

## EDITORIAL

# Looking to the Future: The American Psychological Association Is the New Publisher of *Psychology & Neuroscience*

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Seven years have passed since *Psychology & Neuroscience* was launched (Landeira-Fernandez, Cruz, & Ventura, 2008). The present issue is marked by a significant agreement, in which the American Psychological Association (APA) will publish *Psychology & Neuroscience* papers on behalf of the Brazilian Institute of Neuropsychology and Behavior (IBNeC, acronym in Portuguese for Instituto Brasileiro de Neuropsicologia e Comportamento). Under this agreement, which began in January 2015, IBNeC remains the owner of the journal, and through the Editors, will continue to retain editorial control of the journal. IBNeC grants to APA the exclusive right and license to publish, market, and distribute the electronic version of the journal for the next seven years.

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One of the main consequences of the present agreement is that, starting this year, *Psychology & Neuroscience* will be removed from the Brazilian Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) database, because the SciELO collection only publishes papers from open access journals. As we acknowledged in one of our previous editorials (Landeira-Fernandez, Cruz, & Ventura, 2010), the database indexing service offered by SciELO played an important role in *Psychology & Neuroscience*'s development. SciELO indexing led *Psychology & Neuroscience* to a good journal ranking by the Brazilian Committee for Psychology Journal Evaluation (Landeira-Fernandez, Cruz, & Ventura, 2012). Accordingly, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for the extremely professional services provided by SciELO. Indeed, SciELO has been very helpful during all of these years, including in the present transition to APA.

One important point about the transition to our new website at APA is that anyone in virtually all the Brazilian Universities can have unrestricted online access to the full content of *Psychology & Neuroscience*. This beneficial feature is available because CAPES (Brazilian Federal Agency for the Improvement of Higher Education) supports a national electronic library consortium for science and technology that includes all journals published by APA. Therefore, free access to full-text articles in *Psychology & Neuroscience* among the Brazilian academic community is not jeopardized by the fact that we are no longer an open access journal.

Looking forward, we expect that moving *Psychology & Neuroscience* to APA will increase its international visibility and credibility. APA is recognized worldwide as one of the main publishers in the field of psychology, with the experience and know-how of publishing more than 90 journals with high quality standards. For these reasons, we are certain that this partnership will generate new value for *Psychology & Neuroscience*, which in turn will help it to grow even more in the near future.

Although we believe that much will be accomplished with the present publishing agreement, especially at a time when *Psychology & Neuroscience* is showing good performance in several publishing parameters (Mograbi, 2014), we are aware that much work still needs to be done to reach higher levels of publication excellence in the basic and applied research interface between psychology and the multidisciplinary branches of neuroscience. For example, it is crucial to have our journal indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed and the Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports (formerly Institute for Scientific Information, ISI), the world's leader in tracking Impact Factors of scientific research. As we previously discussed (Landeira-Fernandez, Cruz, & Ventura, 2013), the Impact Factor provided by Thomson Reuters represents one of the main elements of the placement of a journal within its field and is one of the main parameters that authors use to decide where they will publish their work.

Finally, we welcome the new APA team. *Psychology & Neuroscience* has the pleasure to work now with Daniya Tamendarova (Managing Director in the APA administrative office), John Breithaupt (Director of Journal Production Services), Melynda Williams (Peer Review Manager), David Roddy (Editorial Manuscript Coordinator), and Mark Winter (Account Manager,

Journal Production). We are confident that we will have an excellent work relationship with this group from APA. Finally, we recognize Dr. Daniel Mograbi, our Associate Editor, who envisioned this association with APA and relentlessly brought it to fruition.

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