

Brazilian Scientists in Anatomy

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For a long time, anatomists have been seen by students, other scientists, and even the general population as those white-coated, glasses-wearing, book-reading people, seating at a table with a cadaver on top, a blade on the hand, and students around.

Frequently, Anatomy has been referred to as “the dry branch of science” or “the dead science” and it is common for us to hear that there is nothing else left to be investigated in the Anatomy field.

It is a fact that cellular and molecular biology techniques brought a lot into morphological sciences, as well as the other scientific fields in general. But, with special attention to Anatomy, the association between classical well-established methodologies (dissection, microscopy, morphometry, development, ultrastructure) for investigation with the most modern techniques (genetics, high resolution in vivo images, molecular biology, biophysics, 3D-modeling), have been widely used by Anatomy scientists, that have been keeping anatomical sciences more alive than ever.

Recently, the AD Scientific Index published a list of the Latin America Top 10.000 Scientists

(www.adscientificindex.com). According to the country, Brazil (7565 in total) was at the top of the list, followed by Argentina (838 in total) and Chile (635 in total). When searching the list by the subject of research, we found the word “Anatomy” listed for 33 scientists, being 29 from Brazil, 3 from Argentina, and 1 from Chile.

When we cross-checked these 29 Brazilian names with the actual list of the Brazilian Society of Anatomy members we found that 18 listed scientists are members of the Brazilian Society of Anatomy (Sociedade Brasileira de Anatomia – SBA). Despite being little in number, Brazilian Anatomists have been expressively contributing to the Anatomical Sciences, having an h-index above 26 and over 64,600 citations.

Thus, The Journal of Morphological Sciences and the Brazilian Society of Anatomy congratulate the Brazilian Anatomy Scientists for their great effort to continuously contribute to the anatomy field, despite the tremendous difficulties we have been facing lately, overcoming all the challenges we have been submitted to.

Anatomists, we are stronger than ever!



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