Editorial

Volume 19 (3) of CEFAC - Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences and Education Journal presents 15 articles with characteristics of regional heterogeneity and different areas of Speech Therapy. Six articles are from the Southeast region, five articles represent a Northeast region, three articles come from the South region and one, from the Midwest, demonstrating, in addition to the regional diversity, the concern of the editor of our journal about the representation of Speech Therapy in different centers of scientific production.

Four articles are presented in the area of Collective Health. The themes of these articles are related to strategies on the voice teachers, use of telespeech therapy in the permanent education in primary health care, association between continuous medication use and dizziness in the elderly and access of the deaf to health. The articles show the speech therapist’s concern about human communication health information.

Three articles are seen in the area of Audiology. An original article presents the results of a study on the relation of auditory alterations in children exposed to toxoplasmosis during pregnancy. Hearing in smokers and the use of animal models for auditory evaluation are the themes of the two published literature reviews. The articles portray the advancement of hearing studies in new frontiers of knowledge.

The Voice area presents two articles with relevant topics in the specialty. The first one approaches teachers’ voice in relation to glottal function and vocal disadvantage, while the second article provides an integrative review on vocal dosage. The two articles in the area of Language present studies directed to children’s language. The association between biological and environmental risk factors and neuropsychomotor development is the theme of one of the articles. The expressive vocabulary in children using cochlear implants is discussed in the other article.

Our journal has received articles from areas related to Speech Therapy. In this volume, the displacement of food bolus in the chagasic megaesophagus is treated in one of the two articles in this area. The relationship between upper respiratory infection and otitis media with maternal practices on breastfeeding is the subject of the other article.

The intriguing theme of facial transplantation is presented in the article on the area of Orofacial Motricity, a specialty that has demonstrated its advances
and innovations in speech therapy and related areas. One example was the 10th Brazilian Meeting on Orofacial Motricity that took place between June 1-3, in Belo Horizonte, MG. In the X EBMO, the performance in Orofacial Motricity in the different levels of health care was the center of the discussions. In addition, technological and clinical assistance innovations were the highlights.

We finish this semester of our journal highlighting the participation in the XXV Scientific Publishing Course. New goals and guidelines are being evaluated for the advancement of CEFAC Journal in quality. The steps for new indexing have already been taken.

Enjoy your reading!

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