. Your hard work and contributions to RPCCTV continue to move the field forward. We look forward to the coming years - the best is yet to come.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Miguel Guerra | Past Editor-in-Chief