

## ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA'S first impact factor

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The 40th anniversary of ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA in April of this year coincided with the publication by the Institute for Scientific Information of our journal's first impact factor of 0.885. The news can be called historic and the figure—excellent in and of itself—sums up our past, and at the same time serves as a point of departure for the future.

The Editorial Board of ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA wishes to express gratitude to the Spanish-speaking pneumologists and thoracic surgeons who for so long have believed in the journal, choosing it as the vehicle through which to express their ideas and report their research. They have helped us grow and mature. The present Board would also like to recognize the excellent efforts made by each and every one of the Editorial Boards the journal has had since its foundation—as well as the invaluable and enthusiastic help received from Ediciones Doyma, S.L.

ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA is now beyond doubt a journal to be reckoned with in the field of respiratory health and disease. The hard part begins now: to forge on, keep our enthusiasm up, and keep on working. As mentioned in a recent editorial,<sup>1</sup> taking the middle road between the extreme position of the “impact idolaters” and the most radical expressions of “impactophobia,” the importance of the impact factor in evaluating medical journals is unquestionable. And further: the impact factor provides a tool for assuring the continued presence and viability of a product in a research environment that has become highly competitive and increasingly professionalized.

Finally, congratulations to all who have contributed.

1. Perpiñá Tordera M, Casan Clarà P, García Río F, Sánchez de León R, Xaubet Mir A. Empieza el año del primer factor de impacto de Archivos de Bronconeumología. Arch Bronconeumol 2003;39:1.