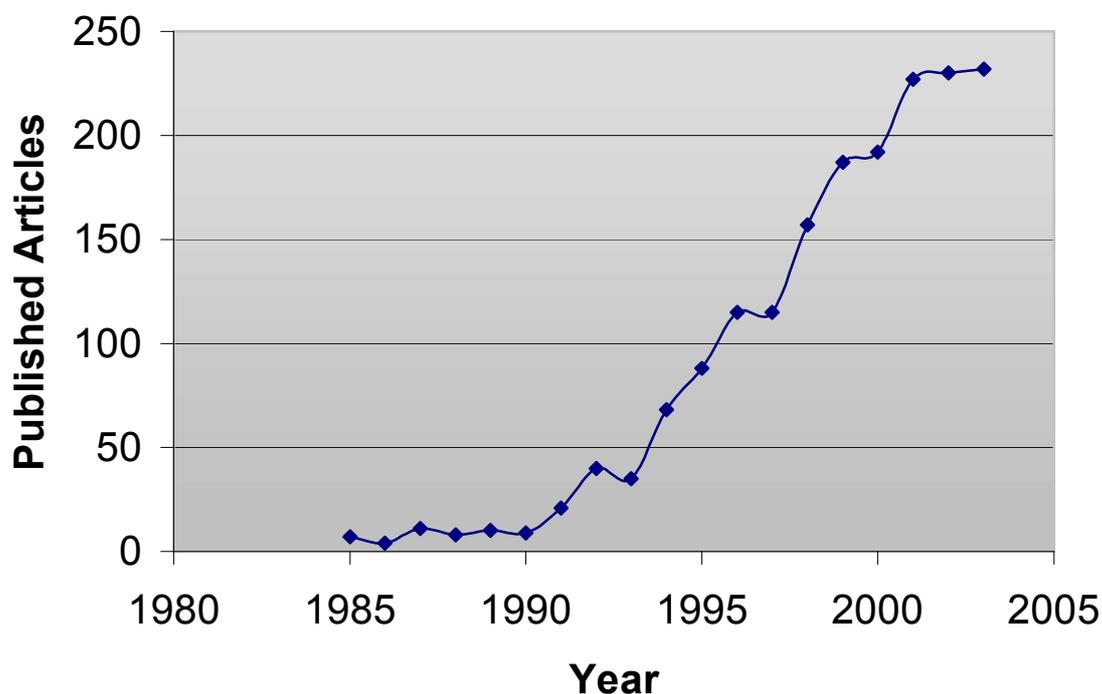


Editorial

This year, the Brazilian NMR Users Association (AUREMN) became 15 years old. During all those years AUREMN has been intensively working to promote the scientific exchange and development of NMR. In fact, AUREMN has successfully organized 15 scientific meetings and more than 50 NMR courses and mini courses, spreading the knowledge on this important area of science all over Brazil.

This increase in productivity is even more impressive as we consider that the fraction of articles on NMR of Brazilian origin, as compared to the whole world NMR production, was only 0.25% in 1985 but increased to 1.70% in 2003. Certainly, the creation of AUREMN in 1988 was one of the most important factors catalyzing the evolution of those numbers.



The impact of AUREMN activities on the Brazilian scientific community has been quite significant, and this can be demonstrated by hard data: first, the increase on the number of super conducting high-resolution NMR spectrometers in that period, which presented an evolution from 1 spectrometer (300 MHz) in 1988 to 70 in 2003 (including two 600 MHz), and second, the fantastic rise on the number of international articles on NMR of Brazilian origin, which is shown on the figure.

This year, *Annals of Magnetic Resonance*, the official journal of our association, was classified in the QUALIS index of CAPES (the Brazilian Government agency for pos-graduate programs), thus increasing the importance of the articles published in this journal.

All those important results only mean that we must keep on AUREMN dedication to its original task while looking for new fronts to help the scientific development of Brazil and Latin America. At the end of the next 15 year period we will see the results.

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