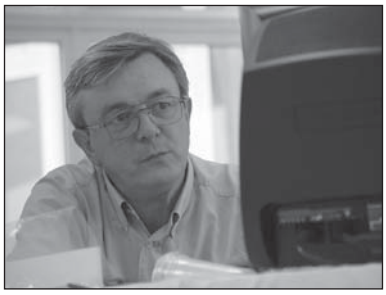
The need for change



Our journal is approaching its tenth year of existence. We believe that, in the course of these years, it has met its purpose and fulfilled its initial objectives, especially those of promoting high quality standards for the practice of ultrasonography, achieving performance in training in ultrasonography and sharing important experiences between Romanian specialists.

In the last few years, the Romanian Journal of Ultrasonography *(Revista Română de Ultrasonografie)* has been the only medical imaging journal to "resist" when faced with economical issues and has been published continuously, even if not quite as frequently as we would have wished. The quality of published materials has grown constantly and the overall standard of the journal has been constant and good.

In spite of this, because the journal does not completely meet a number of criteria – particularly regarding the members of the national and international boards, exchanges with other similar journals, subscriptions for foreign readers, publication in Romanian – it hasn't been able to achieve a high position in the ranking of the National University Research Council or be listed in international databases.

Under these circumstances and taking into consideration the fact that the journal is necessary to a strong professional society, such as the Romanian Society for Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology (SRUMB), and that it could become representative for a larger geographical area than Romania, the Board of Directors of our society has agreed with the proposition of the editors of the journal to apply a number of changes in order to insure a higher ranking for the journal in the future.

To this end, the International Board and the Peer-review Committee have been enriched, the members of our technical staff are young, enthusiastic and efficient, and greater addressability is being achieved by converting the entire content of the journal into English.

The wish to expand the journal form a national to an international one was not met with overall support. However, we believe the orientation of the Board of Directors is he right one and that it will increase the level of professional involvement of the SRUMB in the Eastern-European area, given the large number of members of the society and the considerable amount of experience in quality training in ultrasonography.

We hope the journal, under its new name *"Medical Ultrasonography"*, will be well received by our readers and that it will benefit from a larger number of foreign contributors. Sharing the experience of an increasing number of teams of specialists will certainly lead to an increase in the quality of our published materials, our daily practice and it will also create the appropriate conditions for cooperation in scientific research activities.

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