

## EDITORIAL NOTE

This year I am assuming the post of Editor-in-Chief of *Pesquisa Operacional*, replacing the honorable Prof. Horacio Hideki Yanasse, who was in charge for the last eleven years. I would like to thank the Brazilian Operations Research Society for this invitation and I hope to be able to continue the excellent work of the former editors of *Pesquisa Operacional*, in particular Prof. Horacio and Prof. Roberto Diégues Galvão.

*Pesquisa Operacional* periodically makes adjustments and reformulations aiming to maintain its quality and to improve its dissemination and visibility within the scientific community of operations research. With the help of Prof. Horacio, we are taking this opportunity to make some changes in the journal.

For instance, we have just implemented an online system at the website of SciELO ([www.scielo.br/pope](http://www.scielo.br/pope)) for electronic submission and processing of the papers. We believe that this system will facilitate and much improve interaction between authors, reviewers and editors. From now on, authors willing to submit their papers for publication in *Pesquisa Operacional* should use this online submission system.

Since January 2011, *Pesquisa Operacional* has been accepting only submissions of papers written in English, after the policy change regarding paper language two years ago. Henceforth, *Pesquisa Operacional* will publish papers only in English, except for papers submitted for publication prior to 2009. We hope this change will increase the international visibility of the journal.

The publishing company responsible for formatting the journal was also replaced in January. From now on, papers can be typed in either LaTeX or Word. Some changes have also been made to the journal cover design and to the layout and presentation of the journal contents.

We are also renewing and enlarging the Editorial Board of *Pesquisa Operacional* with highly qualified colleagues in the field of operations research. We expect that they will help us to disseminate *Pesquisa Operacional* in the scientific community of operations research.

I would like to thank very much the colleagues that are supporting me during this transition to my new post, particularly Prof. Horacio and Prof. Annibal Parracho Sant'Anna. I sincerely hope to be able to contribute to the growth and consolidation of *Pesquisa Operacional* during my term of office.

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