

EDITORIAL: President of SPRMN

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The Portuguese Society of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine (SPRMN) began a new leadership cycle in May 2025, and it is an honor and privilege for me to assume the presidency this Board. It is also an honor to continue the work of all those who preceded us, to whom we express our deep gratitude for their commitment, dedication, and vision, which have enabled the SPRMN to establish itself solidly and consistently within the national and international scientific and medical landscape. The work developed by previous boards constitutes a solid foundation upon which to project the future of the SPRMN, a future that will be built with the essential collaboration of all.

May 2025 will also be marked by the success of the **XVII National Congress of Radiology (CNR'25)**. The decision to adopt an annual format proved to be a winning strategy, allowing greater dynamism, proximity and responsiveness to the growing demands of scientific and technical updating that characterize our field, while strengthening collaboration between services, academic centers and institutional partners. This is the standard of quality and continuity we aim to maintain.

The **Ata Radiológica Portuguesa (ARP)** reaffirms its position as the leading publication for scientific dissemination in Radiology in Portugal. We are extremely pleased to announce the process of indexing ARP on the international platform **Sciendo** is nearing completion which represents a significant strategic milestone, as it increases the visibility of our research, strengthens our journal's credibility within the global scientific community, and accelerates the internationalization of its content. In parallel, ARP maintains its work to continuously improve its editorial flow, the rigor of peer review, and the transparency of its guidelines for authors and reviewers, aligning the journal with best editorial practices. ARP's evolution confirms the maturity achieved by our editorial process, with faster first-time decisions, more efficient reviewing times, and an increasingly robust review team. These advances are not an end in themselves; rather, they are the fundamental condition for accommodating better original research, high-quality critical reviews, and contributions that add value to clinical practice. We therefore reiterate our **call for manuscript submissions** — especially original and review articles — and renew our invitation to the active participation of new reviewers, supported by structured training and editorial mentoring.

The **SPRMN School** remains one of the central pillars of the Society's educational activities. Working closely with the various Sections, it plays an essential role in the ongoing training of radiologists, fostering the skills of interns, and disseminating best practices, contributing decisively to the excellence of our specialty.

Modernizing communication is another fundamental pillar of this mandate. A new SPRMN **institutional website** is currently under development, designed to facilitate interaction with its members and provide scientific and training content in a more accessible, organized and structured manner. The goal is to create a more intuitive, transparent and inclusive digital ecosystem.

Among the strategic objectives of the new Directorate are also the strengthening of **partnerships with national institutions in the field of Radiology**, cooperation with **other scientific societies** and the intensification of relations with **international structures**, promoting the exchange and sharing of knowledge and increasingly affirming Portuguese Radiology in the global context.

SPRMN remains steadfast in its mission to establish **Radiology** as a pivotal and indispensable partner in best clinical practices, contributing decisively to the quality, efficiency and innovation of the Portuguese healthcare system. Recalling previous editorial reflections, it is important to reaffirm principles that remain fully relevant: the defense of the specialties' own practices and the safeguarding of clinical quality as an essential guarantee of patient safety; the appreciation of multidisciplinary collaboration as a method that improves decisions and outcomes; and the need for structured subspecialization capable of responding to the growing complexity of modern medicine. With continuity, rigor and cooperation, we will consolidate the quality of care and the scientific value that our community has built.

Finally, we announce the **AIRP'25 course**, organized annually by SPRMN, which will take place this year in **Mafra** from **October 9th to 11th**. It will once again be a privileged opportunity for learning and scientific exchange.

We look forward to seeing you there.