

Research on Biomedical Engineering

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Dear readers

Welcome to “Research on Biomedical Engineering - RBE”!

This is the new title for the official journal of the Brazilian Society of Biomedical Engineering (SBEB).

Those of you who have known this journal since its very beginning would notice that, in a way, the new journal’s acronym takes us back to our origin and, at the same time, points to the future, in sync with an ever changing world. The history of our journal began in 1982, when the first edition of the “Revista Brasileira de Engenharia – RBE / Caderno de Engenharia Biomédica” was published. Later, in 1999, SBEB takes control of its journal and changes “RBE” to “Revista Brasileira de Engenharia Biomédica / Brazilian Journal of Biomedical Engineering - RBEB”. Since then, a lot has happened. RBEB has evolved step by step thanks to the efforts of a number of dedicated people.

Nevertheless, there is no resting for anything in science these days, let alone a journal dedicated to promote science and technology in such a fast paced “environment” as Biomedical Engineering. It is the duty of any editorial board to make sure that published articles are read and cited as much as possible. The niche of localized journals - those dedicated to publishing articles read by only a portion of possible readers, is shrinking fast in our area. New and exciting research in Biomedical Engineering is under development all over the globe at any point in time, and we must do our best to take the high quality papers we publish to every corner of the globe. In this sense, the Editorial Board has been working relentlessly to define strategies to increase the visibility of our journal. A number of steps have been taken over the past years, with highlight to the decision, two years ago, of only publishing papers written in English.

Now, authorized by the General Assembly of Brazilian Society of Biomedical Engineering, we take this new and challenging step of starting a new year with a new title. *Research on Biomedical Engineering* continues to carry the mission of the journal created in 1982: “*To publish **research** articles in all fields of **Biomedical Engineering**. In addition, this journal aims to provide educational and professional update material, as well as serving as a forum of discussion for the public and private sectors on the establishment of developing policies and incorporation of health technologies*”. Interestingly enough, the new title is fully embedded in its own mission, as I have highlighted.

We invite our community to embrace this change with the same excitement as we do. Our main goals are still the same: to provide a high quality forum for our authors and readers and to increase the visibility and impact of our papers to the broadest possible audience.

