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In times of change in almost all areas of the planet and, after two years of intense learning and experience during Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, I invite you, the reader, to know the history and reflect on the cycles of the *Hansenologia Internationalis: leprosy and other infectious diseases* journal throughout of his nearly 90 years. Let's talk about changes, how innovative they are and how do they bring us a new glance, a new breath and a new life.

The *Brazilian Journal of Leprology* was born in 1933 and remained under that name until 1970. During this period, from birth to 37 years of age, it was one of the first scientific journals in Brazil, being the first journal in leprology. Along the decades it has received the modern discoveries of leprosy from the most renowned Brazilians and international scientists. A cycle of youth, innovation and strength that lived up to the science of its time.

In 1975, Dr. Abraão Rotberg proposed changing the name to *Hansenologia Internationalis* (HI) looking forward to the internationalization of the journal. Thus, now a young adult, the journal is commanded until 1979 by the leprologist who proposed the new name. In this phase, from 42 to 46 years of age, HI consolidates and influences the demeanor of professionals from different fields of activity in different areas in Brazil and in the world in the clinical, therapeutic and rehabilitation treatment of individuals with leprosy.

It was then that, from 47 to 55 years of age, the journal *Hansenologia Internationalis* was led by the competent Dr. Teresa Anselmi Estrella Kliemann, biologist and scientific researcher at the Health Institute. Dr. Teresa received from Dr. Abraão Rotberg the unique mission of being the journal editor-in-chief and remained with this virtuous mission until 1988.

HI, with its consolidated and recognized scientific pillar, is now led by the dermatologist and one of the most respected leprosy doctors in the world, Dr. Diltor Vladimir Araújo Opromolla, who masterfully led the editorship of HI from 1989 to 2004. During this period, the magazine achieved the excellence of a history that permeates great names from science. From its 56 to 71 years, it was constantly renewed with articles of the same strength.

Of paramount importance for the maturation and determination of its "wisdom", HI, now a mature "lady", owner of herself and her achievements, is honored to have as the editor Dr. Raul Negrão Fleury, pathologist and researcher at Lauro de Souza Lima Institute, Bauru, São Paulo, Brazil. This great master leads the HI from his 72 to 75 years, that is, 2005 to 2008, bringing a scientific and investigative depth that readers could verify in the published articles.

Owner of a robust trajectory, HI, still in full force, needs innovation. From 2009 to 2014 (from 76 to 81 years old), passing through the mark of eighty years old, and with the editorship in the hands of Dr. Dejair Caitano Nascimento, pharmacist, doctor in pharmacology and scientific researcher at Lauro de Souza Lima Institute. HI becomes an online magazine, managed by a company specialized in managing scientific publishing. The discontinuity of the printed version does not limit its already consolidated magnitude, given that the authors submit their scientific findings online and the system, through the efficient performance of the internal team, leads the manuscript through peer review and other steps. This process facilitates, validates and speeds up scientific production and dissemination. Under the editorship of Dr. Dejair, the journal expands its scope, then being renamed to *Hansenologia Internationalis: leprosy and other infectious diseases*.

With the change in the entire world scientific context, the insertion of new technologies and new ways of disseminating science, HI is then led by me, Dr. Susilene Maria Tonelli Nardi, occupational therapist, ph.d. in epidemiology



and scientific researcher initially at the Lauro de Souza Lima Institute and later the Adolfo Lutz Institute of São José do Rio Preto, São Paulo, Brazil. Imbued with the mission given to me by Dr. Marcos da Cunha Lopes Virmond, we led the magazine from its 81 to 88 years, from April 2014 to December 2021. We found a journal with the foundation ready for other technological innovations, and with authors now adapted to online submissions. During this period, the contract with the company specialized in scientific publications that managed HI ended and it was once again hosted on the website of Lauro de Souza Lima Institute.

Starting in our management, we adopted the continuous flow system, which means that as soon as the manuscripts are submitted, they start the peer review process until possible publication, preventing authors from having to wait for the complete composition and your numbers. We have been constantly reformulating and updating the magazine's publication rules so that it is always on the same page with the constant changes of a more technological world¹.

In order to maintain HI on the list of major scientific publications, we participated intensively in the migration of journal from the Lauro de Souza Lima Institute website to the Open Journal System (OJS) platform, which is free software for managing peer-reviewed academic journals and is used by scientific journals around the world. This software was created by the Public Knowledge Project and released under General Public License (GNU). This movement is led by the State Department of Health of São Paulo, Brazil, which understands that its scientific journals needed substantial support. In this way, HI and others scientific journals, are housed in the Portal of Scientific Journals of the São Paulo State Secretariat of Health (SES), São Paulo, Brazil, which has the objective of organizing and gathering the publication of institutional journals in the same virtual environment².

And, emphasizing what I have indicated in the first paragraph, changes are necessary and always bring a new breath, a new look and the necessary innovations. Thus, Dr. Dejair Caitano do Nascimento, who was once the editor of HI, and has the background and expertise to manage this heritage, will continue this priestly mission, which is to be editor-in-chief of a scientific journal of size, weight and importance such as *Hansenologia Internationalis: leprosy and others infectious diseases*.

I emphasize the key importance of the evaluators, the authors the entire editorial team and, especially the fundamental role of the librarians responsible for the journal.

Lastly, reflecting on the trajectory of the journal *Hansenologia Internationalis: leprosy and other infectious diseases*, I find that the longer it lasts, the more



robust, grounded and consistent it becomes. And may the coming years of hard work and even more success come.

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