

# The Time of Baton Exchange in the PJP Obstacle Race

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Now that the baton has been passed to us in the “PJP obstacle race”, let us first thank the Sociedade Portuguesa de Pediatria for entrusting us as the new chief editors of its official journal – the Portuguese Journal of Pediatrics (PJP). Our further appreciation goes to our predecessors, who dedicated the last eight years to upgrading this journal. Today, the PJP is published online in English and is globally accessible. By accepting this mission in progress<sup>1</sup> we will do our utmost to best serve and represent our Society. The brand-new PJP logo presented in this issue means novelty without braking with the past.

Transition times provide novel opportunities for reflection and planning.<sup>2,3</sup> Thus, our first practical plan is to set short-term priorities in close collaboration with the Sociedade Portuguesa de Pediatria direction and our predecessors.

Generally speaking, we believe that the quality of any journal depends on its formal and content qualities. The articles content quality is the sole responsibility of the authors, while the PJP editorial board should focus on the formal quality of the journal.<sup>4</sup> To do so, the instructions for authors are being revised and simplified, and efforts are being made to shorten the interval between the manuscript submission and the editorial decision. Rigor in assessing submitted manuscripts will be maintained, supported by the valuable contribution of our associate editors and reviewers. All manuscripts must be well structured and contain scientific novelty, always stating what is known and what is added as key points. Furthermore, the English and technical editing of manuscripts has been outsourced to a specialized editing company. The in-press version of accepted articles will be published online as soon as they are accepted.

A contract was established with the Publons™ database to allow for the international curricular recognition of reviewers and editors. Efforts will be made to index the PJP in top international databases. The technical datasheet was renewed, and new associate editors were invited. As we welcome these editors, we have

a particular word of gratitude for those ending their collaboration with the PJP. Presidents of societies and sections of the Sociedade Portuguesa de Pediatria who are members of the PJP scientific board, will be invited to publish approved guidelines, consensus, and protocols of their scientific bodies to enable the wider dissemination of documents with clinical interest.

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