

A great season for internationalization of brazilian medical research

Uma boa fase para a internacionalização da pesquisa biomédica brasileira

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The news from Brazil projects optimism towards the future. Sports, business, politics and also in science and technology, Brazil was pictured among the best of the world.

In health sciences there was the highest visibility ever in international journals for what is going on in our hospitals and universities⁽¹⁻³⁾. For example, *The Economist* journal called the attention of researchers from the whole world about training and job opportunities in biomedical research in Brazil⁽⁴⁾.

The participation of Brazilian researchers and institutions in breakthroughs in sciences is being noticed almost every week in national daily news and major scientific journals^(5,6). Brazilian federal agencies for research (i.e., CAPES and CNPq) are making big efforts, providing grants for our institutions and students focused on internationalization. Also, it is a good moment to bring back those researchers, whom in previous decades moved and build up their carriers in USA or Europe. In the same way, it is more common now, in order to choose an international key speaker for a conference in Brazil, have among the best options one native Brazilian scientist.

The reason for all those favorable events of Brazilian science is the economic stability and its persistency in good standards for the last 15 years. Also, the delicate economic moment for several European countries and USA culminate with the perception that Brazil may have a seat among the leaders.

However, the scenario is competitive and there are limited chairs. China, India and other countries are also making high investments and good choices to a more comfortable and healthier future through a scientific and technological medical revolution. In addition, traditional leaders are experts in revert crisis. Considering that, we all know that there is a lot to do to put Brazilian science and technology among the top 5 of the world.

The odds were never so favorable to Brazil and as our readers could observe along 2011, ABO is taking part of this effort to show worldwide the best ophthalmic research produced in Brazil and to publish good scientific information, wherever in the world it is being produced. To achieve that, in 2011 we have changed the electronic submission system, intensified international networking and made easier to authors to submit their best work and to adhere to international medical publishing guidelines⁽⁷⁾.

In consideration to our readers and authors, we wish to be serving medical sciences more and better in 2012.

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