EDITORIAL

In June of this year, on the occasion of the appearance of the first number of "ROMANIAN JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY", in fact, the new appearance of RSO's (ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY) press organ, edited in English language, Assoc Prof. Calin TATARU, MD, RSO's vice president and president of the RSCRS (ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF CATARACT AND REFRACTIVE SURGERY), asked a rhetorical question: who knows when appeared the first time the journal of Romanian Ophthalmological Society in our country?

Then, I promptly answered: 1956.

Because, I began my residency in ophthalmology in 1972, having as mentor Mircea P.POPESCU, MD, at the time member in the editorial staff of the "OPHTHALMOLOGY" review, I have the reasons to offer to the present generation of ophthalmologists, the history of this review.

Until **1989**, all the medical specialty reviews appeared, in our country, under the care of the Romanian "UNION OF THE MEDICAL SCIENCES SOCIETIES " (UMSS), the editorial staff of each specialty being at the highest level of competency .

So, "OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ROMANIA", constituted at the beginning of the 1950 years, decided the publication of a review, entitled "OPHTHALMOLOGY", in the year **1956**, with four appearances yearly.

Between **1956-1975**, the editorial staff was composed of: Prof. PETRE VANCEA, MD (JASSY) - editor in chief Prof. NICOLAE ZOLOG, MD (TIMISOARA) - associate editor IOAN I. GLAVAN, MD (BUCHAREST) - editorial secretary



Fig. 1

In the period **1975-1991**, the change of the generations produced a new editorial staff: Prof. IOAN PACURARIU, MD (CLUJ NAPOCA) - editor in chief Assoc Prof. SANDU MICHAIL, MD (BUCHAREST) - associate editor Assoc Prof. MIRCEA P.POPESCU, MD (BUCHAREST)-editorial secretary



Fig. 2 Fig. 3



Fig. 4 Fig. 5

After the apparition, in **march 1990**, of the "ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF OPHTALMOLOGY" (RSO), democratically constituted and with a statute, also valid today, the society decided do not depend on the "UMSS"- who become meanwhile "MEDICAL ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION" and publishing "OPHTALMOLOGY" review in a new graphic appearance, maintained until **1997**.



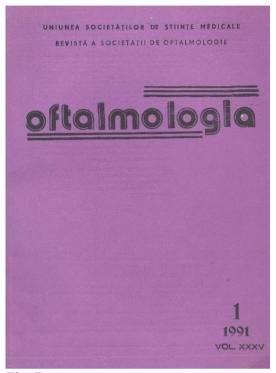


Fig. 6 Fig. 7

It was the first period of the modernization of the review, as graphically presentation and also contain, thanks to the new editorial staff, composed by :

Prof. PETRE CERNEA, MD (CRAIOVA) - editor in chief Assoc Prof. DOINA POP D.POPA, MD (BUCHAREST) -associate editor MIRCEA VASILE FILIP, MD (BUCHAREST)-editorial secretary

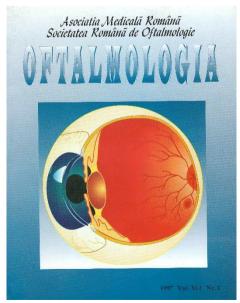


Fig. 8

Starting with number **1/1998**, **until 2012**, the efforts were continuated to collect interesting materials and, at the same time, to maintain the regularity of the apparitions, every 3 months, thanks to the staff managed by:

Prof. DOINA POP D.POPA, MD (BUCHAREST) - editor in chief Assoc Prof. MIRCEA VASILE FILIP (BUCHAREST) - associate editor IOAN STEFANIU, MD (BUCHAREST) - editorial secretary MIHAIL ZEMBA, MD (BUCHAREST) - assistant editorial secretary

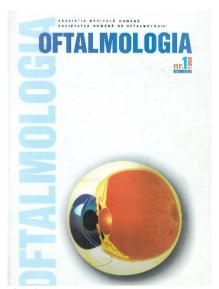


Fig. 9

The last stage, **2012-2015** was managed by the following staff: IOAN STEFANIU, MD (BUCHAREST)- editor in chief MIHAIL ZEMBA, MD (BUCHAREST)-associate editor OVIDIU MUSAT, MD (BUCHAREST)- editorial secretary

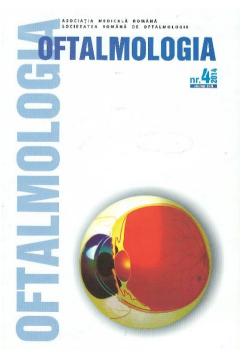


Fig. 10

The efforts permanent made by RSO, to insure the continuity of the apparitions of the review, in the conditions of the rising editorial costs and, at the same time, the diminution of the ophthalmologists appetence for elaboration of the articles, proved to be insufficient during last years (2013-2014).

Objectively speaking, the ophthalmologists are stimulated to publish, for professional ascent and, on the other hand, by professional obligations for those working in the academic middle, and everybody wants that the review containing their contribution to have an international recognizing, visible online and having the possibility to find all the editions there.

For these reasons, we reach of the conclusion that, starting from the beginning of the year **2015**, the review to be printed in English, becoming "**ROMANIAN JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY**", appearing every 3 months, having its own site and permanently archived online.

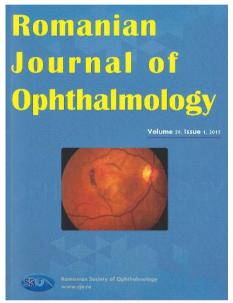


Fig. 11

The actual editorial board is composed by:
MIHAIL ZEMBA, MD (BUCHAREST) - editor in chief
OVIDIU MUSAT, MD (BUCHAREST) - associate editor
VICTOR LORIN PURCAREA, PhD (BUCHAREST) - executive editor
HORIA STANCA, MD (BUCHAREST) - assistant editor
DANIEL BRANISTEANU, MD (JASSY)-assistant editor

I believe, it's the moment to thank our ancestors who, with important efforts as time and, also, material, managed to insure the apparition of our journal, about **60 years**

The next year, 2016, we will celebrate this 60's year, wishing good luck, success, and long life to our publication, managed by a professional team and a national and international remarkable board.

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General Secretary of the RSO
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