

Editorial

On the past September 30th, the mandate of 2009-2014 FCM management, chaired by Luiz Roberto d'Avila, has ended. Upon the completion of his mission, the board has indicated as one of his major achievements the support to the *Journal of Bioethics*, which, certainly, directly influenced on the growing recognition of the journal in academic and professional spheres, as well as its quality by inclusion of it in various databases.

As a scientific publisher, I recognize the direct relationship between support and achievements, adding that within this interval have reached the mark of 20 articles published by an issue and won eight major indexes, which increased access to and visibility of the journal. It is important to stress that at this stage we began to publish the magazine in English, in electronic version, and, from 2014, also the full version in Spanish. It is also worth remembering that during this period the Conselho Federal de Medicina - CFM (Federal Council of Medicine) consolidated its partnership with the Brazilian Society of Bioethics (SBB), establishing the clinical bioethics conferences, strengthening the support to Brazilian conferences and other meetings in the area, besides engendering two publications in the compendium of the main lectures given at conferences of Brasilia and Florianopolis.

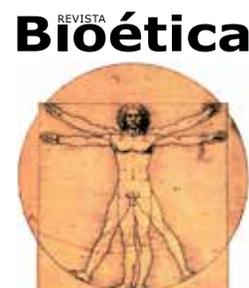
The mandate end of 2009-2014 management directly reflected in the *Journal of Bioethics*. After more than a decade of constant advocacy for ethics training of physicians, Gerson Zafalon Martins retired from the executive committee, consequently leaving behind the position of the publication's general editor. It is noteworthy that we will continue relying on his invaluable support as a member of the Editorial Board, which will remain contributing with his expertise both as medical professional and as a chair member of the SBB.

The new board of FCM, which largely maintains the team of the previous management, is now headed by Carlos Vital, who has signaled his expectation of maintaining the editorial line of the *Journal of Bioethics*. He also predisposes to maintain the members of the editorial team, which now will be on charge of Sidnei Ferreira, who took over the functions of 2nd Secretary of the Board, and therefore, the general editor of the journal.

For those who may not yet know him, he is an adjunct professor in the Department of Pediatrics, of the Medical School of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), pediatrician and pediatric pulmonologist at the Institute of Childcare and Pediatrics Martagão Gesteira (IPPMG / UFRJ) as well as assistant coordinator of the graduate course in pediatric pulmonology at this institution. Sidnei Ferreira is also the director of the Brazilian Society of Pediatrics (SBP) and integrates the Special Committee of Reparation of the Department of Social Welfare and Human Rights of the State of Rio de Janeiro. Considering not only his titles, but the affable and conscientious person that has already been proven, we want to give you a warm welcome on behalf of the editorial team and referees of the *Journal of Bioethics*.

Thus, to complete this editorial, which signals the beginning of a new period in the magazine's conduction, we express contentment in the current board to ponder on the maintenance of the virtuous cycle that marked the proposal of the *Journal of Bioethics* within this luster. Thanking the vote of confidence inherent to such proposition, we reinforce our commitment to maintain the highest quality standards.

As it should be, we reiterate our thanks to the members of the Editorial Board and ad hoc reviewers, who contributed their expertise and tireless dedication to



the success of the *Journal of Bioethics*. We are also grateful to the published authors, who honored us along 2014 with their reflections. We expect our readers to feel gratified with this last issue of 2014 and wish you all a 2015 of achievements and accomplishments.

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