

The Start of a New Era in the *Revista Portuguesa de Cardiologia*

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In the current issue of the *Revista Portuguesa de Cardiologia* we turned another page in the history of our Society and our Journal. After several years of different attempts to start a fully digital journal, following the footsteps of our counterparts all over the world, we finally managed to succeed in doing it. I am very proud to announce to all our subscribers, members, colleagues and friends that from this issue on our Journal will be fully digital from submission to publishing. This is a very important tool that will make it possible to implement a new direction and dynamics in the way our Journal will thrive in the future. From now on any paper will be submitted directly through our website and all the following steps including, all the editorial work, peer review, translation and publishing will be done online. This represents a major step forward in the way the *Revista/Journal* will develop and it will also represent the entry of our Journal into the new era of information and publishing technology. It is an incredible responsibility as well as an enormous but rewarding challenge to all of us.

I would like also to stress how important it is to understand that this has been a long way from the beginning with several people involved in the whole process at different levels and stages that should be acknowledged. First it is very important to mention the full support of the Board of Directors of the Portuguese Society of Cardiology that basically gave the political and financial support for the whole process; secondly I have to highlight the work done by Partnertec and particularly by Eng. Henrique O'Neill who embodies the technical changes we've been through. Our secretaries, Mrs. Isabel Carmona and Ms. Sílvia Gonçalves have to be mentioned as the pillars that sustain the daily work of our journal. Also the support of the different colleagues who have been part of the editorial board has been very substantial and relevant in pursuing this complex project.

This is the beginning of a new era and represents a new and major challenge to all of us, therefore I urge you to read the new rules for publishing and also to test the whole system and let us know your comments, criticisms and most of all your feedback, in any format, which is of utmost importance to continue to make our Journal the number one scientific medical journal in Portugal. Other goals are being pursued, such as obtaining an impact factor, which may take a little longer but will make us even stronger in the world of scientific publications. We count with your full support and knowledge to help us in this major endeavor.

All the best

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