

“To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act.”

Anatole France, 1844-1924

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We began the year trying to make our dream of turning the 20 year old formerly multilingual *Revista Portuguesa de Nefrologia e Hipertensão* into a fresher and more relevant English language scientific journal come true. People need dreams, it is true, but we also know that what distinguishes them from mere insubstantial chimera or mirages is concrete acts. A mixture of both dreams and acts has been the guiding force behind the Portuguese Journal of Nephrology and Hypertension in 2007 and resulted in this new-look journal you are currently reading, now one year old.

As is usual at the year's end, I ask you to permit me as Editor-in-Chief a little space to reflect on what has been and share it with you, for you to appreciate how much we have accomplished together. Firstly, each issue has come out on time after much exacting work. Building on previous years, each section now has a greater number of contributions and each article is submitted to 3-4 peer review. Here again, the switch to English language allowed us to draw on the expertise of a wide range of international reviewers, benefiting from their scientific rigour and excellence.

Some of the most illustrious names in the field of nephrology have penned our Editorials and Reviews, adding their expert opinions to some very hot topics. It was not mere coincidence that our very first Editorial of the New Year was from António Vaz Carneiro, discussing his specialist area, the role evidence-based nephrology plays in the daily practice of the constantly seeking clinician. The internationally renowned authority Iain C. Macdougall was kind enough to edit the editorial on the evolution of PRCA which

came out in Issue 2; pertinent in that Portugal has experienced its first case. That number also carried João Frazão's writing on new advances in the treatment of mineral disorders in CKD patients, outlining the use of new compounds and detailing a treatment algorithm. There was in addition Francesca Mallamaci's overview of the relationship between the metabolic syndrome and CKD diseases.

In Issue 3 we were lucky enough to publish the great Stewart Cameron's piece on the transition from paediatric to adult care, a true slice of clinical experience and humanity. Bernard Canaud also contributed here, discussing the advantages of on-line HDF and we looked at biosimilars, printing the French Societies' consensus paper and a review article by Michal Nowicki. This issue brought you my personal point of view in the international debate currently raging on target haemoglobin levels in CKD patients.

Turning to this final number of the year, we have Peter Bárány's up-to-the-minute piece on the MIA syndrome, and a thought-provoking look at non-oliguric acute renal failure treatment from Jonathan Fox and colleagues. Jonathan has also provided English language and medical editorial contributions throughout the year, for which many, many thanks. Let me finish by mentioning this issue's consensus conference article from Spanish-speaking countries – they chose to *debut* in our pages as we publish in English, giving this position paper, in their opinion, enhanced visibility.

It has been especially gratifying to see the varied range and high standard of work submitted by a wide selection of national hospitals and centres.

I appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment to our journal.

“In dreams begin responsibility.”

William Butler Yeats, 1865-1939

My heartfelt thanks are due to the board of the Portuguese Society of Nephrology and its President Dr José Vinhas for their firm support. Our thanks go to our publisher *Ciência e Vida* for their tireless work and to our English language text editor Rebecca Baker for her unwavering dedication to our dream.

I am asking everyone to join me and take responsibility for the continued success of our Journal. The Portuguese Journal of Nephrology and Hypertension is the organ of the Portuguese Society of Nephrology – it is **YOUR** journal and an ideal platform for spotlighting Portuguese Nephrology worldwide. So please continue to author editorials, to pen insightful and well founded review articles, to contribute valid and topical original articles, to discuss relevant or challenging case reports and to share viewpoints on burning issues.

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