

Editorial

Revista Bioética will publish its twentieth volume next year, celebrating its second decade of existence. The Editors, the Editorial Board, and the *ad hoc* partners, who increasingly have contributed with us, feel gratified in their efforts to provide Brazilian readers with a reference publication in bioethics, which strives for the editorial quality. The Federal Council of Medicine (CFM) is also proud for fostering and participating in true conquest of the Brazilian bioethics.

Our readers noticed the changes implemented in the publication throughout this quinquennium. Although visible to those more assiduous, we mention the most important among them: 1) enhancement of scientific quality, with criterious review by peers; 2) excellence and scope of the editorial body, which was expanded to include *ad hoc* partners and incorporating exponents from several areas of knowledge who Begin or consolidate their dialogue with bioethics; 3) the content suited to the publishing proposal, seeking to achieve both the specific public of bioethicists and to introduce bioethical reflection among the remaining medical professionals; 4) regularity and frequency of the publishing that passed from semestrally to quarterly; 5) adoption of international standards criteria and; 6) publishing of full text in more than one language, English in the case of *Revista Bioética* digital version.

The responsibility of each of us to keep these rigorous publishing criteria was intensified during this period, but the satisfaction in achieving planned objective is manifested in readers' compliments, in the increase of received articles, in the indexation in different database, as well as the increased access to our website by readers from Brazil and other countries, highly surpass the difficulties implied in this challenge. We are certain that, in the next decade, *Revista Bioética* will consolidate itself as the most significant publication in the Field in our country, stimulating ethical reflection in health areas and in society.

We are planning a few changes, in order to celebrate the first twenty months of existence, aiming at perfecting the journal even more. The first one will be a new layout project, conforming *Revista Bioética* to the current formats of other scientific publications that will be implanted from the first 2012 volume. Additionally, the Editorial Board deliberated, in its last meeting, on size reduction of articles that will have a maximum amount of 6,000 words, seeking

to synthesize expositions and to make reading agile. We hope that these changes will please our readers and usual collaborators, and concur to expand our public seeking for ethical information and bioethical reflection in our pages.

Believing that the achieved will only be a small part of the coming success and recognition, we say goodbye wishing to everyone a good reading in the year that just begins.

The Editors