ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE DISSEMINATION OF NURSING KNOWLEDGE

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Nursing has become more prominent among the health sciences day by day due to the production of clinical and basic research that establish the scientific base for the individual and family care during all phases of life. This production has gained visibility both within society and academia by means of published articles in scientific journals issued all around the world.

In 2006 the field had positive examples of recognition from important indexing bases, which until then, reserved little space to nursing journals. The International Scientific Index (ISI) developed an exclusive category for nursing periodicals in the section Science Citation Index Expanded® in the Web of Science and expanded the coverage of nursing periodicals to 61 indexed nursing periodicals in the Web of Science® - component of the ISI Web of Knowledge. This was really a great achievement to the world of nursing. However, there is still predominance of Anglo-Saxon journals and none of the Latin American journals was included so far, not even those from Brazil where there are about 40 nursing periodicals. Several of them are already included in the Medline because of their good editorial quality and relevance of the published research.

The Titles currently indexed in the Web of Science® are:
1. Advances in Nursing Science (www.advancesinnursingscience.com)
2. American Journal of Critical Care (http://ajcc.aacnjournals.org)
3. American Journal of Nursing (www.ajnonline.com)
4. Applied Nursing Research (http://www.appliednursingresearch.org)
5. Archives of Psychiatric Nursing (http://www.psychiatricnursing.org)
6. Biological Research for Nursing (http://brn.sagepub.com)
7. Birth-Issues in Perinatal Care (www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/bir)
8. Cancer Nursing (www.cancernursingonline.com)
9. Cin-Computers Informatics Nursing
10. Clinical Nurse Specialist (www.cinjournal.com)
11. Critical Care Nurse (http://ccn.aacnjournals.org)
12. Gastroenterology Nursing (www.gastroenterologynursing.com)
15. International Journal of Nursing Studies (www.elsevier.com/locate/ijnurstu)
22. Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing (www.jcnjournal.com)
24. Journal of Community Health Nursing (www.jstor.org/journals/07370016.html)
27. Journal of Gerontological Nursing (www.jognonline.com)
28. Journal of Human Lactation (http://jhl.sagepub.com)
The year of 2006 was historical to the Brazilian nursing as well, because three new journals were incorporated into the Scientific Electronic Library Online – ScIELO collection. This number is still considered insufficient given the amount of existent journals and also to the high demand to publish produced research in the nursing area. This demand stems mainly from master theses and doctoral dissertations of the 29 graduate programs approved by CAPES, governmental agency that evaluates graduate programs in Brazil.

The Brazilian titles currently indexed in the Scientific Electronic Library Online – ScIELO collection are:

1. Revista Latino-Americana de Enfermagem (www.scielo.br/rlae)
2. Revista da Escola de Enfermagem da USP
3. Acta Paulista de Enfermagem
4. Texto & Contexto Enfermagem

In the Latin American context, the two following titles are added:


Another landmark was the launching of the Online Electronic Nursing Journals REV@ENF at the Virtual Library in Nursing-Health of BIREME/PAHO/WHO, which currently counts with 17 titles of free access to full texts available at http://www.portalbvsenf.eerp.usp.br/scielo.php.

We hope to achieve even more prominence in 2007 so we can continue to show the world the knowledge produced by the Brazilian and Latin American nursing.