

EDITORIAL



Portuguese Radiology is going through interesting times. The concentration of ownership of private providers in a handful of groups has created business and management dynamics that are difficult to predict and anticipate. Fortunately, Radiologists have already realized that, although alone they have virtually no negotiating power nor strength, if they join efforts and willpower, they are still able to be heard and to influence the course of events. However, it is important to refer that we should not let ourselves be deluded or discouraged when confronted with one or other initial victory. We must remain engaged and focused on defending our Specialty, not only from a monetary point of view but also in a competence and professional scope.

“Imaging” is a desirable area for many other Specialties and professional classes, but we must maintain our ambition and conviction of being the best qualified professionals to provide a complete and full response in this area. Firstly, due to our medical and clinical training and, secondly, because we have mastered the different imaging techniques and we are, therefore, capable of deciding, for each clinical doubt or question, which is the most appropriate method to clarify it.

But in order to reach this goal, it is essential to keep ourselves updated and here our Portuguese Society of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine can and must be an important partner.

At the beginning of this mandate, we would like to reaffirm our commitment to maintain and, if possible, increase the offer of training opportunities and of updating to our Members. It should be noted that significant changes have also taken place in this area. The support of the industry is less and less and the multiplicity of training actions, both national and international, in person or online, creates greater challenges.

Currently, the Society’s main source of income is its Members’ contributions, the amount of which has remained unchanged for 13 years. We also remind you that all Members of the Society wishing to automatically be registered as Members of the European Society of Radiology will be so and the cost is borne by our Society. The prompt payment of membership fees is thus the easiest and most solid way to support Portuguese Radiology.

I would like to end this first Editorial on a positive note. It is my belief that every challenge or adversity also constitutes an opportunity. I am convinced that we, as Radiologists, will be able to face these adversities and in the end we will emerge stronger and more assertive.

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