

Editorial

I am very proud to write this Editorial for the first number of the first volume of our new journal, *Annals of Magnetic Resonance*, which is the official journal of the NMR Users Association -AUREMN.

Since the foundation of AUREMN in August 1987, the community working with magnetic resonance in Brazil has grown very fast, both in size and competence and, after organizing 13 scientific meetings, we felt that the time was right to start this new journal. Before that decision was taken some fundamental questions had to be addressed. Will we be able to create and maintain such a new journal? Starting a new journal is not an easy task, but because AUREMN's membership is multinational, very active and mature enough to maintain a good scientific production, we embraced this noble goal with conviction.

We have now created a journal with an international Editorial Board to conduct its policy and a good body of independent referees to advise the Editor on the quality and novelty of the submitted articles. Our goal is to publish one volume of *Annals of Magnetic Resonance* every year, with issues in April, August and December. To do so we need the help and collaboration of the community. I am convinced we will not have problems on this regard.

It is also natural to ask if the creation of a new

journal on magnetic resonance is necessary or even desirable. In relation to that we felt that having such a forum to expose the research on magnetic resonance that is being carried out by the members of our association was not only desirable, but also necessary to expose our work as a community, mainly from Latin America and Portugal, but certainly open to the rest of the world. We expect that *Annals of Magnetic Resonance* will become an important instrument to expose our work and to interact with the international community. Also, despite the fair variety and very good quality of the existing magnetic resonance journals, *Annals of Magnetic Resonance* is the first one to accept communications and short reviews for publication. At this point it is necessary to mention that *Annals of Magnetic Resonance* evolved from *Anais de Ressonância Magnética Nuclear*, which was our official journal in Portuguese from 1989 to 1999.

The creation of this journal is another important step of AUREMN towards fulfilling its objective of working for the growth and strengthening of the Brazilian resonating community, not only as a media for exposure of our research results, but also as a forum for interaction and exchange with the international scientific community.

May God give us patience, wisdom, courage and determination to accomplish our goal.

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