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**EDITORIAL ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
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Fifty years of something deserves a celebration. Taking the opportunity to think back to the start in 1972 brings several things to the fore. The formidable task faced by editors throughout the years and the ability to persevere publishing uninterrupted; the growing number of readers; increasing indexation; the contribution of hundreds of colleagues for peer review; not to mention the joint venture with the Brazilian Society for Parasitology (SBP) and recognition as one of the four tropical pathology journals in the country. It certainly has not been an easy job for each one of the editors who have devoted a substantial part of their academic lives to this Journal.

In order to increase international interest in our publication we have sent several copies to libraries all around the world. We have numbers in the World Health Organization (WHO) library and other centers devoted to tropical diseases. There have been considerable financial difficulties in covering the costs of diagramming, English language revisions, printing and distribution throughout the years. Efforts to switch from “print and post” to the World Wide Web internet communication took some time. The slow path to ensure indexation, little by little, entailed a huge effort.

We are very happy to be part of this success. We have rapidly encompassed submission and contact with authors and referees by e-mail. Indexation has been increasing over time and currently at least five major sources include our journal. We also maintain strict material selection due to the high standards of our reviewers.

We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge some of our most important contributors/partners: Federal University of Goiás (Directors of the Institute of Tropical Pathology and Public Health, Pro-Rectors for Research and Post-Graduation, and Deans), National Council of Research (CNPq), SBP, WHO, Pan American Health Organization, who have frequently and under different circumstances encouraged our work. We would also like to thank the authors who have submitted their work and the reviewers for their kind contribution. Last but not least of course, the readers who have appreciated the topics and may quote one of our papers in their next publication.

We hope to carry on working with the invaluable cooperation of authors, peer review colleagues and readers, our final goal, offering the best we are able to achieve.

The Editors

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