

Editorial

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Time flies. It seems like it was yesterday that Prof. Jaime Sampaio transmitted to me the editorial leadership of *The Open Sports Science Journal (TOSSJ)*. This turned out to be an ambitious project, as open access journals are subject to great debate in our days. The fact that articles are freely available for everybody is great since it allows a wider circulation, higher visibility and larger readership. However, there still exists the opinion that there is a lack of quality control and lower production standards and it is preferable to continue following a more orthodox publication of data in journals with paper support (even if only the abstract is freely available). This editorial does not aim to feed that discussion, as I prefer to consider the positive points and disregard the (eventual) disadvantages of everything in life.

During 2013, in *TOSSJ*, it were reviewed, typewrote, proof read and published 11 manuscripts and a special number on *Applied Sport Science to Military and Police Activities* (V. Clemente, myself and A. Toubekis as editors) with 11 original works (that in the meantime only appeared online in January' 2014). This year we have already closed the manuscripts submission to a special number on *Aquatic Security and Life Saving* (A. Abraldes and A. Queiroga as guest editors), but we have a call for papers until April 30th

on a special number regarding *Construction and Reconstruction of Teachers' Professional Identity* (P. Batista, A. Graça, P. Queirós and A. MacPhail, editors). Its aims and scope are available on the *Journal* web site.

It is my personal belief that *TOSSJ* could be a privileged mean of sharing Sport Sciences related studies in a way that is hard to accomplish in more traditionally orientated journals, strongly dependent on paper versions. As an example of a study usually not so well accepted by editors and scientific boards, I would like to evidence the paper of Barreira *et al.* *SoccerEye: A Software Solution to Observe and Record Behaviours in Sport Settings*, in which it is presented a motion recording software that could be very useful for match analysis (<http://www.benthamsience.com/open/tossj/articles/V006/47TOSSJ.pdf>). This kind of innovative manuscripts are very welcome.

Meanwhile, we have decided to restructure the editorial board of the *Journal* looking for higher personal commitment and efficiency. In fact, its former members received a questionnaire where they displayed their commitment towards the journal. Accordingly, some changes will happen, with some other personalities being invited to join the project. On behalf of the *Journal*, I acknowledge the editorial board members that are engaged on the project and, of course, all the authors and reviewers who contributed with their expertise to the drawing up of the *Journal* in 2013. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the *TOSSJ* readers for the preference.

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