

International Braz J Urol

EDITOR'S COMMENT

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Time to Acknowledge and Plan for the Future

Dear Readers and Contributors,

Our International Braz J Urol began the year 2011 with changes in the Editorial Board. We would like to reserve this space for a message from Prof. Francisco J. B. Sampaio, who during the past 10 years as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal has without question significantly raised its national and international scientific standard. Prof. Fernando Kim, has now assumed the recently created position of International Editor and Prof. Miriam Dambros, is the current Editor-in-Chief.

Past Editor's Comment

Dear Readers, Authors and Colleagues of the International Braz J Urol,

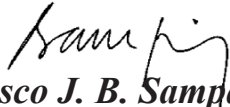
It is probably not in the best of interests of the Journal to remain as Editor for more than 10 years. Also, the position is tiring and consumes a considerable portion of the Editor's academic time. I was appointed to the position in 2000 and therefore I consider that it is time to step down as Editor-in-Chief.

During this period, the International Braz J Urol (IBJU) experienced many changes and developments. The IBJU is now recognized as a major publication in urology and is well known all over the world. The IBJU is now a truly international journal and our on-line version receives more than 45,000 visits every month from more than 60 different countries. Also, during the last five years, the Journal published contributions from more than 30 countries.

At this moment, according to SCImago Journal and Country Rank (www.scimagojr.com), the IBJU is "Number One" in the ranking of Urological, Surgical and Surgical Specialties Journal in Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula. The IBJU has also gained a major place in the world urological literature. The Journal has been covered by Thomson Reuters (ISI) Current Contents / Clinical Medicine since January 2008 and has been included in the Science Citation Index Expanded, accessible through the Web of Science. Our current unofficial Impact Factor is 1.2, calculated in the same way that ISI generates its Impact Factors. Our official Impact Factor will appear in the 2010 Journal Citation Report (JCR), which will be released in mid-2011, with respect to articles published in 2008 and 2009. We are confident that the official Impact Factor will be even higher than 1.2. This is thanks to the enthusiastic efforts and dedication of our Readers, Authors, Editorial Board and Ad-hoc Reviewers who have devoted their time to our Journal.

In early December 2010, I asked for my replacement and Dr. Miriam Dambros was appointed to my position. Dr. Dambros is Professor of Urology at Federal University of São Paulo and has all attributes necessary for the position. I have been working on the transition with Dr. Dambros during several weeks and I have now passed on the editorship of the Journal to my successor.

I am profoundly grateful to you all for your invaluable support and friendship during these past years, which has been of utmost importance for the great success of our Journal.


Francisco J. B. Sampaio, M.D.
Editor-in-Chief, IBJU, 2000-2010

International Editor's Comment

Dear Colleagues,

It is an honor to write you as the International Editor of the International Braz J Urol.

Together with Prof. Miriam Dambros, the new Editor-in-chief of the IBJU, we can reassure our readers as to the continuation of the Journal's mission to inform, educate and establish a productive rapport with the urological community.

Since the IBJU was founded in 1975 by Dr. Alberto Gentile, the editors, reviewers and authors have promoted and developed a pivotal instrument of urological knowledge, in their native language, allowing the Brazilian urological community to exchange their knowledge and experience via articles, comments and case reports.

Undoubtedly, due to the dynamic editorship of Prof. Francisco Sampaio, the IBJU evolved in the last decade to International status with the recruitment of worldwide expert's contributions. Not only the prestige of the journal has risen to a new level, but also the volume and quality of manuscript submissions has achieved new high standards.

Therefore, the Brazilian Society of Urology (SBU) and IBJU governing board have created the position of International Editor of the Journal

As the International Editor of the IBJU it is my privilege to serve as the liaison between the IBJU and the international urologic community to continue the promotion of the journal narrowing our relationships, improving communication and encourage scientific submissions from international authors and institutions.

Fernando J. Kim, M.D., FACS

International Associate Editor

Editor's Comment

Firstly may I say that I feel extremely honored to have been appointed to the post of Editor-in-Chief of the IBJU. I am very flattered to assume the coordination and grateful for the possibility of the challenge to further improve our Journal.

At this particular time there are no words to thank;

- the commitment and work of Professor Francisco Sampaio who for these past 10 years with dedication and patience has made the IBJU a fundamental and reputable scientific journal. I thank him as Editor-in-Chief and as a member of the Brazilian Society of Urology in the name of all Brazilians urologists.

- the Associate Technical Editor, Dr. Luciano A. Favorito, Associate Editors, Dr. Gerard C. Freire, Miguel Srougi, Dr. Wachira Kochakarn, Dr. Mark S. Soloway, Dr. Claude Schulman, Video Section Editor, Dr. Philippe E. Spiess, Assistant Medical Editor, Richard Medeiros, Urological Survey Committee, Dr. Athanase Billis, Dr. Andreas Bohle, Dr. Sean P. Elliott, Dr. Fernando Kim, Dr. Adilson Prando, Dr. M. Chad Wallis, Dr. Manoj Monga, Dr. Steven P. Petrou and all Consulting Editor members.

The time involved and personal experience were essential to the growth of the IBJU. I look forward to closely working with you.

- the efficiency and good job that Ricardo de Moraes has done in running the Editorial Office.
- Prof. Modesto Jacobino for his genuine interest in the growth of IBJU.
- the readers, authors and Brazilian urological community because they believe and have become partners in the Journal. I am anxious to receive your comments and feedback on how you think the journal is progressing and what could be done to improve the IBJU.

In the position of Editor-in-Chief of the IBJU some changes were proposed such as the creation of the position of Editor for the Portuguese language, which will be occupied by Prof. Silvio Tucci, University of São Paulo - Ribeirão Preto, aimed at facilitating the dissemination of the journal in the Brazilian community. Along with the English edition will be sent via Compact Disc, the Portuguese version of the Journal's content. The newly created position of International Editor will be occupied by Prof. Dr. Fernando Kim, who is a faithful friend and collaborator and has the task of increasing internationalization of our journal.

Another point that I would like to comment on is that since 2009 we have attempted to install the Editorial Manager system as a work platform for the submission of papers. This is a mission that is at this moment one of my top priorities, which we can start using very soon. I would also like to offer my total commitment and firm interest in encouraging the submission and publication of articles from Brazilian authors. The main reason for the existence of IBJU is to provide a vehicle for the disclosure of basic science, clinical scientific articles and reviews of good quality within our specialty, by Brazilian researchers. To this end, the Brazilian Society of Urology will organize meetings with residents, preceptors and the Editor-in-Chief as well as a blog where interested individuals can resolve their doubts and suggest changes in the journal.

Finally, may I re-confirm my total commitment to the further growth of the IBJU with the sincere hope that our Journal will continue to be the source of pride for all Brazilian urologists.

Miriam Dambros, M.D.

Editor-in-Chief