



# The centenary of atopy

*O centenário da atopia*

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In 1923, North American immunologists/allergists Arthur F. Coca (1875-1959) and Robert A. Cooke (1880-1959) proposed in their famous study a classification for the different forms of hypersensitivity, which were not well characterized clinically and had ill-defined terminology. By assigning a group for respiratory disorders such as asthma and “hay fever,” they introduced the concept of atopy (from the Greek *atopos* – “out of place”), promoting an innovative advance in the understanding of allergic phenomena. This classification is still used today.<sup>1,2</sup>

The discoveries and scientific concepts of the past, such as Coca and Cooke's “atopy,” as well as those of today will always be subject to reinterpretations, but one reality remains unchanged over time: despite advances in understanding the mechanisms of allergic diseases and immunological disorders, the increasing number of patients with these conditions will continue to require more and new treatments.

Remembering and commemorating the historical milestones and scientific advances of our specialty is one of the objectives of the Associação Brasileira de Alergia e Imunologia (ASBAI), which was created 50 years ago and is a living part of this history.

As a scientific association, one of our main objectives is to disseminate the most relevant topics in allergy and immunology in an up-to-date and evidence-based way to our associates, to other institutions and medical and health societies, and to society as a whole.

In this sense, the Asthma, Allergy and Immunology Archives (AAAI), the official publication of ASBAI and the Latin American Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (SLAAI), has been fulfilling its role with excellence.

Launched in 2017, the AAAI receives more and more articles each year, written by colleagues from different institutions around the world and whose quality and diversity progressively increase. The availability of articles in Portuguese and English, and their indexing in databases such as LILACS and, more recently, Google Scholar, have increased international interest in our journal and consequently increased the number of downloads and citations of published articles.

Teamwork is critical for the success of the AAAI. In addition to the Boards that preceded us, I would like to highlight the work of our Editor, Pedro Giavina-Bianchi, for his vision and tireless pursuit of the growth of our scientific journal. I would also like to thank the Deputy Editor, Fernando Aarestrup, the Associate Editors, and our competent Editorial Board, as well as all AAAI reviewers. It should be noted that they all work voluntarily for ASBAI.

The AAAI represents the scientific credibility of ASBAI and the strength, richness, and diversity of Brazilian specialists in allergy and clinical immunology.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the AAAI, which contains a Special Article on an objective approach to

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vaccine reactions conducted by the ASBAI Scientific Department of Immunizations.<sup>3</sup>

One of the Review Articles addresses the important topic of vaping device use and risk of asthma among adolescents<sup>4</sup>; and, among the Original Articles, we highlight the study that won the Osvaldo Seabra Award for Free Papers at the 2022 ASBAI Congress.<sup>5</sup>

Working in an association is a collective and shared experience, and it is with immense pleasure that the 2023-24 Board invites everyone to continue building the history of ASBAI.

Until 2123!

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