
Editorial

The Universidade Estadual Paulista "Júlio de Mesquita Filho", Unesp, Brazil, is offering a new informational vehicle for the scientific community, the Annual Review of Biomedical Sciences (ARBS).

The review articles are a very important means of scientific research. Although reviews may show only systematization of data and conclusions, they may also represent a strong methodological strategy for building new knowledge. In the biomedical area, we find about 600 titles of scientific periodicals which include the word "review". They are mainly inserted in specific areas, but about ten are devoted to general aspects of biomedical sciences. Since we have too many subjects to be scientifically reviewed, the creation of a new periodical for this purpose is still needed in the scientific literature. This was the thought of the Editorial Board in proposing this new periodical.

Very interesting, invited reviews were prepared in this first volume to introduce this journal to the scientific world scenario. We acknowledge these authors who believe in this proposal and spent part of their precious time for contributing to this idea.

ARBS is open to review articles in the biomedical areas concerning human or non-human organisms. Special attention is devoted to reviews building new and bold conclusions, including unpublished data. Although invited reviews will be considered, other authors are encouraged to submit their reviews, which will be readily analyzed by an international referee staff. ARBS is published in December every year and the deadline for submitting manuscripts is April, with acceptance determined by August.

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