

## **Open letter to the IASI community,**

**The Ida P. Rolf Library of Structural Integration** was developed in the spirit of advancing the theory and practice of Structural Integration. Its goals are to facilitate access to the intellectual product of the Structural Integration community; to encourage study and research; and to inspire our readers to contribute to the body of knowledge of this young science.

The project began in 2000 as a natural outgrowth of my review of our existing literature in connection with the preparation of my PhD thesis. I was amazed at the gems I found buried in these collections. I was inspired by the possibility of how our community's intellectual and scientific conversation could be enriched with a searchable Virtual Library.

The first step was gathering complete collections of our major periodicals. With financial assistance from the Rolf Institute, materials were scanned and converted to PDF files. After that, at my own expense, I put the materials into a database with basic search capabilities (author, article, date and source, language of publication, and word search options). Finally, I had a web site designed so that the collection could be accessed on line.

The Virtual Library contains the main articles published in the *Bulletin of Structural Integration*, *Rolf Lines*, the *Journal of Structural Integration*, and *Rolfing Brasil* (a publication of ABR, the Brazilian Rolfing Association), as well as a section with links to academic papers on SI from other sources. Some pieces have historical value; others have pioneering value; and still others have scientific merit. For a young discipline such as ours, this material is of major importance. What's more, having it available on the web will give it greater visibility and encourage the exchange of ideas both within our community and among members of our community and others.

It is a work in progress. It has the potential to expand and to include material from other publications, the production of different SI schools, and practitioners.

Currently the ABR (the Brazilian Rolfing Association) and the IASI are contributing to its maintenance and content enhancement.

The Ida P. Rolf Library is open to the general public, and free of charge. To view the many works available; visit the website at [http://pedroprado.com.br/cgi-bin/cont\\_ipr.cgi](http://pedroprado.com.br/cgi-bin/cont_ipr.cgi)

I sincerely hope that our expanded Structural Integration Family can make good use of it!

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