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With another issue of the journal *Annals of the Faculty of Medicine of Olinda*, our hope and faith are renewed after difficult moments during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the pandemic persists, the number of cases and deaths has decreased due to the broad vaccination coverage of the Brazilian population. This control allowed us to return with even more determination to fulfill our mission.

In our institution, the first semester of 2022 was celebrated with actions, including the construction of the new Medical Skills Laboratory, the new school clinic, the creation of the Institutional Research and Extension Support Fund, and the Regulation of Actions of Extension. These initiatives, associated with our innovative medical training project, enabled the institution to obtain top marks in the re-accreditation process with the Instituto Nacional de Estudos e Pesquisas Educacionais Anísio Teixeira – Ministério da Educação consolidating our mission of offering excellent medical education.

For us, it is gratifying to consolidate, every day, our expectations in building an institution with values that we consider essential for the training process and a fair and sustainable society. The engagement of our students and teachers in the activities proposed within the scope of this journal is a source of great pride.

In this way, we reaffirm our commitment to the pillars of higher education, strengthening the inseparable foundations of teaching, research, and extension. Thus, the Faculty of Medicine of Olinda will become a training center for doctors with a critical and humanistic vision focused on working closer to society.

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