

# Welcome Aboard the Acta Médica Portuguesa, Welcome to the First International Division!



## Bem-vindo a Bordo da Acta Médica Portuguesa, Bem-vindos à Primeira Divisão Internacional!

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The *Acta Médica Portuguesa* (AMP) entered the fourth year of its new phase. We are now completing our 35<sup>th</sup> birthday with indexation to PubMed / Medline. One of our major objectives was met in 2010 when an Impact Factor was assigned by the Journal Citation Reports upon indexation to the Thomson Reuters' Web of Science. Only four other medical reviews have currently been attributed these two assignments in Portugal, showing a certain step of quality and international disclosure. They include the *Revista Portuguesa de Pneumologia*, the *Revista Portuguesa de Cardiologia* and the *Acta Reumatológica Portuguesa*. The authors of these 'Big Four' are responsible for more than 7,600 articles in Medline, the great worldwide reference case of biomedical articles and their common tendency is an increase in the Impact Factor over the next few years. Please do quote us, study us and disclose our work. These were 35 years of history in Portuguese scientific publishing. Most of currently active Portuguese physicians were trained at the 12th best National Health Service in the world, according to WHO 2000 data.<sup>1</sup>

Approximately 750 articles are annually received by AMP, with an 83% rejection rate. We are in the first international division with the New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, the Annals of Internal Medicine and the British Medical Journal, among others. We are currently in 132<sup>nd</sup> place among 150 reviews in the 'Medicine, General and Internal' category.

The support structure provided by the Portuguese College of Physicians (the *Ordem dos Médicos* [OM]), the owner of AMP, needs to be reinforced and professionalized: AMP should be clearly and sustainably integrated within the organisation chart of OM, in order to remain alive and active beyond any leading team changes. The core of a review such as the AMP has a complex activity involving 10 – 15 professionals from different areas (coordinator, editorial assistant, designer,

translator, IT professional, technical advisor, associate editors, etc.), requiring scientific and management autonomy within the OM.

The Editor-in-Chief should work semi-professionally (subject to tendering procedure, to a work contract, money compensation or working under some flexitime system, etc.) given the job's demands and impact on personal, professional and even on family life. It would not be very far from accurate when we state that the time allocated to the editor-in-chief activity in this review should be one day per week.

Despite the worldwide relevance of the spoken or written Portuguese language, English is beyond doubt the mother-language of any scientific manuscript.<sup>2,3</sup> Most of the referred 'quotation market' is markedly present in North America and in the Western Europe.<sup>4</sup> The countries in the other continents will have to publish in English if they aim maximum disclosure of their work.<sup>5</sup> The most recent AMP article with most quotations was published in English.<sup>6</sup>

Our final consumer will always be the author and its article. We intend to promote Acta Médica Portuguesa and make it available worldwide as much as possible. The manuscript is our major asset and we intend to give our best for the authors.

We will soon organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium of *Acta Médica Portuguesa* that will be held at OM's main office in Lisbon in the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Fifteen speakers, six Portuguese scientific reviewers and one International editor (Springer Science) will be present. We wish to promote the 'How to Do' in the area of medical editing and medical publishing.<sup>7</sup>

*Publish or perish. Our vision is to create 'a healthier world'. ...In order to help our patients. To help doctors to make better decisions.*

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# III Simpósio AMP

Auditório da Ordem dos Médicos, Lisboa, 22 Novembro 2014

**Sessão 1**  
**Moderação:**  
 José Manuel Silva  
 Rui Tato Marinho

**09:00-10:45**  
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 09:15-09:30  
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 10:00-10:15  
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 10:30-10:45

**Abertura**

Abertura do III Simpósio Acta Médica Portuguesa  
 José Manuel Silva

**A voz das Revistas Científicas**

**A Perspectiva do Editor-Chefe:**

Angiologia e Cirurgia Vascular

Cirurgia

Gastroenterologia  
 Pedro Nunes

Imagiologia

Nefrologia  
 Rui Alves

**Debate**

Coffee Break 10:45-11:15

**Sessão 2**  
**Moderação:**  
 Helena Donato  
 João Massano

**11:15-13:00**  
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 11:35-11:55  
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 12:35-13:00

**How to Do**

**Como Estamos de Indexação e Não Só?**

A Autoria de um Artigo Científico  
 Helena Donato

Um Autor Português no New England Journal of Medicine  
 Rui Tato Marinho

Um Autor Português no British Medical Journal  
 António Vaz Carneiro

O Moderno Jornalismo Científico  
 Débora Miranda

**Debate**

Almoço 13:00-14:00

**Sessão 3**  
**Moderação:**  
 Jorge Crespo  
 António Vaz Carneiro

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 14:25-14:50  
 14:50-15:15  
 15:15-15:40  
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**Aspectos da Vida de um Artigo Científico**

Acta Médica Student  
 Henrique Cabral

O Papel dos Editores Associados – o OJS  
 João Massano

Gabinete da Integridade e Rigor na Investigação e Publicação Científica no CHUC  
 Guilherme Tralhão

O Plágio e a Fraude na Literatura Científica  
 Helena Santos

Coffee Break 15:40-16:00

Os Repositórios  
 José Carona Carvalho

The Evolving World of Medical Publishing  
 Donatella Rizza

**Debate**

**Encerramento**

Encerramento do III Simpósio Acta Médica Portuguesa  
 José Manuel Silva



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