

## Editorial

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of the International Tinnitus Journal published from Brasília.

It is time to start a dialogue with our readers all over the world to give them a clear picture of the present situation of the Journal and of our plans for its future.

ITJ was founded by Professors Claus Claussen, Abraham Shulman and Barbara Goldstein 17 years ago. The objective of the journal was to publish scientific works on tinnitus and Neuro-Otology from all over the world. The journal was the official publication of the Neuroequilibrimetric Society (NES), which is a German Society with home Office in Bad Kissingen.

During 15 years the journal was published from New York and the founders were also the Chairman and Chief Editors. Two years ago the publication was transferred to Brasília, Brazil and the Brasília Association of Otolaryngology became the new Publisher of ITJ. By choice of the founders and Editors I became the new Chairman and Dr Fayez Bahmad Jr took the position of Chief Editor upon my indication.

For the past two years we have fought very hardly to keep ITJ alive and well.

We have been able to publish two issues of the journal and to organize an electronic publication that works very well and is indeed one thing we are proud of. Now we are publishing the 3<sup>rd</sup> printed issue of ITJ from Brazil and at this point we have a clearer vision and we are very hopeful about the future of our journal.

We have now assured a stable financial situation for ITJ and we have established some sources of income that will allow its continuous publication in the next years. Most importantly, we are very proud of receiving good articles from all over the world, from the Far East to our homeland in Brazil. We believe this is the most important point in order to keep the journal alive and to conquer more and more the respect and reliance of the international scientific community. This is especially meaningful when we realize that ITJ is the first international scientific journal published from Brazil and even more remarkably from our 50-year-old capital city.

We want to become the natural destination of scientific papers on Tinnitus and on Equilibrimetry and to conquer this position we will do our best to present a

scientifically reliable, rigorously honest but also creative and pleasantly readable journal. We believe that reading a scientific journal should not be just an inevitable professional obligation.

We want to continue to receive contributions from authors in Eastern Europe, who published their works with ITJ since its foundation. We want to become important enough to get good works from Western Europe and the United States. We also want to publish works from the Middle and Far East and of course Africa will always deserve our kind attention. In summary, we want to be a thoroughly International Publication.

In order to achieve these goals, we know there are things we must do. One of our main concerns at this point is to be absolutely regular in publishing our issues: they must come out in January and July every year.

In these initial years we still have not achieved this goal. There were too many things to ascertain, too many subjects to deal with. We had to compensate our inexperience in the field with enthusiasm and determination to keep ITJ going.

We now have our objectives perfectly established: becoming absolutely regular and then going for the conquest of the impact factor. The stage is now set for us to start the pursuit of these goals. Our enthusiasm is even greater than at the beginning. With the help of our readers and authors we will reach our endeavors and our International Tinnitus Journal will keep going on for the next decades.

Finally, please notice that the submission of papers can now be entirely done on the web. Also subscriptions can be easily done electronically and the payment through the pay pal system is now simple and straightforward. Just access [www.tinnitusjournal.com](http://www.tinnitusjournal.com).

We wish our friends all over the world a very happy holiday season and a new year full of achievements for all of us and for ITJ, of course.

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