By being now on the second issue of its thirtieth volume, Revista Brasileira de Saúde Ocupacional is closing a cycle in its history.

Due to the system currently adopted by CAPES-MEC to evaluate scientific publications, those obtaining a low qualification (qualis C) have had to face a paradoxical situation: in spite of needing good papers to help them improve the quality of their issues, those journals mostly get low-level contributions. As a consequence, nowadays papers on Occupational Health and Security are frequently found in other journals aimed at public health and which obtained a better evaluation from CAPES. Otherwise, at RBSO, an increasing amount of contributions have been refused.

In order to cope with this situation, from the next volume on (Vol.31) our publication will be organized in thematic issues. This model of organization views, on one side, to raise scientific and social debate on fundamental themes within the field of Occupational Health and Security and on the other, to improve the quality not only of the papers, but also of the whole journal structure, so that it can be submitted to LILACS indexation process. Of course, qualified original papers (free themes) will not stop being published.

Thus, we would like to inform our readers and the authors who wish to send their papers to our journal, that two thematic issues are planned for 2007: the first one will concentrate on the theme labor accidents and their prevention, and will be organized by Professor Ildeberto Muniz (UNESP) and by Fundacentro’s researcher Dorival Barreiros. Papers have to be submitted before September 15th.; the second one will be dedicated to health of health’ workers and will be organized by Professor Carlos Minayo (Fiocruz) and Fundacentro’s researcher José Marçal Jackson Filho.

We really hope this new editorial design will bring Revista Brasileira de Saúde Ocupacional back to its prominent position within the Labor Health and Security field, midst scientific, academic, professional and social spheres.

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