Letter from the Editor

It has been almost 11 years since I assumed the post of Editor-in-Chief of *Pesquisa Operacional* in 2000, replacing the honorable Professor Roberto Diégues Galvão. In this occasion that I am leaving this post, I would like to thank all my friends and colleagues that contributed and collaborated in many different ways with our journal. They made my task much easier. I also would like to thank very much all the Boards of Directors of the Brazilian Operations Research Society that supported me during my term.

In these past 11 years, the number of issues per year of *Pesquisa Operacional* was increased from two to three and, we became part of SciELO, The Scientific Electronic Library Online, an electronic library covering a selected collection of scientific journals. In this period, 271 articles in 30 issues composing 11 volumes were published, and more than 610 articles submitted for publication were processed with an acceptance rate of about 50%.

*Pesquisa Operacional* also adopted in 2009, the policy of publishing only articles in English. We hope this will increase the visibility of our journal but the actual impact of this policy has yet to be evaluated.

I hope to have contributed a little to the growth and consolidation of *Pesquisa Operacional*. Beginning January 2011, Professor Reinaldo Morabito is replacing me as the Editor-in-Chief of *Pesquisa Operacional*. He was chosen with great wisdom by the Brazilian Operations Research community. I wish him lots of success and all the best.

Finally, I would like to inform that, after these two years of policy change and in accordance with the new Editor, starting January 2011, *Pesquisa Operacional* will only accept submissions of articles in English.

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