

A brief word from the Editor-in-Chief

RINGING OUT THE OLD ...

The Editor-in-Chief usually takes a pause in the final issue of each year to reflect on the journal's progress over the last twelve months. This year has been a very special one in the life of our journal – its twentieth birthday – and an excellent year in terms of the number and quality of manuscripts received and accepted for publication. It was especially pleasing to see submissions from a greater number of centres within Portugal as well as abroad. It was also good to note just how many national groups submitted in English, ahead of the change in Editorial policy to come and showing us that our journal is in tune with the *zeitgeist*.

We have been privileged to continue enjoying a warm and supportive relationship with the Board of the Portuguese Society of Nephrology, whose members I here publicly thank. I also gratefully acknowledge the professionalism and readiness of our publishers, Ciência e Vida. Finally, special thanks must go to Deputy-Editor Prof. Rui Alves with whom I have forged an extremely fruitful working relationship over the first two years of his term of office.

... AND RINGING IN THE NEW

While the end of this year is a time for looking back, it is also a space for looking forward to the changes that turning this previously multi-lingual journal fully monolingual will bring in 2007. There is no doubt that English is the new *lingua franca* and publishing in this language provides a bigger platform for showcasing national nephrology. In addition, it means our journal reaps the benefit of a panel of prestigious international reviewers, whose expert input will in turn act as a spur on Portuguese nephrology.

Here's to the next twenty glorious years!

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