



Letter to the Editor

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We are convinced that the year 2023 consolidated the Faculty of Medicine of Olinda (FMO) as an educational institution committed to Social Responsibility. We advanced several aspects aligned to what is expected from a higher education institution that seeks to offer comprehensive training to their members. We had a lot to celebrate in the first semester of 2023, including the re-accreditation with the highest score from the Ministry of Education and the recognition of our course.

First, we would like to highlight the quick rise of our journal, *Anais da Faculdade de Medicina de Olinda-Responsabilidade Social*, which received several indexations in a short period of time, reflecting the quality of the publications and the Institution's interest in constantly promoting research. Initially, the journal was indexed in Diadorim, Google Scholar, and LivRe. We kept working and we were quickly indexed in Latindex, ROAD, Miguilim, Oasisbr, and DOAJ, officially becoming part of the Global Directory of Open Scientific Journals. In addition, the journal received the Qualis B4 stratum in the 2017/2020 quadrennial evaluation conducted by CAPES (Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel), which was a source of pride for us, our academic community, and the journal's dedicated editorial board, highlighting the brilliant performance of our academic director Professor Dr. Paulo Goes, PhD and editorial board.

The journal indexing process is constant and must be valued by higher education institutions. The journal indexing is important for academic training since publication is a requirement for students to obtain their degrees, such as the Medical Residency Program.

Pursuing our aspirations, the Maria Alcoforado de Barros Melo Institute was created with the goal to be a center of reference and excellence in teaching, research, service, and assistance for children with Down syndrome. The Institute's mission is to serve underprivileged children from Olinda and other cities in the state of Pernambuco, stimulating their physical and psychological skills as much and as early as possible, always targeting autonomy and inclusion in various social environments: school, sports activities, groups of friends, and work. The Institute also offers expanded and effective care to people with Down syndrome using technical competence, qualified listening, empathy, and bonding in a welcoming environment. It is in this direction that the Institute aims to build a new relationship with children with Down syndrome and their families. We are confident that the outputs of this intervention will result in many publications to this journal.

Finally, our semester was crowned with the 1st FMO International Marathon, which brought together more than 1,500 runners from different parts of the country and the world, carrying the message of FMO's commitment to social responsibility and reinforcing our commitment with the city of Olinda. All these initiatives encourage us to continue in the incessant search to train doctors in a humanistic approach, with a strong anchor in the inseparable principles of teaching, research, and service.