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Pioneering, leadership and perseverance! These are wonderful qualities that characterize the first century of the existence of *Revista de Medicina*, reason for admiration in the scientific publishing context of Medicine in our country.

Pioneering leadership since the very first moment, awakened by the founder and then Dean of the revered School of Medicine and Surgery, today School of Medicine, University of São Paulo, the renowned surgeon and glorious scholar Dr. Augusto Arnaldo Vieira de Carvalho. From 1913 on, he blew among the young medical students, the sublime flame of one of the key commitments of the Hippocratic Oath: the duty of doctors to communicate to their colleagues and young beginners *Aesculapius* and *Hygea* arts, all the knowledge they gathered in the exercise of the profession and in struggles to recover their patients' health. Leadership and pioneering of the *Revista de Medicina* permanently supported by the dedication of the medical students who, at the cost of enormous effort, are willing to create, develop, sediment and modernize the *Revista de Medicina*.

So was the mission embraced by the founders of our Journal and the succession of its directors: Ernesto de Souza Campos, Jayme Candelaria, Flaminio Fevero, Altino Antunes, João Procopio, Metchnikoff, Almeida Jr., Eduardo Etzel, Paulo de Almeida Toledo, Carlos da Silva Lacaz, among many others, in the past and present, after a century of serious support work and publishing of the Journal.

Perseverance, pioneering and leadership are constant qualities of the *Revista de Medicina*, unquestionably always present in the actions performed by the students of the School of Medicine, USP, who take bold and creative measures, exploring new horizons and fulfilling their high role of university citizens.

In 1980 the Journal was reformatted to adapt it to the molds appropriate to modern scientific journals, which allowed its entry in the "LILACS Database" at that time. Since 1993 the journal has been distributed to Medical Libraries and Documentation Centers, expanding its mission to foster academic scientific production.

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The *Revista de Medicina* currently published on a quarterly basis has an expressive circulation of copies, meeting the requirements proposed by the Vancouver group. Since the beginning of the 21st Century it has also been included in the LATINDEX base, which allows readers to search through the Virtual Health Library of BIREME¹.

We participated in the celebrations of the first 50 years of the *Revista de Medicina* in 1966, then assistants and as PhD students at USP. Today, we have received the honorable invitation to preface the initial commemorative number of the 2nd Century of the Journal activities, which gives us the opportunity to externalize our admiration to all directors, editors and authors of the *Revista de Medicina* and express our certainty that new and significant progress will be achieved thanks to the industriousness, willpower and commitment of medical students from USP.

We see as an immediate goal, in the exciting history of the journal, its inclusion in the restricted list of Brazilian scientific journals in the health area, with relevant impact factors due to the high scientific content of the papers published in it, being respected all measures recommended by *Biblioteca SciELO* expressed in FAPESP's important publication², which aimed to allow reaching this hard goal, responsibility of those who are willing to lead scientific journals in our community. These and the option of full texts in English are initiatives that will lead to significant quotation by future readers, researchers and scientists worldwide. As a result, the level of the scientific contribution, and consequently the achievement of the impact factor, of the *Revista de Medicina* will increase.

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