

EDITORIAL

The Brazilian Endodontic Journal and a New Chapter for Brazilian Endodontics

Every scientific society eventually has to ask itself what it is doing for the science it represents. Not in terms of the meetings it organizes, which matter, or the number of members it gathers, which gives it scale, but in terms of the knowledge it helps to produce, validate, and put into circulation. The Brazilian Endodontic Society asked itself that question and found, among the answers, a journal that already existed, that had been built with seriousness by those who came before us, and that deserved to return to the place it was created to occupy. This issue of the Brazilian Endodontic Journal is the result of that decision.

The timing could hardly be better. Brazilian Endodontics now holds a position that few areas of the country's science can claim. A mapping of global research in the specialty between 2004 and 2023, covering nearly 24,000 articles indexed in the Web of Science, showed that Brazil is the country that publishes the most in Endodontics worldwide, accounting for roughly 16.6% of all output in the period. The three most productive institutions in the field are Brazilian, five of the ten highest-publishing institutions are in Brazil, as are six of the ten most prolific researchers in the specialty (DOI: [10.7759/cureus.75694](https://doi.org/10.7759/cureus.75694)). This is not an isolated snapshot. Surveys of specific topics, from micro-computed tomography to reciprocating kinematics, repeat the same pattern. When the subject is research in Endodontics, Brazil is at the center of the conversation.

A community that produces at this volume and with this relevance needs an editorial space of its own. One that carries its identity, engages the leading international journals as an equal, and offers Brazilian researchers a home for their best work. Much of what we produce today reaches the world through foreign journals, and that will continue, as it should. But a mature science also builds its own channels. It was with that conviction that the Brazilian Endodontic Society took on the scientific and institutional coordination of the BEJ and placed it among its priority projects.

The journal that reappears in these pages was designed for the present of science. Fully online and open-access publication, rigorous and transparent peer review, an editorial board made up of leading researchers from Brazil and abroad, and a clear commitment to scientific integrity at every stage of the process. The BEJ is Brazilian by origin and international by vocation: it will welcome submissions from any country and evaluate them by the same standard we expect from the journals where our own researchers have been publishing for decades.

We know that editorial credibility is not earned with a single issue, but with consistency, rigor, and time. The Brazilian Endodontic Society understands this and has committed to sustaining the journal over the long term, just as it sustains the Brazilian Congress of Endodontics and its other fronts in education and science. In doing so, the Society affirms that it also wants to be an institution that publishes, that helps to shape the research agenda of the field, and that gives visibility to the work of those who move it forward, from established groups to graduate students who are just beginning to build their careers.

To the researchers who trusted this project and submitted their manuscripts for this first issue, our gratitude. To the reviewers who devoted time and judgment to each evaluation, the recognition that without this quiet work no journal exists. To all those who, in earlier phases, kept alive the idea of a Brazilian journal of Endodontics, the respect of those who know they are building on foundations already laid. And to our readers, an invitation: follow, question, share, and above all, submit. Brazilian Endodontics has already proven that it knows how to produce science of the highest level. The Brazilian Endodontic Journal exists so that this production may also have, here, a voice worthy of it.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

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