

## EDITORIAL

In 2008, in Poços de Caldas Congress I had the privilege to take over the RBF as Editor. Since then, 11 years had passed and during this period great changes have been occurring in the called 'Journals Concept' especially by CAPES. Thanks to our valuable staff of collaborators, even though we have not received the deserved international 'A', we are certain that compared with the others Brazilian Journals in the Agricultural Science area, our RBF is highly regarded. To this wonderful and abnegated staff, we want to fetch the laurels of the conquests.

Before we took over, the RBF had a board of 46 advisors, today we count with the expressive amount of 969 collaborators from all the Brazilian states and several from abroad that thankfully worked in anonymity, whom has the difficult task of evaluate, approve or mainly delegate works. It is important to say that each edition of this Magazine we invite those who have at least the title of Doctor to participate of this select group of advisors. Emphasizing that by the qualities of the printed concepts we are extremely satisfied with this line of direction.

The RBF used to publish 3 numbers per year, with approximately 20 articles in each edition. Today, thanks to the trust acquired by the Brazilian and International researches we have reached 4 numbers per year with more than 40 articles by edition. To all the researchers that have developed their papers in our Magazine we would like to thank the trust delegated to us as publisher of their researches.

Regarding the indexes obtained we repeat that the RBF is indexed in the AGRIS, AGROBASE, CAB, SciELO (since 2001), ISI (since 2007), GALE GROUP (2008), with a significant visitation on line in the SciELO.

Looking for to get a better international impact, we started since 2001 to count with a select group of foreign Associate Editors. Today we have 16 collaborators from several countries that help us to consolidate the magazine to an international level. The reflection of this policy is the increasing participation of researchers from other countries who have chosen the RBF to publish their articles.

In 2009 we started to receive the articles for appreciation by internet, receiving until today 92 from an amount of 269 articles submitted, verifying a gradual change in the layout of receiving these articles.

We have been working that the articles which have been accepted in 2009 should be sent in PDF to SciELO, in Portuguese and in English, and who knows in a near future in a Spanish version too.

What we are worried about.

Indeed, the major obstacle in achieving these goals is the financial part of the project. We hope to continue to deserve the support of the financier's agencies such as FAPESP, CNPq, SBF.

Finally, we would like to thank dearly to our Advisors, the Editorial Board, who have always given their support in all decisions, to the members of the Editorial Commission, who has helped us dealing with the papers received, compatibilizing

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the advisors opinions, listening when it is possible the authors considerations, and in many cases approving in sending the article to a new advisor, always looking for avoiding mistakes and giving the opportunity to the authors to defend their points of view, pursuing always the quality. They are : Ben-Hur Mattiuz, David Ariovaldo Banzatto, Jairo Osvaldo Cazetta, José Fernando Durigan, José Laércio Sartori, Luiz Carlos Donadio, Margarete Camargo, Rita de Cássia Panizzi e William Natale. This wonderful team has several retired professors who gives the Brazilian Fruticulture a notable contribution.

To our secretaries, Patrícia Melo, Marina Fontão Verhaeg, Mirian Aparecida Celestino Alves, for the dedication to the RBF and to promote a good relationship with the community, informing the processing of each paper and giving the support for the good running of the magazine. The reflection of this is that today we have already closed the 2010 March Edition.

To the SBF Board, in the person of its president Jose Luiz Petri, who has never denied support, ours sincerely thanks. To the next Board, to be elected in the SBF Congress to be held in October 2010 in Natal, RN, Brazil we hope to continue counting with this important support.

Happy 2010.

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