

EDITORIAL

Historical evolution of the Brazilian Annals of Dermatology parallel to the 100th anniversary of the Brazilian Society of Dermatology

Evolução histórica dos Anais Brasileiros de Dermatologia em paralelo aos 100 anos da Sociedade Brasileira de Dermatologia

It was no easy task to rescue, select and highlight the important events, the scientific texts and images that would better illustrate the historical evolution of the Brazilian Annals of Dermatology (Anais Brasileiros de Dermatologia - ABD).

The editors of ABD, supported by the editorial team, worked hard for this issue to be published in time to participate in the 100 anniversary celebration of one of the oldest medical societies in Brazil, our Brazilian Society of Dermatology (Sociedade Brasileira de Dermatologia - SBD).

From the beginning there have been parallel paths for both organizations, since in February 1912, the same year SBD was founded, the SBD Bulletin was created by the great dermatologist Fernando Terra, in the city of Rio de Janeiro.

The objective of this bulletin was to report cases and discussions during clinical meetings, with emphasis on infectious illnesses such as syphilis and Hansen's disease. A curious fact can be noticed in SBD bulletins: the several bismuth advertisements for the treatment of syphilis, before penicillin was discovered.

We could not look back on the dermatological past without pointing out the article describing the use of tartar emetic, a trivalent antimony, in the treatment of the then called tropical granuloma, written by the pathologist Gaspar Vianna and Henrique de Beaurepaire Aragão in 1912. The historical importance lies in the fact that in the same year Gaspar Vianna reported for the first time treatment of cutaneous-mucosal leishmaniasis with the same tartar emetic. This was an important landmark in the therapy of the mentioned illness, which remains a public health problem in the country.

The SBD Bulletin was discontinued in the early 20s. In 1925, Eduardo Rabello devised a larger and more encompassing journal based on the French editorial model, published quarterly and called Brazilian Annals of Dermatology and Syphilography. This format was maintained up to 1979. As of 1984 the Brazilian Annals of Dermatology (Anais Brasileiros de Dermatologia - ABD) journal began to be published bimonthly, frequency that remains unchanged nowadays.

This is the SBD division that may be considered the true *ex libris* of our Society and therefore we hope it will continue to reflect the evolution of the centenary Brazilian Society of Dermatology.

In 2009, after much work put in by the preceding editors, the journal was reindexed for MEDLINE and since then the internationalization of ABDs began, with improvement in Dermatology journals ranking. A growing number of international authors has shown interest in publishing their articles in our journal. We have great satisfaction in noticing that investigative articles of great scientific relevance for several Dermatology areas arrive in large quantities, which shows evidence that ABDs are a reputable research depository option among the esteemed national and international authors.

We are certain that there is a long road to be taken by the ABDs to reach an equivalent level with journals of greater impact in the international community. Nevertheless, the current editors, with the support of associated colleagues, of SBD board of directors, of the editorial team and of national and international authors will continue to go steadily toward this day that we hope will soon be here.



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