

Welcome

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Dear readers,

On behalf of the editorial board, it is a distinct privilege and great pleasure that we welcome you to the inaugural issue of the Portuguese Journal of Pediatrics.

In reality, it is not truly new as the first issue was printed in 1938 with the name *Revista Portuguesa de Pediatria e Puericultura*. The journal, whose publication remains uninterrupted since that date, changed its name in 1970 to *Revista Portuguesa de Pediatria* and more recently, in 1995, to *Acta Pediátrica Portuguesa*. We are indeed 80 years old!

We are the official journal of the Sociedade Portuguesa de Pediatria (Portuguese Society of Pediatrics) and our editorial board is composed of members of the pediatric community who have expertise in a variety of disciplines and who are active in research. In order to best serve pediatric community, this journal is also online and subscription-free.

To comply with the most demanding international standards, the journal integrates the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) and the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

The Portuguese Journal of Pediatrics is designed to become the journal of choice for excellent clinical, academic and practiced-based research in pediatrics, with strong emphasis on multidisciplinary and collaborative research. An important step was done with the partnership established with the Portuguese branch of the Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre.

Our aim is ultimately to be established as an internationally recognized and indexed medical journal that will encourage the publication of significant clinically relevant research performed by clinicians and scientists from around the world.

To help us accomplish that mission, we invite readers to contact us directly with questions, comments, and suggestions, and we extend an open invitation to anyone wishing to serve as a guest reviewer to email us at editorinchief.pjp@spp.pt with a copy of their *curriculum*

vitae and a description of their areas of expertise.

We are looking forward to hearing your feedback and receiving your contributions.

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