BMI. New Winds

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Dear Friends of BMI,

I have been asked to write this editorial for this important magazine and it is very irresistible when such a distinguished person such as Dr. Aniceto Baltasar asks someone to make a commitment to a brilliant task, as is managing to set up the fabric and structure so that our world, these past 600 years of history that link Portugal and Spain with its brothers and sisters in the Americas and Africa, tunes into this great uniting idea of generating knowledge and experiences regarding bariatric surgery.

Our beloved Editor is anticipating the needs of our current world, calling all doctors who speak languages from the Iberian peninsula (serving more than 700 thousand people and 10% of the world’s population) and who perform bariatric surgery. Being ahead of the game in initiative is important and nothing for him. You can tell just by looking at the history of the duodenal switch and that of the vertical gastrectomy. He is seeing it coming and is trying to make it happen with all his strength. In the United States of America, the most important association in the world regarding obesity surgery, as is the ASMBS, has recently suggested that for the next scientific meetings coordinated by them, so that after 2012, strategic alliances should be made between the distinct scientific societies that are functioning in that country so as to carry forward their work. This is a very interesting idea that has been put forth. It seems apparent that convocation of all the relevant actors has become necessary.

Even though this might seem to be a thing of Perogrullo and for many reasons our beloved Editor comes proposing this wonderful magazine. This is a vanguard vision for developing bariatric surgery in the Hispania-Lusitanian world. A world that has several common elements and not just linguistic affinity but also of religious, cultural, and ethical values bring us close together and these first principles are something we should take advantage of to create a large base of academic and scientific concepts which will allow us to advance our surgery, sharing common interest and vision.

Nowadays, this vision is prevailing in a globalized world and it offers us a chance to create this magazine for. We need to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and opinions by publishing our experiences and results. It is the only way to know what we are doing. In a previous issue, Dr. Álvarez Cordero commented on this large problem of ours. We should give him a consonance response that addresses the needs of our modern world by publishing our results. We accept this audacious challenge that BMI is offering us..

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