The Editors of Brazilian Nursing Scientific Journals and the ABEn's commitment

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The development of the Brazilian Nursing and its consolidation as a science requires the production of knowledge in an intense and systematized manner as well as its communication to society. Thus, to effectively attend to nurses’ demand in researches, both in academic or practice levels, special attention must be given to the communication media about this knowledge.

The Brazilian Nursing Association (ABEn) throughout its Publishing Committee has addressed efforts in order to offer updated and relevant information through letters, a journal of international quality, a press that allows the publishing of any matter and in congregating Editors of Brazilian Nursing Journals in annual meetings during events like the SENPE (National Seminar of Nursing Research) and CBEn (Brazilian Nursing Congress). That effort has resulted in quality improvement by these journals and in editors’ awareness related to their responsibilities in the dissemination of these knowledge.

During the 13th SENPE carried out last June, in São Luís, editors of twenty nursing journals were joined and proposed the creation to the National Forum of Nursing Journals Editors, legalizing the participation of the journals they represent. Thus, during the last Brazilian Nursing Congress, the initial meeting was accomplished with this name. A regimental proposal was discussed and is under preparation, it also was elected a head committee to attend the forum demands, always under the coordination of ABEn through its Publishing and Social Communication Committee.

Those meetings are always of great relevance because in them common difficulties are discussed, experiences are exchanged, and more than this, a relationship network is created, something that currently is essential in personal and in job relations.

The REBEn also was represented in the X National Meeting of Scientific Editors (ENEC) held by the Brazilian Association of Scientific Editors (ABEC), in last December. Main discussions of the meeting was about the emerging paradigm that is dictating the format for the most of all scientific journals, both national and international, that is the generation of electronic files. Accordingly to trends of the editorial branch the journals which want to keep alive might to review their processes and adopt that format. In considering that the most part of periodicals signatures are driven to institutions, going to libraries shelves, several advantages were cited in favor of electronic files like: increase in journal reading, less cost of editing and press processes, space saving in libraries, unlimited distribution and fast publishing.

Another subject in discussion during the event was the time spent in the editorial process since submission to publishing. Four spectres must be considered for optimizing the editorial process: management system, the press process, the journal availability in a web site and its indexation in full-text databases, as well as to socialize that information to the editors who participate of the Forum. As a result of these discussions, REBen is engaged in the optimization of its management system performance. That project is enrolled as a management priority for 2006.

In offering a journal that contributes for the dissemination of Brazilian Nursing, and in congregating all the Editors of nursing journals across the country, ABEn has reaffirmed its constant commitment in the seek for excellence. These initiatives also are important contributions for knowledge dissemination in nursing area.