

EDITORIAL

Never never land

A Passariello^{1,2}¹ PhD candidate, Philosophy Department, Sapienza University of Rome² Assistant Editor of JTAVR, History and Philosophy of Vascular Medicine, Fondazione Vasculab ONLUSsubmitted: Apr 27, 2017, accepted: Apr 27, 2017, Epub Ahead of Print: Apr 28, 2017, published: May 1, 2017
Conflict of interest: NoneDOI: [10.24019/jtavr.10](https://doi.org/10.24019/jtavr.10) - Corresponding author: Dr. Alessandra Passariello, alessandra.passariello@uniroma1.it

© 2016 Fondazione Vasculab impresa sociale ONLUS. All rights reserved.

Dear Readers of JTAVR,

the second issue of the *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Vascular Research* is on-line.As you already know, JTAVR is the *Official Journal of the Vasculab Foundation* and, as such, it is primarily focused on scientific and medical issues dealing with vascular research. Since vascular periodicals of very high quality are already quite a lot, you might want to know which is the specificity and, admittedly, the urgency of JTAVR. In other words, its *raison d'être*.Resorting to a catchphrase, I would say that JTAVR bets on the fertility of a *no man's interdisciplinary land*.

Interdisciplinary lands are not common lands, which can be objectively described and praised. Neither a shared methodology to produce knowledge nor common criteria to evaluate it exist at the crossroads between disciplines.

Every wayfarer can pass through this land just with his own scientific background and contribute to build more or less robust bridges, together with others like him/her.

I admit it is not a really fascinating prospect to be part of an interdisciplinary team: no recipes to build these connections are provided nor their usefulness is even secured.

It is not my aim here to give you recipes and guarantees. I have none myself, but I will try to provide them. More humbly, I can tell you how JTAVR was born, coming out of one among those unstable bridges in the no man's land and how we hope, as Editors, it will get more and more stable by building new connections with future wayfarers.

JTAVR was founded in July 2016 and its foundation is the result of the innumerable and sometimes "Babel like" conversations between, on one side, a mature physician and

physicist and, on the other side, an aspirant philosopher and historian of science.

I don't need to be so mysterious: it is just two common people, father and daughter, who appreciate themselves a lot but speak different languages: mathematics, informatics, physics, medicine and surgery on one side and history and philosophy on the other. I have the feeling that speaking together has been so fruitful and at the same time so hard that we were able to do it only in small doses.

Here is my first recipe: *interdisciplinarity is good but in small doses!*

Coming back to my tale, after many years, conversations became easier and we noted that both the historically and philosophically minded physician and the physically informed philosopher of science were not the same physician and philosopher they were before.

In this case, *interdisciplinarity had been difficult but in the end it was worth doing!*JTAVR is nothing but our attempt to enhance this connection between medicine, history and philosophy of science at the broader level of the communities we belong to: scientists on one side, historians and philosophers of sciences on the other. Authors' participation and the great Readers' interest towards the first issue of JTAVR gave us an extremely positive feedback and we hope JTAVR will be able to accommodate an increasing number of *no man's land wayfarers*.

Alessandra Passariello

Assistant Editor, History and Philosophy of Vascular Medicine