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When REM - Revista Escola de Minas para REM - International Engineering Journal, was modernized, a new magazine was created (new ISSN) and as such, once again we have had to undergo all the necessary steps to establish this new format: indexation, evaluation of the indexers, etc. It is obvious that our previous experience in this matter is valid for this new challenge.

However, even though we are amplifying our horizons, we know that they are not without limits, and that with only a year and a half of existence, we are continuing to seek to become a leader in our field, which we have always been since the magazine's founding 80 years ago. When time is of essence, this becomes even more precious. This signifies that a great effort has to be made to obtain our goal, which is to create and leave a relevant and lasting heritage for the mineral-metallurgical sciences.

This is why we now commemorate the issuance of one more volume of REM, exactly when its inspiring muse, the School of Mines of Ouro Preto (EMOP), completes 141 years of existence, a motive for celebration.

The foundation date of EMOP was October 12, 1876 and this date brings us back to the School's founder Prof. Claude Henri Gorceix. It is most interesting to note that his ideas can be translated to the current situation in Brazil. The goal for which he fought for was to have better grade and high school education, so that the students graduating for the School of Mines of Ouro Preto would be known for their high standard of knowledge. Currently, Brazil has yet to fulfill this goal.

There is talk about a tributary reform in Brazil, and Gorceix, around 1876, wrote: *In my opinion, and in principal admissible for all, every industrial company of whatsoever nature should encounter in the Government all possible animation and assistance possible. Thus, as the first consequence of this principal, the administration should not hinder in any way a private initiative, either by laws presented to the Parliament or by regulations that should govern the implementation of these laws. Especially, they should neither become very costly for the private companies nor should it become very difficult to obtain the amount needed to execute the projects.*

Sixteen years after his arrival in Brazil, Gorceix left the School of Mines, and upon leaving, donated his extraordinary library and around 51 published articles on Brazilian geology, as well as various Brazilian and foreign magazines. He also created the Annaes de Escola de Minas (Annals of the School of Mines) during this time, which was possibly the embryo of REM.

The School of Mines and REM have a history of fantastic conquests in the mineral-metallurgical engineering sector, together with the civil, mechanical and energy engineering fields, demonstrating the unlimited potential of both. The truth is that this potential depends on factors beyond the desire to zealously continue promoting the sciences in which they represent, factors such as the capacity/ ability of the professors, researchers, students, etc. to efficiently transmit their ideas and discoveries in their specific areas. It is good to remember that REM seeks international circulation and already counts on the support of many associated researchers and editors from different countries.

This is enough to remind us of the work, faith, dedication and confidence of many students, who created REM and saw it grow, leaving the cocoon that they called isolation, and this is what makes us believe that the changes undergone by the School and by the magazine will not be in vain, but will set up a foundation upon which they will grow even stronger. As an EMOP editor and former EMOP student, I still believe that we have a lot to do in a more enduring way for the two entities to continue to be part of the current history of world engineering.

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