EDITORIAL

Tomorrow is a long time

If today was not an endless highway
If tonight was not a crooked trail
If tomorrow wasn’t such a long time
Then lonesome would mean nothing to you at all
Yes, and only if my own true love was waitin’
Yes, and if I could hear her heart a-softly poundin’
Only if she was lyin’ by me
Then I’d lie in my bed once again

Bob Dylan, 1963

During the year of 2011 (until the 9th of December) the Portuguese Journal of Pulmonology (PJP) received 145 articles, very near to the 148 received during 2010. Analysing 107 of those articles (including 61 original articles and 46 case reports) submitted to the PJP, the great majority come from Portugal, followed by Brazil and Spain (Fig. 1). Although Brazil has been traditionally origin of around 20 articles per year, other European countries like Spain, UK and Italy are newcomers and we hope to maintain the interest of investigators from those countries.

During its first year (from November 2010 until September 2011), according with Google Analytical Service, the journal’s website (www.revportpneumol.org) had more or less constant visits (close to the 708 already checked between the months of November and December 2010). During the months of January, February and September 2011 the visits reached almost 1000. Most frequently accessed pages were those belonging to the original articles, followed by the editorials and case reports. In July, Editorials accessed increased 6-fold reaching a peak of more than 1200 visited pages (coinciding with the publication of the Editorial: Impact factor and the PJP: knockin’ on heavens’ door?) (Fig. 2).

The majority of visitors of original articles and case reports came from Brazil (in 55% and 59% of cases, respectively) while the access to Editorials was in the great majority of cases from Portugal (68%). In second place in the original articles and case reports appear visitors from Portugal while in the Editorials appear visitors from Mexico! (Fig. 3).

These figures let us think that our articles are being highly accessed from foreign readers that can have the potential to cite them in their future research.

In this number

In this issue, we publish the second editorial pro and con, related to “The transbronchial lung biopsy for the diagnosis of diffuse parenchymal lung disease”. This time two groups leaded by well known opinion leaders add to the debate. Continuing the review series dedicated to bronchoscopy, Dionisio J writes a useful article about Flexible Bronchoscopy and accessory techniques.

Although Bob Dylan sang that “Tomorrow Is a Long Time” we have a strong belief that we are projecting this journal for future.
References


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