



Dear Dermatologist,

With hard work and the foresight to overcome occasional doubts, we have accomplished some important results in the last two years. We chose to compartmentalize work areas and, regarding the Brazilian Society of Dermatology (SBD's) scientific and editorial front, we designed a well-defined plan to reach three goals in the 2009-2010 period: the indexation of the publication *Anais Brasileiros de Dermatologia – ABD* to MedLine, the editing of the official textbook *Rotinas de Diagnostico e Tratamento da SBD* (SBD's Diagnosis Routines and Treatments), and the launch of the new journal *Surgical & Cosmetic Dermatology (S&CD)*. I have the pleasure of having effectively delivered these three tasks to all Brazilian dermatologists; in addition, I have the pleasure of announcing the recent Bireme decision to include S&CD in its LILACS database. More than that, S&CD was fully conceived and implemented within SBD's structure, with eight issues on time, under the competent coordination of our Chief Editor Bogdana Victoria Kadunc. S&CD also became an official dermatologic surgery and cosmetic publishing arm of the Brazilian Society of Dermatologic Surgery (SBCD) and of the Ibero Latin-American College of Dermatology (Colégio Ibero-Latino-Americano de Dermatologia – CILAD), by our invitation. S&CD, whose article submissions were made online from the outset, is currently read by all Brazilian and Latin American dermatologists eager to keep up to date and publish in a serious periodical that, continuing on the present course, and owing to the experience amassed with the publication of the ABD, shall soon achieve indexation on MedLine. I thank SBD's board of executive directors for their engagement, our staff for their professional performance, and the Brazilian dermatologists for their creativity, competence and trust. If there was any kind of initial reluctance regarding this project, the facts have proved that serious and well-planned work is the best path. After all, as Julius Robert Oppenheimer, an unquiet and brilliant scientist has said, "see things not as they are, but rather how they could be."

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SBD President – 2009/2010