



ABC Award Finalists Confirm *Archives* as a Channel of Diffusion of The Brazilian Scientific Production

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I cannot fail to highlight, in this next-to-last issue of the current management, the V ABC Scientific Publication Awards. Approximately 20% of the 141 original articles that will be published until the end of the year have been selected as this issue's finalists. The manuscripts will be available for consultation at <http://www.arquivosonline.com.br/premio.asp>.

These are high-level works, reflecting the evolution of the *Brazilian Archives of Cardiology*, which has been regarded as the first Latin American Journal recognized by the Thomson Scientific system, former ISI. This indexation has resulted in an ideal scenario to make the journal a natural channel of diffusion for the national scientific production.

And it is necessary, at this time, to recognize not only the advancements, but also to thank, especially the authors and post-graduate coordinators, who elected the *Archives* as the communication means for their researches, embracing a fundamental role in the "virtuous circle" of attracting high-quality manuscripts and increasing the impact factor of the journal.

It is also necessary to emphasize that the successful outcome is the fruit of not only the untiring work of the management team currently in charge of the journal – the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Fernando Bacal, and the other members of the Editorial Board and the Deliberative Council, presided by the Director of Communication, Renato A. K. Kalil. This trajectory has been devised for a long time. And, not by chance, we have completed now, in 2009, five editions of the ABC Awards. All of them have been carried out, it must be stressed, with the fundamental support of Sanofi Aventis, which will this year award R\$10,000 to each one of the five chosen award recipients. The winners will be known in the beginning of next month and that will be defined by a Panel of Judges, which will consist of 30 reviewers with high scientific knowledge and expertise.

In an attempt to innovate, as it has been formerly carried out by *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Archives* are also promoting two polls directed at the associates of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (SBC). Until the end of the month, considering the manuscript published in this issue, the ones interested in participating can access our page on the Internet and vote on the conduct they would choose to adopt in case of treatment refusal by the patient due to religious beliefs. The readers will also be questioned regarding their preferences on how they would like to receive their journal: the printed version, delivered at home, or by e-mail, in electronic form.

The news concerning our SBC is not limited to this publication. Together with the Federal Government, we have joined efforts and established a crucial role in the creation of the text of the so-called "Medical Act Law", approved at the end of October by the House of Representatives. Similarly, also in the public scenario, we have reached out to the Minister of Health, Jose Gomes Temporao, and have become partners at the I Latin American Forum of Chagasic Cardiopathy, which will be held on December 10-11, in Belo Horizonte.

During our stay in Brasilia, we also secured support to the "I Latin-American Guideline for the Diagnosis, Treatment and Control of Chagas Disease". The document shall receive the seal of the Ministry and will be distributed to the primary healthcare institutions. The minister also invited the SBC to carry out, in 2010, a joint work directed at the diagnosis and control of arterial hypertension and diabetes, in order to achieve a significant decrease in the number of deaths that result directly or indirectly from these diseases. And the SBC has proposed the creation of a National Day of Normalization of the Fight against Cardiovascular Diseases to nationally disseminate approach protocols for these diseases, which are currently the main causes of death in the country.

The presence of international guests at the forum has already been confirmed: Carlos A. Morillo (Canada), Harry Acquatella (Venezuela), Sergio Sosa-Estani (Argentina), Wistremundo Dones (Porto Rico) and Juan Gonzalez Moreno (Uruguay). The event will take place right after another important meeting, which is being prepared as the closing session: the Highlights SBC 2009, which will summarize the most important events in the several areas of Cardiology that have taken place in the last two years. Undoubtedly, this will be an extremely important event, which will provide an excellent review of the main advances in our specialty in the last two years. The schedule of the event is available at <http://socios.cardiol.br/noticias/hotsites/highlights>.

We count on your presence!