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Has it really been three years since the *Portuguese Journal of Nephrology and Hypertension* switched to completely English publication?

Along the course of these three years, and this last year in particular, we have been receiving more and more manuscripts, both from our Portuguese colleagues and those abroad. The shift in language did not affect the number of manuscripts we receive and as a matter of fact we have seen a significant increase in manuscripts coming from Portugal. As I stressed last year, and would like to reiterate, becoming an English language publication has allowed us to benefit from the expertise of renown international scientists in addition to leading Portuguese nephrologists. This contribution from demanding and rigorous reviewers has raised the standard of the Journal and the contents of each

article, leading naturally to an increased rejection rate.

I take the chance provided by the final issue of the year to express my thanks and appreciation to those of my colleagues who kindly worked for the Journal reviewing manuscripts. I give sincere thanks to Jonathan G. Fox (Glasgow, UK) for his unceasing work as both a reviewer in his fields of expertise and in particular his help in improving the medical English of our Journal.

As this issue goes to press, Dr José Vinhas ends his two consecutive terms as President of the Portuguese Society of Nephrology.

During his six years in office the co-operation between the society and the journal has been extremely fruitful and significant steps forward have occurred in the life of our journal. It is my sincere wish that he remains closely involved in our activities.

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