ORIENTATION TO GET HIGHER CONCEPTS IN BRAZILIAN POSTGRADUATE SYSTEM

A orientação para chegar aos mais altos conceitos da pós-graduação brasileira

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CAPES along its six decades of existence has primacy by constantly improving the Brazilian postgraduate quality. Actions and guidelines represent example to other countries especially in the process of evaluation of postgraduate programs.

Throughout periodic evaluations, higher indicators have been proposed. Due to the complexity of the various areas of knowledge involving the CAPES, and in trying to create egalitarian indicators to make possible the comparison among them, the areas are free to develop their own operational criteria, respecting the general guideline indicated for all by the higher council. The expansion of the complexity of science also requires expansion in the evaluation criteria.

With the aim of internationalizing Brazilian research and create competitive programs existing in other developed countries, a few years ago it was made segmentation of notes between 3 to 5, and thereafter between 6 and 7, characterizing with these last notes the programs internationalization. We are proud to recognize progressive growth of these 6-7 notes in all areas of knowledge, especially in medical fields.

In order to guide programs to achieve these strata - (grades 3-7) - and using various means, the areas have endeavored to assist everyone that wants to understand and apply the new indicators, with the intention to improve the concepts they have.

Medicine III through its Coordinator and Assistant Coordinators had the idea to make specific area meetings with all 45 programs on several occasions. All major points till the final concept were extensively presented and discussed, detailing the entire evaluation process and the importance of each indicator in the global context.

Based on the last meeting (V Meeting of Postgraduate CAPES Medicine III) held in São Paulo between 8 and 9 December 2014, rose the idea of being published the topics discussed with the intention of leaving indelible what had been discussed and agreed, to get better area concept and enhancement. So, we had the idea to use one of the reference area journal - Journal of the Brazilian College of Surgeons - to publish what had been discussed, since the Medicine III includes all surgical specialties and this Journal is related to all of them.

As the journal is indexed in international indexing databases, and in this way available worldwide via the web, everyone would be benefited. Through the full text into English – bilingual, in Portuguese and English in Pubmed/Medline and Scielo – the activities and quality of indicators of what is done in Brazil would be available abroad, and perhaps assisting others that strive for good postgraduate with the Brazilian experience.

With this supplement - Volume 42, Supplement 1, 2015 Rev. Col. Bras. Cir. - the scientific community has the opportunity to read, re-read, interpret, apply, ie, explore ways to follow the CAPES efforts for quality, already applied to surgical medical field, Medicine III. Perhaps this example will stimulate other areas to help their programs to reach the highest levels of the stratification of Brazilian postgraduate.

Compliments to Prof. Dr. Osvaldo Malafaia, and on behalf of him I transfer also greetings to all the fellows of the highest level of the surgical area, for the efforts and the brilliant work made that is now being materialized, serving as the basis for the entire national and international community of postgraduate and research.