

EDITORIAL

By the end of its fourth year of existence, the Brazilian Journal of Cognitive Therapies has shown to be consistent in the publication of original articles. In 2008, it published a total of 16 original articles, 4 by foreign authors and 12 by national researchers. Besides that, 2 interviews were also published during this period, a material that illustrates the current state of cognitive therapy, contributing for the improvement of professionals working in this area.

Of the 30 manuscripts sent to the Journal in 2008, 2 were refused, 5 were withdrawn by the authors themselves, and 7 are currently being analyzed to be published in 2009. This data indicates a considerable increase in the influx of articles sent to the Journal which, when compared to 2007, doubled in amount. Besides that, the average time between receiving the articles and publishing them was of 197 days, indicating a reasonably fast editorial process (see the Table below):

Editorial process data – year 2008

Volume 4	Number 1	Number 2	Total
Articles accepted	8	8	16
Articles refused	1	1	2
Articles withdrawn	2	3	5
Articles under evaluation for the next issue	---	---	7
Total of articles received	---	---	30
Average time between receiving and accepting articles	123 days	124 days	123.5 days
Average time between receiving and publishing articles	116 days	278 days	197 days

From this issue on, the Journal will be available exclusively in an electronic format. Full text versions of the articles can be found at PEPSIC and on the Brazilian Society of Cognitive Therapies (SBTC) website.

In its four years of existence, the Journal has been counting with a dedicated group of individuals who work endlessly on the process of evaluating and publishing the manuscripts. Such dedication has had an effect of improvement in all of those that collaborate in this process.

Following a decision made in 2005, during a meeting held by the Brazilian Society of Cognitive Therapies, every four years a new editor should be elected for the Journal. Therefore, from 2009 onwards we will have Maria Cristina Miyazaki as the Journal's editor. Margareth da Silva Oliveira, Monica Duchesne, Adriana Nunan and myself will become associate editors. Aline Sardinha Mendes Soares de Araújo, Livia da Silva de Santana e Patrícia de Souza Barros will be assistant editors. Finally, Conceição Santos Fernandes, Juliana Furtado D'Augustin and Viviane Rosa Marinho will become technical collaborators.

It will be a great satisfaction for all of us to have Maria Cristina Miyazaki as the Journal's editor. During the past issues she had already been working actively as an associate editor. Her name was appointed by the editorial team, due to her valuable contribution to cognitive therapy and health psychology, through her vast production in the academic and clinical areas.

An event of great importance for cognitive therapies in Brazil will be the VII Brazilian Congress of Cognitive Therapies, organized by SBTC, which will occur from the 25th to the 28th of March, in the city of Maceio. Renowned professionals, from Brazil and abroad, will be exchanging experiences and bringing new knowledge to the area. Such an event constitutes a fountain of new productions and publications for our Journal.

Finally, I say farewell as the Journal's editor, with pride and satisfaction to have been able to testify its growth, brought upon by the efforts of a group of individuals that believed in its existence.

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