



Weaving the morning

Tecendo um(a)manhã

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The mission of the Brazilian Association of Allergy and Immunology (ASBAI) is to promote continuing medical education and disseminate scientific knowledge in the field of Allergy and Immunology, as well as to strengthen professional practice excellence in the specialty in the public and private sectors and to communicate to society the importance of prevention and treatment of allergic and immunologic diseases.

Our journal “Arquivos de Asma, Alergia e Imunologia” is an essential pillar in the mission of our association and must be increasingly valued and improved. The “Letter from São Paulo” and “Practical guide for the treatment of severe atopic dermatitis” are two special articles in this final 2022 issue, which stand out for their importance in clinical practice and equity of care for our patients.

The Letter from São Paulo entitled “Treating patients with allergic diseases in the Brazilian Unified Health System”¹ represents an important advance in demonstrating that up to one-third of the population may need care for allergic conditions. The Letter argues and consolidates the urgent and necessary action of Allergy and Immunology specialists in a more attentive and effective way in the Brazilian Unified Health System, who should always act with a focus on

valuing and integrating with primary care, promoting adequate care delivery and prevention.

The second special article entitled “Practical guide for the treatment of severe atopic dermatitis”² is based on the best available evidence, from the perspective of precision medicine, always considering the reality of our continent-sized country. This official document has been developed jointly by ASBAI and the Brazilian Society of Pediatrics (SBP) and will be considered the gold standard guidelines for the management of severe forms of atopic dermatitis. The specialists from these two societies have done an outstanding job to offer us an experience of peer review and development of a scientific article that covers all age groups affected by the disease, consistent with the social reality of the country.

The review article “Our everyday immune system and today’s pesticides,”³ in addition to delving into the topic of possible immunological repercussions, also warns us that we are an inherent part of nature. The article “New perspectives in immunotherapy: the importance of dendritic cells in allergen-specific immunotherapy”⁴ highlights the role of innate immunity, which is being progressively more investigated and better understood.

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The original articles “Provocation tests for chronic inducible urticaria: the experience of a urticaria center of reference and excellence - UCARE,”⁵ “Combination of intranasal fluticasone and azelastine for difficult-to-control allergic rhinitis in adolescents,”⁶ and “Immediate adverse events to the yellow fever vaccine in egg-allergic children”⁷ reveal that our journal, as it advances in scientific robustness, is becoming a new space for the dissemination of original scientific knowledge produced in the country in our field.

The articles published in “Arquivos de Asma, Alergia e Imunologia” can now be accessed in full directly via the LILACS platform, and the English version will appear in the Google Scholar search engine, which is an important step towards the internationalization of the journal with the desire to soar higher and higher.

Finally, we have reached the end of another term experiencing the joy of a successful journey and the certainty of having advanced in the process of inclusion and strengthening of the association, as well as in the improvement of scientific knowledge within the specialty of Allergy and Immunology in Brazil, because after all we are a scientific community association, and this is the mission of ASBAI.

This issue of the journal is full of relevant scientific communication, and we are therefore celebrating the Golden Jubilee of our specialty with much learning. ASBAI is growing term after term thanks to the National Board, the Regional Boards, the Scientific Departments, the Statutory and Special Committees and also to its associates, because ASBAI exists *to you, for you and with you*. And this continuous growth is the result of the joint work of everyone who weaves a morning that increasingly elevates our specialty.

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*And growing larger, becoming cloth,
pitching itself a tent where they all may enter,
inter-unfurling itself for them all, in the tent
(the morning) which soars free of ties and ropes —
the morning, tent of a weave so light
that woven, it lifts itself through itself: balloon light.”*

João Cabral de Melo Neto

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