

## FJM - Born in 1936

At the end of 2011, after being one of the honored doctors of the year by the *Associação Médica Fluminense* – AMF (Fluminense Medical Association) – and by the Society of Medicine of the State of Rio de Janeiro (SOMERJ), the President of AMF, Benito Petraglia, asked us to create a scientific journal.

After much thinking and many talking, we have accepted the challenge.

Our first task was to define a name for the journal. The name which occurred to us was *Revista Fluminense de Medicina* (RFM) (Fluminense Medicine Magazine), and we looked in Google to make sure that there would not be any publication by that name. To our surprise, this name already “existed”.

The magazine was born in 1936, in the Fluminense Medicine School, under the direction of Dario F. da Silva and Mauro S. Lourival. In 1953, it was acquired by the Fluminense Medical Association, and registered in the registry office (Titles and Documents P C. 4663 - Ind. Prop. C 59624).

In consultation with the National Collective Catalog of IBICT (Brazilian Institute of Science and Technology Information), we were able to track which Brazilian libraries had copies of this periodical. After much research, we verified that the Biomedical Institute of the Fluminense Federal University (UFF) library, a former headquarter of the Fluminense Medicine School, and the Documentation Centre of the Vital Brazil Institute needed to discard several numbers stored, due to deterioration problems. However, we could not find any record of the magazine in the library of University Hospital Antonio Pedro.

Finally, we were able to recover many copies of multiple volumes and booklets, unfortunately not the full collection, in the libraries of Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, as well as in the University of São Paulo, and in the Federal University of Minas Gerais. The last edition we have the registry is the Number 2 from 1971.

During this period (1936-1971) of full activity, the *Revista Fluminense de Medicina* was a mainstay for numerous scientific publications in the medical field. Countless authors and articles revealed the wealth of the scientific knowledge of our fellow citizens. It is possible to imagine the effort and dedication of all those involved in the publication of a high quality scientific journal: firstly in the Fluminense Medicine School, and then in the AMF.

Recovering these *RFM* copies provided hours of enjoyable reading. For many nights, we lost track of time, delighting ourselves with the precious material edited by the magazine.

Continuing the investigation, we found out that *RFM* was not registered in the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and we, soon cared to provide it. The steps were given for this

special moment in which the *Revista Fluminense de Medicina* was reborn, certainly, to continue the beautiful story written for over 30 years. Two numbers will be released per year, in both printed and digital versions. Access to the magazine will be available on the internet, in a special site for *RFM*, in the AMF portal ([www.amf.org.br](http://www.amf.org.br)).

The Fluminense Federal University (UFF) publisher, in a partnership with AMF, will be responsible for the magazine, and also for assigning the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) to the articles.

To relaunch *RFM*, we would like to invite colleagues with scientific publications experience to join the Editorial Board, since it is a great responsibility to assist the review by peers.

Our purpose is to retrieve the entire *RFM* collection and make it available, for free, on the internet. In fact, we have already started this work. In our page on the internet, some magazine numbers can already be accessed.

To honor the founders of *RFM* and to register the greatness of their work to the new generations, we publish in this revival number of the magazine the same Cover, Editorial, Tribute, and Imprint of the first number of the *RFM*, released in August, 1936.

This special moment, which brings the *Revista Fluminense de Medicina* back to the scientific field, could only become concrete thanks to the dedicated work of those who preceded us. Without the commitment of colleagues, collaborators and sponsors, it would not be possible to relaunch such an important publication to the scientific research in our country.

Finally, we would like to register the everlasting esteem and gratitude to all people and institutions (public and private) that believed in our project and are making of this challenge one more victory of the fluminense medicine, not to mention, the Brazilian medicine.

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