

EDITORIAL

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Three circumstances happen to lead the content of this editorial:

- four years after this editor's latest address here, he is back at long last! That APPI Journal was No. 1, Spring Issue 2013, as most members may recall, and the title of its editorial was *We are almost there!*, in a somewhat informal allusion to the editor's effort to catch up with time, thus having the Journal ready and sent out to members' homes in due time. Irony is often a bitter character, and the tentative recovery made then to bring out the Journal sooner as it should, did fail thoroughly! Work overload, not having shared work to be done, and the growing cost of making this publication when sponsors began to withdraw their support have contributed hugely to this 4-year gap. This editor presents the Journal readership his sincere apologies for this;

- apologies are also owed to those generous article writers and contributors at large who, having sent their writings to the editor, were left waiting for seeing those printed and read. All those have been included in the present issue together with some new ones written just for it;

- the third circumstance is of a different nature, connected, though, to the preceding ones: APPI can't put up with the cost of producing a paper version of the Journal and have it packed and posted to members any longer. It is a fact that the cost of this issue has been partially sponsored by The APPI Journal's usual sponsor – Porto Editora – to whom the editor formally thanks elsewhere in this publication. In view of this situation, APPI's General Assembly recommended the Executive Board to change the Journal into a digital paper. This has been a wise recommendation which is being worked out very soon by a new editorial team and a Board member who will liaise the editors and the Board itself. So this issue labelled simply 'The APPI Journal 2017' is the last one to come out and be posted to you.

This outgoing editor is happy to have been able to coordinate this present issue and gather a collection of appealing articles on sundry topics of interest to readers. Furthermore, he wishes to say that it has been a privilege to have served APPI in such function; thank all professionals who have contributed to make The APPI Journal a prestigious publication; encourage both regular and prospective contributors to send their write-ups to the new **APPI e-Journal** for publication; and, last but not least, he wishes its editorial team all the Best in their job.

The editor's last words go straight to members: do stick to the new **APPI e-Journal** at all times – you will always find in it something interesting and practical to giving a twist to your teaching and motivating your students. Do stick to APPI by getting updated about its activities and projects, continuous professional development events and further opportunities to grow professionally.

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