

NEW FUNCTIONS FOR PROF. ROTBERG

EDITORIAL

Due to health problems Prof. Abrahão Rotberg has resigned his functions as Editor in Chief of "Hansenologia Internationalis".

All of us have regretted his decision. However, we could not request him to prolong the valuable and active cooperation which he has dedicated to the progress of hansenology during 47 years, not only as founder and editor of this publication, but also in the performance of the numerous public functions in this specialized area, since 1933. To all of his activities he has lent the vigor of his working capacity and the light of his intelligence, which gave him an outstanding name in the technical and scientific scene of this country, always present in the international panorama.

In addition to his extraordinary number of scientific publications, he managed to shake the tradition of old

concepts and to present a new approach to the problem of hanseniasis. Countries in which the endemic constitutes a significant public health problem are lining up with us, little by little.

Therefore, we could not passively accept the resignation of a man of such stature. We could neither renounce his orientation and wise counsel, nor admit the loss of all his efforts and positions conquered, with the somber perspective of a return to the "status quo ante". We are inviting Prof. Rotberg to remain at our side, now as Scientific Consultant of this periodical.

It is our responsibility to hold the ground and to continue his work, trying to keep our magazine at the highest possible standards, with God's help.

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