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In 1880, upon creating the “Anaes da Escola de Minas” (School of Mines Annals), the Frenchman Henri Gorceix wrote in the first preface: The creation of a periodical magazine that deals with the state of the mining industry in Brazil is a natural and necessary complement to the organization of the Ouro Preto School of Mines. As much one as the other have the goal of studying and making known the mineral riches of the country, as well as popularizing the means of taking advantage of them.

In 1936, REM was created and its preface said that the magazine was an attempt to achieve an academic dream, since its creators considered it to be a publication that would facilitate contact with the world.

J. Meadows, in his book “Communicating Research (Academic Press, 1998 – translated by Briquet de Lemos in 1999 with the title: “A Comunicação Científica”), wrote that: communication lies in the very heart of science. And it is as vital as research itself, since this research cannot be claimed to be legitimate until it has been analyzed and accepted by peers. This necessarily requires that it be communicated.

Meadows also wrote that: support for scientific activities is costly and the financial resources that are allocated to them will be wasted unless the research results are presented to the appropriate public. From whatever angle it is examined, efficient and effective communication is an essential part of the scientific investigative process.

It becomes of paramount importance to divulge the results. To the contrary, there will be “research trash”. Also important is how this disclosure is made. The lack of credibility of the publisher can jeopardize good research, which can kill the research efforts, as they become part of dead science.

Logically, scientific merit, together with publisher credibility, punctuality, etc., are very important factors that can reflect on the good disclosure of the research, but its peer evaluation is paramount. However, it is good to remember that some reviewers have yet to comprehend their importance and how much science owes them.

As such, the search for committed reviewers, the reduction of the analysis periods of an article, etc., are important to increase the “impact factor”, the image of the journal, and the emergence of new ideas and commitments in the dissemination of science.

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