

Farewell!

November 2011. It has been a long time since the president of the *Sociedade Brasileira de Geologia* (SBG) Moacir Macambira invited me to assume the post of Chief Editor of the *Revista Brasileira de Geociências* (RBG) and imbued me with the mission to project our professional journal into the sphere of the important international publications in our area.

Since 2012, the *Revista* has risen to this task and evolved measurably, clearly and firmly defining the scope of its contents, acquiring an international Editorial Council, and changing its name to *Brazilian Journal of Geology* (BJG). It has been received by Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) and other databases, which have given international visibility to the “new” journal and resulted in its first impact factor by the Web-of-Science.

Five years later, I am fully gratified to see the insertion of our publication in the international scenario, which I am sure will be long-lasting. The time has come, however, for me to pass the baton forward, to younger, more energetic members of our society in order to reach even greater success with our *Brazilian Journal of Geology*. Therefore, beginning with issue 47 (1), in 2017, the Chief Editor of the BJG will be Claudio Riccomini, who for some time now has been sharing with me the task of making editorial decisions for our publication.

I want to thank the members of the directory of the SBG, who have spared no efforts to do whatever has been necessary in order to transform the RBG and consolidate our new BJG. My gratitude also extends to all the members of the Editorial Board, who were of fundamental help for our mission, and to the entire Brazilian geological community, which has acknowledged the efforts that have gone into the internationalization of the journal.

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