

EDITORIAL



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Editorial: change in the editorial board

The Portuguese Journal of Cardiac Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (PJCTVS) maintains an active Editorial Board that meticulously reflects its aims, scope, and worldwide audience. This board is regularly updated to ensure it remains at the forefront of emerging research agendas and to provide new colleagues with the opportunity to contribute to the journal's ongoing development. The diverse and dynamic nature of our Editorial Board is one of the journal's greatest strengths. Comprising leading experts from various subfields of cardiac, thoracic, and vascular surgery, our board members bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and innovative perspectives. Their collective expertise ensures that the PJCTVS consistently publishes relevant research to our audience. Under the guidance of the present Editorial Board, PJCTVS has implemented several key initiatives aimed at enhancing the journal's reach and relevance. These initiatives include the introduction of special issues, the strengthening of the peer review process to uphold rigorous scientific standards, and the promotion of interdisciplinary research that bridges gaps between related fields.

As the PJCTVS completed its 30th volume, we bid farewell to one of our editors. After 5 years of hard work, Cristina Rodrigues completed her service as associate editor for Thoracic Surgery. She was deeply involved in the professionalization of PJCTVS, helping with the transition to our online platform and with the robust peer review process to uphold rigorous scientific standards to all the submissions in the field of Thoracic Surgery. Cristina Rodrigues expanded the reach of the Journal suggesting the introduction of a new section – The Founders - contributing herself with the manuscript honoring the Professor of Thoracic Surgery João Rafael Bello de Moraes (1907-1975).

She also contributed as an avid author, writing 8 editorial commentaries during her permanence in the editorial board, among other author and co-authors contributions to original articles, review articles, clinical cases and images.

Cristina Rodrigues borrowed the best of herself at the service of the complex and demanding task of maintaining and improving the PJCTVS. On behalf of the editorial team, and the entire PJCTVS community, we express our deepest gratitude to Cristina Rodrigues outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to advancing scientific scholarship. She will be dearly missed, but her impact will endure as a testament to her expertise and experience. We extend our best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in her future endeavors. Simultaneously, it is also time to highlight the strong group of the present associate editors for thoracic surgery - Ana Luis Garcia, Pedro Fernandes and Filipe Leite. These are highly qualified scholars, that will continue to bring along exciting new expertise. Many of them are from the new generation. All of them share a commitment to high quality publishing in peer-reviewed journals. They are also dedicated in terms of policy impact and outreach. As we look to the future, we remain dedicated to our mission to guide PJCTVS towards continued excellence and innovation in cardiac thoracic and vascular surgery research.

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