

## EDITORIAL



This editorial will be the last one I write as President of SPRMN. After four years it is time to take stock of the life of our esteemed Scientific Society, extrapolating and perhaps anticipating the future. At the end of this second mandate, the first observation I make is that the term of the SPRMN Board should be longer and never less than 3 years. There are many things to accomplish, many actions that extend beyond the current two years and that would require the maintenance in function of the Directorate that has all the data to carry them to good port. Having said that, it is with great pride, satisfaction and a sense of mission accomplished that we will complete our mandate on March 15, 2019. I would like to invite you all to attend because the vitality of SPRMN is only the one that each of you is granting this society. As a final balance, I believe that some of the most successful events of this society were carried out, starting with our National Congress. We are, and should be, proud of the creation of the SPRMN School, an initiative that has two objectives: to educate and to transfer science and to bring the members of our society closer together. It was definitely a win. We have improved the communication level with other scientific societies within and across the border, and at this point I would like to highlight the protocol with the Portuguese Pulmonary Society and the growing involvement with the Paulista Society of Radiology, the Brazilian College of Radiology, the Interamerican College of Radiology and the RSNA. They are bonds that go beyond time and that will greatly serve for the dissemination and internationalization of our society. We have worked hard to make our society a vibrant one, with the creation and permanent involvement of its sections and, I think, we have brought our ARP magazine to a qualitative level that may in the future aim to reach the so much desired pubmed indexing. We have tried to make SPRMN a friendly space, ubiquitous in our professional lives. We know that much remains to be done, which is good as the coming Directions' expected guidelines will find here fertile ground to make it grow. We recognize many of our limitations, including the notion that devotion

to SPRMN is pro bono, so we have not always had the time or ingenuity to take it further. As outgoing President I leave a very strong personal recognition note to all the members of the Board who accompanied us on these journeys and I would like to point out in particular the rigor and dedication of our secretaries Luisa and Maria João.

At the end of the mandate, SPRMN has been invited to attend the future book launching by the Portuguese Board of Medicine with the high sponsorship of His Excellency the President of the Republic, which lays the foundations for the proposal of the doctor-patient relationship to immaterial patrimony of Humanity. We believe that the contributory text of the SPRMN is, in the present days, something natural and indispensable, given its enormous interface with the entire health system, where medical imaging is a privileged player. We hope to be able to honor the spirit and the letter of all that, for so many years, and for so many of us, has been written, said again and again in so many important venues. Convinced of the central role of Radiology in the health system, we feel it our duty to leave this legacy and contribute positively, wishing the success of this initiative that the Portuguese Board of Medicine, and very well, decided to undertake with the involvement of the Medical World in general.

Once again, I invite all Members to participate in the upcoming SPRMN election and to give it the strength and energy to meet the challenges that lie ahead. On my behalf and, I think, on the outgoing Directorate's, we would like to say thank you so much for your trust and for believing in us.

Radiological Greetings

On the SPRMN Directorate's behalf,

The President

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