What can we do for health knowledge?

REEUSP completed another year of production. 2004 was an important year for the University of Sao Paulo and the Nursing School. The University completed 70 years old, its Post-graduation 35 years old and, at the Nursing School, Post-graduation celebrated its 30 years. On this long history as a renowned public institution of higher teaching, REEUSP has witnessed for 36 years the growth and appearance of new researcher generations in Nursing that has contributed a lot to the academic maturity reached by USP.

As a cycle ends, at the end of the year we take stock of the work done and, hence, we evaluate the outcomes coming from our goals. In the face of so many celebrations, we can commemorate the success of REEUSP as one the goals of 2004.

The success of the journal was mainly due to the result of work of many people. The leadership and guidance of the editor, the suggestions for the continuing improvement of the editor board, the work and availability of the technical staff and the precious collaboration of the partners for the devoted time for the careful analysis of all the manuscripts we receive.

Two goals must be still our focus on the continuous search for the excellency and capacity to cause impact on health knowledge: the publishing of quality knowledge and internationalization.

In our commitment with the quality, we oftentimes help some authors, not only carefully reviewing the manuscript, but we also offer suggestions focusing on a final product with quality for our readers. It’s necessary to recognize that this process can demand several revisions to reach an acceptable presentation for the standard of our readers and the authors who contributed with the journal.

Regarding to the internationalization, we know there is a rich knowledge on Nursing and other healthcare areas being produced in the world, which can contribute to the professionals who work on this setting. We want REEUSP to be recognized as an international publishing media outside Brazil too. That’s why we encourage readers and authors of English and Spanish languages to submit their work to our journal.

The more manuscripts we receive, the better we select for publishing the ones that have knowledge and relevant evidences for Nursing and health in general.

Thus, in order to be prepared for a new work cycle, we take the time to arouse in our readers and authors who haven’t collaborated with REEUSP yet the interest of sending the manuscripts. “Where are you?” We are here, waiting for publishing your contribution for health knowledge.

This issue brings the identification of nursing actions that can be used by nurses on the care of AIDS patients by the Project of International Classification on the Nursing Practice in Community Health – CIPESC, a prospective study made in two teaching hospitals regarding to the incidence of surgical site infections in intra hospital and postdischarge period; the experience of using flower essences on 30 subjects at an office in the city of Sao Paulo and the report of relatives’ verbal history about the living with the psychiatric patient.

The articles related to the aspects of Nursing staff and health are the ones which approach the main occupational risks in which the Nursing workers in the ICU are exposed, the biological aspects of vigil-sleep cycle and the anxiety levels of nurses in different working shifts, the representation of a healthcare team on family planning and female sterilization and how the subjectivity production occurs in the new mental healthcare services using a theoretical-methodological approach called “Sociopoética”.

To conclude the issue number 4/2004 we have the students’ and teachers’ evaluation of a vital sign software, a review of literature on sexuality, reproductive health and violence against the African Brazilian woman, the reports of professional experience on the structure and development of the Post-graduation Program in Adult Health Nursing from EEUSP and about the Nursing education at distance, the experience of using an online learning environment on Nursing undergraduation at an Intensive Therapy course.

The coming of “another” December makes us perceive that time (chronos) is going by. The time of the clock ticks marks the human temporality and our limits, so we feel easily its victims. We wish to all our readers, consultants and the ones who contributed to REEUSP that the time kairós – the time as an experience of higher grace that makes life complete and meaningful, has been preserved in 2004, turning the arrival of 2005 a moment of expectations and hope.

Have a happy 2005!