

## Mission in Progress

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The Portuguese Journal of Pediatrics is the most relevant national publication on the area. The current editorial team took on the editorial leadership in 2014 and, since then, has enthusiastically embraced the challenge of renewing and modernizing the journal.

The team has accomplished an important renovation of the editorial pathway, submission policies and online presence, namely<sup>1,2</sup>:

- Structure an editorial team including two editors-in-chief, associate editors, an editorial assistant, technical editors, translators and a statist consultant;
- Rehabilitate, attract and train an extensive group of scientific reviewers;
- Review and optimize all editorial, peer-review policies and publishing standards in light of the latest international publishing guidelines;
- Create new types of articles;
- Migrate the publication to an online platform adapted to the journal and establish the entire editorial pathway in an open-journal-system, favoring management, transparency and independence of the editorial players;
- Ensuring a strong journal online presence<sup>3</sup> on its individual page and marking an interactive presence on several social networks (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter);
- Establish the online separator e-pub ahead of print;
- Attract international authoring groups (currently with submissions from Brazil, Spain, India, United Kingdom, Colombia, United States and United Arab Emirates);
- Publishing the journal fully in English language,<sup>4</sup> in order to exponentially increase the number of potential readers;
- Renew the graphic design identity (core and cover);
- Establish an advertising policy;
- Improving the support and financing of pharmaceutical laboratories, towards the financial sustainability of the journal;
- Promote the journal successful application to the Committee for Publication Ethics (COPE);
- Promote the journal successful application to several

international databases with demanding scrutiny of quality and which provide international editorial and scientific recognition: Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ), Scopus, Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO), Sherpa Romeo, Latindex, Free Medical Journals and Index das Revistas Médicas Portuguesas;

- Ensure quarterly publication without flaws or delays, throughout the years;

- Organize some courses on skills in scientific writing and peer-review.

Indexing the journal in the Scopus database was the most relevant achievement from an academic point of view. And we cannot forget that currently other metrics<sup>5</sup> beyond the impact factor are relevant for evaluating published papers.

The editors-in-chief believe that a new phase and a new renewing cycle is needed to embrace the future challenges of the journal.<sup>6</sup> This issue is the first one to be published exclusively online, a new era is starting.

We welcome the new editors-in-chief, Luís Pereira-da-Silva MD, PhD, and David Lito MD, who have a well-recognized medical, scientific, and academic work. They will now drive this new cycle for the next years, with renewed energy and great ambitions.

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