

Around artificial intelligence, around the eye, and around the world, OCE is growing

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In a world of super-specialists, fewer and fewer doctors know how to talk to a patient or really look into a patient's eyes. Because to really see into a patient's eyes, an OCT is not enough. The most expensive, sophisticated, and important medical device in an office or operating room is the doctor. But the idea has been created that AI will be able to solve everything. In a present where reality feeds back on fiction, the masses of people seek to be believers in a new kind of religion, with prophets and promises that everything will be fine: there will be a new application that will solve everything. But there are also skeptics who act as comptrollers, while the heart keeps pumping and the electricity of our own neural networks keeps connecting, sometimes better and sometimes worse. OCE is here, it is this context of the world.

AI shocks those of us who are creaking on our life expectancy hinge, as we see all the things we have forgotten to teach the new generations, even essentials like hunting and cooking, or fighting and loving. Maybe it wasn't taught to us very well either, and it's showing now. Because in the face of the urgency, and seduction that young blood has that embellishes wrappers, sometimes instead of teaching them we do the things to them. I worry about what will happen when we are gone: will everything balance out again in some physiological or pathological way? No super boss, director, founder, or leader of anything is or ever will be indispensable... or is he? Are all heroes ever forgotten? One dies in oblivion and OCE is a place

to stay alive. Beware! Oblivion is an advantage for the AI, which exhumes everything it finds and creates zombies dressed up as robots. In the face of oblivion, the AI can assemble a new version of truth, a pseudo-science, which will be more and more fiction and more suitable for the hand that rocks the cradle on the edge of our freedom of thought. Thus, in the globalization of the personalization of everything, all of us will have personalized pseudo-information from AI, which can also be told in an infinite number of different ways, depending on how it is perceived in our cyclothymic existence.

But AI doesn't make us smarter. It doesn't make fools smarter, and that's bad news for everyone. It can very easily manipulate and fool the less educated by making them think they know how to do something they don't know how to do. They don't know, for example, that if they don't take it upon themselves to think about how to use tools, the tools will be able to use them or they can even hurt them. It is like the hammer that hits the finger instead of the nail, the chainsaw that cuts the leg instead the trunk, or the surgical microscope that shows you what doesn't matter at the most important moment of a surgery, in the prelude to the complication. Today OCE is increasingly careful about how things are done, using more and better all available tools. available.

While many are forgetting to do and teach basic things, while the environment's virtuality shows us one of the many realities or the one that best suits the moment (the reality of like), we are here, in a reality that excites us, for which we are sweating ideas, desire, wishes and a lot of coordinated team effort. We are in the last issue of OCE of 2024. A journal that has works of "real" reality, of our region, of complicated patients, and of doctors who resolve. We are trying to avoid the progression and even reverse the reality of how myopic we are all becoming in every aspect, especially when we forget to see what is going on inside the eye-person environment.

OCE is a castle and lighthouse simultaneously, which takes care of each issue of scientific information in vision science, thinking of the authors' professional readers and the professional commu-

nity. professional readers, but also for the general community that encompasses and contains us. As editor of the journal, I have seen how the authors have worked on their ideas, how they have defended them, and how they have managed to validate them. how they have defended them and how they have managed to validate them, always with errors that are mitigated, errors that are part of our imperfect medicine. I have also seen the reviewers make constructive proposals without selfishness or egocentrism.

What we have guarded during the editorial process is what in OCE 17.4 becomes available to all, forever and internationally through an electronic identification number (DOI).

OCE and all its content is now part of Crossref International, seeking to increase the visibility of everything published in our region so that the reality written in OCE can be increasingly valued worldwide.

This OCE issue closes another year of international growth, where Crossref is just the beginning, but always mainly focused on the Hispanic side of the ophthalmology world.

The mother language is part of who we are and even how we see. That is why OCE decides and chooses to keep its official language in Spanish, although we will also continue to grow and look forward to receiving articles in English. We continue with the Portuguese language as a gesture of affection to our great brother and neighboring country, Brazil, because with our differences we grow together.

We know that there are programs that will be able to translate everything, but the original creation will always be that which has been gestated in the thought of the chosen language by the corresponding author. The language of our thoughts. With this we close the year by communicating that OCE is waiting for you so that during 2025 it will be the place where you can validate the language of your scientific thoughts related to vision, beyond AI which is not everything, or better yet, taking advantage of AI as another tool, but which does not replace the desire of We know that there are programs that will be able to translate every-

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To all the authors, to all the reviewers, to the EAC authorities and all the human engines of the great administrative sector of the EAC, and to all the great team of the OCE journal, thank you for this great 2024. Let's get ready for a new year with more changes, where the challenges will be more and more important, the goals will be closer and closer and the projects will be more and more international.

Dear colleagues around the world, we look forward to your contributions!