

Dear all,

And then, the year in which we dedicated our covers to challenges comes to the end. To close it in style, our associate editor, Dr. Milza Lana, sets up the challenges we need to overcome to move towards reducing the huge volume of post-harvest losses in the vegetable chain.

At Horticultura Brasileira's editorial board we faced many challenges too. We overcame many, but some will continue to challenge us in 2014. We do not give up! We achieved much and progressed a lot in 2013, and the following is certainly worth noting:

1. Our impact factor jumped (and it was indeed a jump!) from 0.302 to 0.513, an amazing advance (nearly 70%) we want to share with authors, peer reviewers and editors. It was definitely a collective achievement, and;

2. Almost 100% of our manuscripts are already being handled in the electronic system (<http://www.horticulturabrasileira.com.br/editor/index.php/HB>); accesses to our web page (www.horticulturabrasileira.com.br) are accelerating (last November, it received over 10,000 hits - 365 hits a day; 57,000 pages were printed and 4.30 GB were downloaded) and; Facebook (Revista HB) gets more and more "enjoy". In other words, Horticultura Brasileira stepped irreversibly into the modern world.

Finally, our special thanks and greetings to you all who very warmly interact with Horticultura Brasileira: 2014 will be a great year for us all.

See you in next volume,

Paulo Melo, editor in chief